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 **13th November 2021 – 21st November 2021**	Omega

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St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 13 November**	**5.00 pm**	**Jimmy Gant (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 14 November**	**11.00 am**	**Eileen Callaghan (Birthday Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	Tuesday 16 November	9.00 am	Mrs Tyrrell (Remembrance)/Pious List
St Robert Bellarmine's	Friday 19 November	9.00 am	Margaret Grey (Remembrance)/Pious List

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 20 November**	**5.00 pm**	**Daniel Moran (Birthday Remembrance) and Sandra Doyle (Birthday Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 21 November**	**11.00 am**	**Eunice Barnes (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:

Anniversaries: Stan Hughes,

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

(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
Mark 13:24-32

1. Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities. Our church is in crisis, and the world is facing climate disaster. Where have you seen something new and hopeful emerge in the midst of all this, e.g., some action arising from better eco awareness (less waste, a community garden, et al)?

2. The parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to put forth leaves which give a hint of the fruit to come. Where have you found signs of hope in a wintry situation – in your own life, in the life of some group, in the life of the Church, in our world?

3. Jesus proposes no clear timescale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence (v.32) is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full. What difference does it make to you when you are able to live the present moment to the full?

PIOUS LIST

Traditionally, November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. If you wish for your deceased loved ones to be remembered during this time, write their name(s) on a piece of paper and return it to Church or post it in the presbytery letter box, together with your donation.

New Deaneries

As part of the Synod developments and the Pastoral Plan being launched on the first Sunday of Advent, the Deaneries in the Archdiocese are being restructured. Our new Deanery will be known as Sefton Inland and will comprise of Holy Spirit, Our Lady & The English Martyrs, Our Lady of Walsingham, St Benet, St Elizabeth, St Robert Bellarmine, Holy Rosary, St Catherine of Alexandria, St George and St Mary & St Kentigern. The Dean of our new area will be Fr Grant Maddock.

IRENAEUS

Zoom Scripture Mornings

'He sent me to give good news to the poor'

'Reflections on Luke's Gospel'

Led by Fr. Chris Thomas
Thursday morning 18th November
10.30am – 12.00 noon (via Zoom)

Email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk to book your place.

A Thought for Remembrance Sunday.

At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month in 1918, the guns fell silent. The Great War was over. Such was the scale of loss and destruction that it was hoped that it was to be 'the war to end all wars.'

Sadly, the very fact that we now refer to it as the First World War ably demonstrates that it wasn't. As we commemorate the end of the war, it is time to reflect and take the time to remember all of those who gave their lives in that dreadful conflict. As a result of their sacrifice we are now blessed with the freedom to enjoy the hindsight that has come from over a century of reflecting on whether the war was justified, whether the men died in vain etc.

Today, try and put yourself in the shoes of those who indeed felt it was justified, who gave up their own comforts and family life to go to war. The vast majority of the men who fought in the war were not regular or territorial soldiers but volunteers and conscripts, to whom the idea of war was an alien concept. They firmly believed in what they were doing, and hundreds of thousands gave their lives to protect their country and preserve our freedom.

Remembrance is as relevant today as it was over a century ago and best summed up by George Eliot who wrote:

'Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them.'

Please remember them in your prayers today and help to ensure that they are truly not forgotten.

Easing of Restrictions

1. Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service.

2. Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

St Robert Bellarmine's will be holding a Christmas Raffle in aid of Parish Funds.

Tickets are now on sale.

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 November issue of the Catholic Pic is available online using the following link.

www.issuu.com/merseymirror/docs/catholic_pic_november_2021

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.'