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 **16th October 2021 – 24th October 2021**	Omega

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St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 16 October**	**5.00 pm**	**Joan Page (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 17 October**	**11.00 am**	**Bernard King (1st Anniversary Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	Tuesday 19 October	9.00 am	Patsy Kelly (Remembrance)
St Robert Bellarmine's	Wednesday 20 October	9.00 am	Fr Barry McAllister (Special Intention)
St Robert Bellarmine's	Friday 22 October	9.00 am	Keith Pitt (Remembrance)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 23 October**	**5.00 pm**	**Philomena McKeown (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 24 October**	**11.00 am**	**Brian Murray (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: Eunice Barnes, Margaret LeSurf

Anniversaries: Bernard King

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

(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 10:35-45

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life of giving oneself for others. In spite of that James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life, and others benefit, when you act in this spirit of service?

2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish, or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.

3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.

John Byrne OSA

Points to Ponder

Each of us needs to know that we have a certain amount of power and status. Power gives us some control in our lives. We also have a natural desire for the people in our lives to love us, care for us and admire us. However, we get in trouble when our desire for power, love or status begins to control us. Jesus wants us to use our energy to serve those in need, rather than striving for first place, for acclaim or for power. Every day in our world numerous people jockey for power, esteem and position. This need is so inherent in us human beings that often we do not recognise the subtle ways we strive for them. I wonder if our need to serve others is as natural to us as our need for recognition and power? Today take a few moments and ask yourself: How strong is my need for power and acclaim? How deep is my need to serve others? Which comes first in my life? Jesus' primary desire is that we quietly and simply love and serve the individuals in our lives as he did. If we do this well, we will receive the acclaim we desire from Jesus. Can we be satisfied with this? I pray we can!

Sr Kristine Anne Harpeneau OSB

Mass on Wednesday 20 October

There will be an extra Mass this week on Wednesday 20th October at 9.00am at St Robert Bellarmine's for Fr Barry for a successful operation.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, 24th October, is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Please visit www.missio.org.uk to donate online

IRENAEUS

Zoom Scripture Evenings

'This, then is my prayer'

'Reflections on the Book of Ephesians'
Led by Fr. Chris Thomas
Monday evening - 18th October
7.00pm – 8.30pm (via Zoom)

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'.