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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

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**Saturday 21 May (St Elizabeth's) 5.00 pm Parishioners Intentions**

Sunday 22 May (St Robert's) 11.00 am Carl Jones (Remembrance)

Tuesday 24 May (St Robert's) 10.45 am Requiem Mass – Carl Jones

**Feast of the Ascension**

Wednesday 25 May (St Robert's) 7.00 pm Thomas and Esther O'Shea (Remembrance)

**Thursday 26 May (St Elizabeth's) 9.00 am Private Intention**

Friday 27 May No Mass at St Robert's this morning

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)**

**Saturday 28 May (St Elizabeth's) 5.00 pm Parishioners Intentions**

Sunday 29 May (St Robert's) 11.00 am Janet Fowler (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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 25th May**

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:**

**Anniversaries:** Mary Simpson

**Please remember the sick and those who care for them.**
Joan Smith, Hazel Dempster, Rachel Capener, Ken Williams, Alan Mercer, Doug Faulke, Colin Faulke, Ged Barnes, 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 £114,000.00.

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.

Funds raised from the Intentions Tree donations and the sale of tomato and chilli plants will be sent to the appeal.

**FUNERALS**

The Requiem Mass for the late **Maria Perry RIP** will take place on Monday 23rd May at 12:45pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

The Requiem Mass for the late **Carl Jones RIP** will take place on Tuesday 24th May at 10:45am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May They Rest in Peace

**MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK**

Please take note of the changes to the weekday mass times next week.

Tuesday morning mass at St Robert's will be at 10:45am.

**Thursday 26th May is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

The first mass for the Ascension will be on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in St Robert's.

There will be mass at 9.00am on Thursday morning at St Elizabeth's.

There will be no mass at St Robert's on Friday

**St Elizabeth's First Holy Communions**

This Friday, 27th May, the children from Year 4 of St Elizabeth's Primary School will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

Please keep them in your prayers.

**LOURDES 2022**

This year's Liverpool Lourdes pilgrimage is planned to run from 22nd to 29th July.

Details at the back of Church or contact lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk for more

**Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel John 14:23-29**

1. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?
2. Remember times of separation from a loved one, through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?
3. To his followers Jesus promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?

*John Byrne OSA*

**Sunday Obligation Returns**

The Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement saying that from Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is reinstated.

It is clear though in the statement that anyone who does not feel safe because of ill health is not committing a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

**Current Restrictions**

1. . Face coverings are now optional for people who attend a service in church.

2. Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches, but we will keep some benches for those who wish to do so.

3. Hand sanitising will remain available as people arrive.

4. 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.

5. Singing has been restored.

6. The collection basket will remain at the back of church.

7. The sign of peace has been restored, but without any touching.

8. Holy Water has been restored.

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.

## Catholic Pic

The May issue of the Catholic Pic is available at the back of both churches

View it online at;

https://issuu.com/alanjb/docs/catholic_pic_may_2022

## A prayer to use during these troubled times.

God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son.
Jesus Christ.
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.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially those from St Robert Bellarmine's and St Elizabeth's parishes.

May they rest in peace.

For those who may have lost a friend or relative during this time and are unable to attend a service, please use the resources here issued by the Archdiocese to help you remember them.

https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/pastoral-care-outreach

'A service for those unable to attend a funeral.'