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 **10th September 2022 – 18th September 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 10 September	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Jacqueline Stevens (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 11 September	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Patricia Cherry (Remembrance)
Tuesday 13 September	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Eileen Kidman (Lately Dead)
Friday 16 September	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Founders, Donors & Benefactors of St Robert Bellarmine

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

Saturday 17 September	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Jimmy Graham (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 18 September	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Esther O'Shea (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: Dennis Garrigan

Anniversaries: Esther O'Shea

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.

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

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.

FEAST OF ST ROBERT BELLARMINE

The feast of St Robert Bellarmine is on Saturday 17th September. To celebrate the feast day, the children from St Robert Bellarmine school will be joining us at the 9.00am mass on Friday 16th September.

NEWMAN CIRCLE

The first Newman Circle talk of the Autumn and Spring season is on Thursday 15th September.

'My Path to Rome' by Fr John Goddard (former Anglican Bishop of Burnley) begins at 7.30pm at St Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel
Luke15:1-32

1. There are three figures in this parable. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way, where the important thing was not the hurt you had experienced, but the fact that the wayward person had found a way to a healthier life?

2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.

People often find it easy to identify with the older son, feeling that the father went overboard in the reception home for the wayward son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

John Byrne OSA

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics will arrive in the Archdiocese of Liverpool on Thursday 15 September when they will be visiting St Mary's Church, Chorley before moving to the Cathedral Church of the Risen Christ (The Anglican Cathedral) in the morning of Saturday 17 September and then to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King during the afternoon until Tuesday 20 September.

There will be Masses, anointing of the sick, confessions and torchlight processions during this time. To view the whole schedule, visit:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/stBernadettesRelics-

where you will also be able to register your attendance.

Current Restrictions

1. Face coverings are now optional.

2. Hand sanitising will remain available as people arrive.

3. For the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest or special minister should still cleanse their hands prior to the distribution (and after). A face covering should still be worn when distributing Holy Communion. Communion under both kinds will not be reintroduced yet.

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.