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 **24th September 2022 – 2nd October 2022**	Omega

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

Saturday 24 September	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Joseph Daniels (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 25 September	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Mary Anne, Thomas and Patrick McNulty (Remembrance)
Tuesday 27 September	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	John Patrick Brown (Remembrance)
Friday 30 September	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Paul Monaghan (Remembrance)

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

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)

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: Josephine Lamb, Jimmy Keelan

Anniversaries: Esther O'Shea, Billy Mather, Ken Higgins

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.

PAUSE FOR HOPE

All are welcome to join the annual ecumenical Pause for Hope service for all those affected in any way by cancer.
The service is at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 2 October.

See the poster at the back of Church for details

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 a Reader at Mass? The Ministry of Reader is an important ministry within the Church, proclaiming the Word of God to your own community within the Mass.

Could you offer to share in this ministry or is there another ministry you would like to offer to help in?

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

https://issuu.com/alanjb/docs/catholic_pic_september_2022

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel Luke16: 19-31

1. The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?

2. The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?

3. Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found reminders of God's presence in the world around you?

4. 'An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better that we found it … All Christians, their pastors included, are called to show concern for the building of a better world.' *(Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel, No. 183)*

John Byrne OSA

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.

Family Fast Day envelopes will be available next weekend.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Irenaeus Centre at 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD are holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 30th September at 11.00am.

All are welcome

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.