Alpha	Parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Office: 52 Orrell Road Bootle L20 6DZ **Parish Priest: Fr Barry McAllister** Tel 0151 922 1352 or 0151 922 3820 Fax 0151 933 7941 Registered Charity No 232709 **15th October 2022 – 23rd October 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 15 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Jimmy Keelan (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 16 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Bernard King (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 18 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Michael Callaghan (Remembrance)
Friday 21 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Founders, Donors and Benefactors of St Robert Bellarmine

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

Saturday 22 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Esther Kelly (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 23 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Paul Mott (Lately Dead)

Our Parishes now have a joint newsletter.
If you have anything you wish to be added, please post the details though the Presbytery door's marked newsletter or email or phone the Parish Office.
strobert@rcaol.org.uk or 0151 922 1352
If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email, please inform the Parish Office.

Please note, the Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm.
Any calls or messages outside these times will not be answered immediately, but you will receive a call back as soon as possible.

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Lately Dead: Paula Redfern

Anniversaries: Bernard King, Betty Kinsella

Please remember the sick and those who care for them.
Joan Smith, Hazel Dempster, Rachel Capener, Ken Williams, Alan Mercer, Doug Faulke, Colin Faulke, Robbie Pennington, Ann Archer, Gary Ford, Paula Woods, Kathleen Colleran, Rose Westhead, John Rimmer

(To be included on the sick list please, write down names and post them in the presbytery letter box, or email the Parish Office – strobert@rcaol.org.uk
Please make the person aware, as they may not want their name published.)

Donations for Ukraine

Thank you for your continued support.

Financial donations now stand at over £136,000.00.

The 4th Archdiocesan trip to Ukraine left Liverpool on Friday morning, delivering more essential goods and supplies. Please keep the team of six in your prayers.

If you would still like to donate, please visit

http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support

or contact the Parish Office, or hand in your donation in an envelope marked Ukraine.

PARISH MINISTRY

Is there a ministry you would like to help in?

Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Music, Welcomer, the list is endless

Please think and pray about it and if you feel you could, then please pass your name, address, e mail address and telephone number into the parish office, or complete the form at the back of church which indicates which church and Mass you would like to volunteer for.

CONFIRMATION

Five of our young people are due to be confirmed this Friday by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Please keep them in your prayers

Catholic Pic

The October issue of the Catholic Pic is now available at the back of both churches and online. You can view it at;

https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_october_2022

WARM & COSY

Both of our Parish Centres are taking part in the Archdiocesan 'Warm & Cosy' initiative, where the Centres will be open for anyone to drop in for a warm, free tea, coffee and biscuits.
St Robert's will be open on Thursdays from 27 October and St Elizabeth's on Mondays.
Both centres will be open from 1.00pm-3.00pm

Events at Irenaeus

The centre is open Monday – Thursday from 10.00am until 4.00pm for anyone to drop in and chat.
Wednesday 19 October Scripture Evening (Zoom) 'Do Not Be Afraid' 7.00pm

Contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk for more details.

Irenaeus 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD

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Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel
Luke 18:1-8

1. We are often defensive in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?

2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?

3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees them differently. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions? What lessons did you learn for yourself from this?

DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

ST ELIZABETH'S: Alison Harley

ST ROBERT BELLARMINE'S: Chris Jones

An introduction from Alison; My name is Alison Harley, and some of you will know me as the reader at St. Elizabeth's. I have been part of the parish since I was born and went to St. Elizabeth's school. I am married with two grown up children and work part time for a funeral director. I was approached to see if I was interested in becoming the representative for the parish and after some thought and discussion with my family decided I wanted to help shape the future of our parish after all I couldn't complain if things were decided for me and I didn't have my say. I don't like change, but I think you would agree the world and so too the church family is changing and I need to be a part of it as my faith is important to me. So that said I hope we can make a lovely church community for both of our parishes.

Maybe you have some ideas how that can be done. Let us know either through the parish office, email or have a chat with either Alison or Chris.

RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

As there are no longer any COVID restrictions, for the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest or special minister will still cleanse their hands prior to the distribution and after.

Hand sanitising will remain available as people arrive and leave.

During this time while some are unable to receive the Eucharist at Mass, you may like to use a prayer of spiritual communion.

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
I love you, my Jesus:
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND MASS OFFERINGS

Many thanks to all those who have been passing their Offertory envelopes to Church, and to those who have set up a standing order or donated online.

The Archdiocese have set up two new online ways to enable you to make your donation. I have provided details for both methods on this page. Thank you to those who continue to donate in this way.

Online and Text Giving

Online Giving – Please choose the correct Parish.

The Archdiocesan online giving website can be used for both one-off and regular monthly donations.
To make donations directly to St Robert's, follow the link;

https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-robert-bellarmine-litherland

To donate directly to St Elizabeth's follow the link
https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-elizabeth-litherland

Donations may be made by standing order, as a one-off donation, or as a regular weekly donation. Please don't forget to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK taxpayer as this will boost your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.

Text Giving – Please text the correct Parish

Text giving is also available, and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Four text giving campaigns have been created for each parish. The details of each campaign are given below.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70085.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70450.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70460.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70470.