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 **12th March 2022 – 20th March 2022**	Omega

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Saturday 12 March	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Moira Hanton (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 13 March	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Betty Kinsella (Remembrance)
Tuesday 15 March	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Pam McHugh (Anniversary Remembrance)
Friday 18 March	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Anne Kelly (Remembrance)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

Saturday 19 March	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Clarice Clarke (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 20 March	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Ken Williams (Sick)

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.

(nb. The office will be closed in the morning of Wednesday 16th March, but open on Monday between 8:30am and 11:00am and Wednesday afternoon between 3:00pm until 4:00pm)

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Lately Dead: Michelle McMullen, Monica Lloyd, Mary Westhead

Anniversaries: Moira Hanton, Ann French, John Billington, Pam McHugh, Clarice Clarke

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

(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.)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person currently in year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Registration will close on Monday 21st March.

To register they should visit liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page.

Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Envelopes for Family Fast Day, which was on 11 March, can be found at the back of Church

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY 2022

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

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

LOURDES 2022

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

If anyone is interested in joining us there, the details are on the poster at the back of Church.
Alternatively, contact lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk for more information.
The pilgrimage is being led by Archbishop Malcolm.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel Luke 9:28-36

1. On the mountain, the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendships there are experiences when we get to know a friend in a deeper way. It is a marvellous moment. This can also happen in our relationship with God. Recall such experiences in your life. Remember what it was like for you and give thanks. How do such memories sustain you in difficult times?

2. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud. It was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen One, listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning an important truth about yourself, or about your relationship with God, from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?

3. The disciples were prepared for this experience by getting an invitation from Jesus to come apart, to withdraw to the mountain. Have there been times when going apart (or making space for quiet and prayer in an ordinary day) was an important element in preparing you for a significant experience?

John Byrne OSA

Funeral next week

The funeral mass for the late Michelle McMullen will take place at Our Lady & The English Martyrs Church on Wednesday 16th March at 1:45pm.

Michelle was an active member of English Martyrs Parish; the daughter of Margaret and the late Bob Stam and sister of Lisa Jewell (staff at St Elizabeth's).

May She Rest In Peace

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.

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.'