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 **26th March 2022 – 3rd April 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 26 March	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Mary Westhead (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 27 March	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Patricia Martin (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 29 March	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Catherine Trees (Remembrance)
Friday 1 April	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Tom and Maureen Ryan (Anniversary Remembrance)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

Saturday 2 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Barry Clarke (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 3 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Ann French (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:

Anniversaries: Gerry Morgan, Barry Clarke, Tom Ryan, Maureen Ryan, George Doyle

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

(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.)

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Service for the late **Monica Lloyd RIP** will take place on Monday 28th March at 10.15pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest in Peace

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

We're wishing a Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all the ladies of our Parishes today and remembering those mum's who are no longer with us.

Catholic Pic

The March issue of the Catholic Pic is available at the back of both churches. This month it contains an article about St Robert Bellarmine's school.

View it online at;

https://issuu.com/alanjb/docs/catholic_pic_march_2022

Donations for Ukraine

Archbishop Malcolm has approved the launch of an archdiocesan urgent and major appeal to support Ukraine. You can make donations by text, bank transfer or cheque, and the numbers for text donations can be found on the poster at the back of church or on the Archdiocese Website,

http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support

or contact the Parish Office for more details.

Thank you for the generous donations of items received at both clubs. We are currently unable to accept any donations of items but will advise once we can do this again.

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.

Next Sunday, 3rd April, Helen Jones from the Pastoral Development team will be visiting St Robert's to tell us more about the Pastoral Plan and the work of the Development Team. She will be visiting St Elizabeth's at the end of April.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in a way that seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is left hurt and angry. People often empathise with him. Neither son understood the nature of love. The younger son did not recognise what a treasure he had at home and walked out on it. Then he 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming by becoming aware of love you had previously not recognised? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

2. The older son resented the party given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life – forgetting that all the father had was his. He is a symbol of us when we set ourselves up to decide when and how others should show their love, affection and gratitude. Such expectations fail to respect the freedom of others and make us vulnerable to the pain of unmet expectations. These can be fertile ground for hurt and resentment. What helps you to respect the freedom of others, and to recognise their love even if it is not expressed just as you would like?

3. Love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. Recall the wonder of experiencing love when you did not expect it. You may even have thought you were not worthy of it. When has the experience of human love, freely given, prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

SPRING RAFFLE

St Robert Bellarmine's are holding a Spring Raffle and tickets are on sale at the back of Church before and after the Sunday Mass.

Restrictions following the change in regulations

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.

The guidelines will be reviewed again prior to Holy Week

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.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY 2022

The Archdiocesan Directory is available at both churches at a cost of £3.50

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.'