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 **14th May 2022 – 22nd May 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 14 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Peter Clarke (Sick)**
Sunday 15 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	John French (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 17 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Founders, benefactors and donors of St Robert Bellarmine
Friday 20 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Michael Rumsey and David Breen (Anniversary Remembrance)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

Saturday 21 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**
Sunday 22 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Carl Jones (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: Ian James Thompson, Maria Perry

Anniversaries: Michael Rumsey, David Breen, Mary Murray, John Dolan Snr, John Dolan Jnr

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

(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.

Delia is currently selling tomato and chilli plants at the back of St. Robert's church and funds raised will be sent to the appeal.

FUNERAL

The Requiem Mass for the late **Ian James Thompson RIP** will take place on Monday 16th May at 11.30am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May He Rest in Peace

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Helen Jones from the Pastoral Development team to St Elizabeth's. Helen will be telling us more about the Pastoral Plan and the work of the Development Team.

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.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel 13:31-35

1.Judas leaves and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?

2.'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?

3.Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?

4.Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you? Perhaps you have seen examples of this during the Covid pandemic, or in the response to the plight of refugees from Ukraine or from other countries in crisis.

John Byrne OSA

IRENAEUS

'Be still and know that I am God.'

Reflections on the Psalms

Thursday mornings from 28th April to 19th May
10.30am – 12.00 noon(via Zoom)

Email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Intentions Tree

An 'Intention Tree' has been placed in St Robert's for anyone who wishes to add a special intention . Please complete one of the tags and tie it to the tree. Your donations will be sent to the Ukraine Appeal.

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 information.

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.'