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 **16th July 2022 – 24th July 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 16 July	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**
Sunday 17 July	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Geraldine Davies (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 19 July	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Anne Kelly (Remembrance)
Friday 22 July	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Lonely and Forgotten Souls

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

Saturday 23 July	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Richard Smith (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 24 July	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Ken and Norah Higgins (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: John Patrick Brown, Alan David McLoughlin

Anniversaries: Fr Pat Harnett, Alan McNerney, Richard Smith

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

(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 £120,000.00.

A third trip to the Ukraine border by Archdiocesan staff will be made next week.

Please keep them 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.

Liverpool to Lourdes

Next week, the archdiocese will return to Lourdes after a two-year break from the pilgrimage due to the pandemic. Keep posted to their social media channels and website for updates.
#LiverpooltoLourdes

GIFT AID

A special thank you to all those who are able to 'Gift Aid' their weekly/monthly donations. Both Parishes have recently received the reclaimed tax from your donations with St Robert's receiving £3479.01 and St Elizabeth's receiving £2988.51.

If you are a taxpayer, have you considered Gift Aiding your donation? Your offering can be made by cash (weekly envelopes) or standing order.

Please speak to Christine for more information

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

During September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will be coming to England, Scotland and Wales. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes.
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 in the morning of Saturday 17 September and then to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King during the afternoon until Tuesday 20 September.

More details can be found at the website.
www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel
Luke 10: 38-42

1. The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?

2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?

3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?

4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

John Byrne OSA

Catholic Pic

The July 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_july_2022

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

As both of our school's finish for the summer holidays next week, we'd like to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in their high schools in September.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to all of our staff for their continued service to our children and the parish communities.

Have a lovely summer and we'll see you in September.

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.