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 **9th July 2022 – 17th July 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 9 July	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**
Sunday 10 July	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Michael Ventre (Lately Dead)
Tuesday 12 July	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Norman Thompson (Remembrance)
Friday 15 July	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Alex Wright (Anniversary Remembrance)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

Saturday 16 July	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**
Sunday 17 July	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Geraldine Davies (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: Frances Patterson

Anniversaries: Alex Wright, Mary Coughlin, Fr Pat Harnett

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

This week Fr Faustinus celebrates the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. May we take this opportunity to wish him many congratulations and thank him for all he has done for us in the past year.

Ad Multos Annos

DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

One of the areas of development from our Synod was for the church to embed synodality in every aspect of Diocesan life. At Deanery level we will be establishing a Deanery Synodal Council (DSC). Each parish has a representative.

The group will meet for the first time in July.

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 and will visit Chorley before moving to the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 17 September - Tuesday 20 September.

www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel Luke 10: 25-37

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced love given and received as a source of life and vitality?

2. With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. The parable challenges us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?

3. In ***The Joy of the Gospel*** Pope Francis comments that it is a temptation for some religious people to claim they are too busy to get involved with the poor and says 'none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice.' Who are the people whose commitment to these causes inspire 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

IRENAEUS

'An exploration of forgiveness in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.'

Mondays 4th and 11th July
7.00pm – 8.30pm (via Zoom)

Email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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.