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 April 2022 – 24th April 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 16 April	(St Robert's)	7.00 pm	Eileen & Eugene Callaghan (Easter Remembrance)
Sunday 17 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.30 am**	**Con Harty (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 17 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Janet Fowler (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 19 April	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Alice and Tom O'Brien (Anniversary Remembrance)
Friday 22 April	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Leonard William McEwen (Remembrance)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

Saturday 23 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**
Sunday 24 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Brian McManus (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: Michael O'Connor, John Duffy, Gerard Peter Bailey

Anniversaries: Thomas Reilly, Kevin Reilly, Patrick McAllister

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

(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

On 25 April, four vans will be leaving the Archdiocese for another trip to the Polish border to donate goods. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the donations received before the first trip, we DO NOT need any further donations for this journey.

Financial donations now stand at over £88000.00.

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.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Requiem Mass for the late **Michael O'Connor RIP** will take place on Thursday 21st April at 10.45am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May He Rest in Peace

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.

Current Restrictions

1. Face coverings are strongly recommended for all those coming to a church service.

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 necessary as people arrive.

4. Holy Communion (in the hand) will be restored to its traditional place. Holy Communion will not be reintroduced under both kinds yet.

5. Singing can be restored, with Hymn books.

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

7. The sign of peace can be restored, but without any touching.

8. Holy Water can be restored.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel
John 20:1-9

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news of the story lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? Perhaps this happened for you as Covid spread? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.
   - Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? … times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence?
   - Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
   - Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?

4. Where have you found life in such experiences?

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in preparing our Churches for Easter and the Easter Services.

Fr Barry and Fr Faustinus wish you all a Holy and Blessed Easter

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

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.

Catholic Pic

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

View it online at;

https://issuu.com/alanjb/docs/catholic_pic_april_2022

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.'