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 **1st October 2022 – 9th October 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 1 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Patricia Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 2 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Ken Higgins (20th Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 4 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Richard Jones (Remembrance)
Friday 7 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Mary McLaughlin (Remembrance)

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

Saturday 8 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Dennis Garrigan (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 9 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Anne Kelly (Anniversary Remembrance)

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: Tony Newhall, Vincent Quirk

Anniversaries: Anne Kelly

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.

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

As part of the Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged, would you consider becoming more involved.

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.

Catholic Pic

The October issue of the Catholic Pic is now available at the back of both churches.

The online link will follow next week.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
World Food Crisis Appeal – Friday 7 October

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory with 20 million close to starvation. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Joe Collins from CAFOD will be at both masses to talk about the work CAFOD do.

Family Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of church.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel Luke 17:5-10

1.Faith can move mountains… well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?

2.Faith is like a mustard seed, small, and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?

3.It is nice when what we do is acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. have you experienced this?

4.This is particularly true when it comes to love. Love is a free gift. What us given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?

John Byrne OSA

Events at Irenaeus

The centre is open Monday – Thursday from 10.00am until 4.00pm for anyone to drop in and chat.
Tuesday 4 October – Knit & Natter 10.30am-12noon

Wednesday 5 October Scripture Evening (Zoom) 'Do not Be Afraid' 7.00pm

Thursday 6 October Agape Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 8 October – Come and See Day 10.00am-4.00pm

Contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk for more details.
Irenaeus 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD
0151 949 1199

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.