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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (YEAR B)

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St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 30 October**	**5.00 pm**	**Celeste Page (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 31 October**	**11.00 am**	**Alex Wright (Birthday Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	Tuesday 2 November	9.00 am	Holy Souls/Pious List
St Robert Bellarmine's	Friday 5 November	9.00 am	Marie Riley (Remembrance)/Pious List

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 6 November**	**5.00 pm**	**John Dever (Anniversary Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 7 November**	**11.00 am**	**Bobby Parkes (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 pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Lately Dead: Tony Morley, Betty Kinsella, Thomas Kirwan

Anniversaries: John Dever, Bobby Parkes

Please remember the sick and those who care for them. Dave Roberts, Joan Smith

(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.)

A Reflection

It has been observed that the month of November – more than any other – is a time when we are more in heaven than on earth, because of the many saints whose feasts we celebrate this month. And today's solemnity of All Saints is not just the renowned saints whose statues have graced many of our homes, but the more intimately beloved souls, who have touched our own lives very personally, and whom we have known and loved and now 'miss' because they are no longer here with us. Today is their day, and it is a feast into which we can enter wholeheartedly, and which can draw us all the closer to the Lord, because in faith we believe He has taken them into Himself, where they are enjoying the fullness of His love. It is an opportunity to thank Him for the gifts they have been to us and an invitation to us to reflect on our own identity and on our own desires and hopes. Today's feast is an invitation to rediscover that hope which is such a vital aspect of our faith: hope of being reunited with our beloved saints; hope of seeing what they now see eternally – the radiant light and joy of God's glory; and in that hope, of daring to begin to live that joy even now, for as St Catherine of Siena once observed – all the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus, who is with us and in us from our Baptism, Himself said, 'I am the Way.'

Sr Niamh Galvin OP

Funeral Service

The funeral service for the late **Anthony George Morley RIP** will take place on Wednesday 3rd November at 11.00am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May He Rest In Peace

A prayer for the COP 26 Climate Talks

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

Points to Ponder

Saints are the spiritual superheroes of our church. The glorious communion of saints provides us with access to a massive list of prayer partners who pray with us and for us. The list includes official greats of our church history. It also includes family and friends whose holiness and lives directly touched and enriched our lives.

In the beatitudes, holiness is equated with being poor in spirit, meek, mourning, hungering for righteousness, merciful and clean of heart. There is no mention of blessed are the rule-makers, the obedient, the self-righteous or the judgmental. We all know what Jesus thought of those who equated holiness with obsessive discipline and laws. Jesus was about reaching people in their hearts, giving them reasons for hope and joy, and encouraging true and lasting conversion.

The church is not meant to keep us in. The church's role is to send us forth. Saints know this. They are women and men whose lives flow seamlessly from prayer to action. We need to hear their stories and be inspired by their witness.

Isabella R Moyer

Pious List

Lists and envelopes will be available at the back of church or place your own list in an envelope marked Pious List. Please place completed lists along with your donation in with the offertory or post into the Parish Office.

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 mornings from 4th to 18th November
10.30am – 12.00 noon (via Zoom)

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

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.

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

www.issuu.com/cpmmmedia.com/docs/catholic_pic_october_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'.