| Alpha | Parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary<br>Parish Office: 52 Orrell Road Bootle L20 6DZ<br>**Parish Priest: Fr Barry McAllister**<br>Tel 0151 922 1352 or 0151 922 3820 Fax 0151 933 7941<br>Registered Charity No 232709<br>**12th February 2022 – 20th February 2022** | Omega |
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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

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| **Saturday 12 February (St Elizabeth's)** | **5.00 pm** | **Ann Carberry** |
| Sunday 13 February (St Robert's) | 11.00 am | Anne Delamere (Anniversary Remembrance) |
| Tuesday 15 February (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Robert Jones (Anniversary Remembrance) |
| Friday 18 February (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Bobby Parkes (Birthday Remembrance) |

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

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| **Saturday 19 February (St Elizabeth's)** | **5.00 pm** | **Private Intention (FM)** |
| Sunday 20 February (St Robert's) | 11.00 am | Pat McNulty (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 pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.**

**Lately Dead:** Frances Healy, Marjorie Sullivan, Thomas O'Mara

**Anniversaries:** Anne Delamere, Robert Jones, Katie Holmes, John Kelly, Violet Kelly, Fr. Patrick Murray

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

(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.)

**Seeing Yourself through the Lens of the Gospel**
**Luke 6:17, 10-26**

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of living relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, - and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may be, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

*John Byrne OSA*

**FUNERALS**

The Requiem Mass for the late **Frances Healy RIP** will take place on Monday 14th February at 10.45am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest in Peace

**The Universe Catholic Weekly**

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that it has launched their new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.
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**ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY 2022**

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

**Universal Synod 2023**

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020. To participate in this world wide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions, as well as submit your responses online at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023 **The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022**. If you have any queries, please email vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk

**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.

**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

## The Catholic Pic

The February issue of the Catholic Pic is available in both Churches and online using the following link.

www.issuu.com/alanjb/docs/catholic_pic_february_2022

## 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.'