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 **26th June 2021 – 4th July 2021**	Omega

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St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 26 June**	**5.00 pm**	**Con Harty (Anniversary Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 27 June**	**11.00 am**	**Tommy Kelly (Anniversary Remembrance)**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 3 July**	**5.00 pm**	**Joseph Roberts (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 4 July**	**11.00 am**	**Kim Limerick (Special Intention)**

All Covid restrictions remain in place.

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: Joseph O'Connor, Patricia Almond, Irene Klobski

Anniversaries: Con Harty, Tommy Kelly, Margaret McDonough

Please remember the sick and those who care for them.

(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.)

Something to Think About

In today's Gospel we hear two healing stories: Jairus' daughter and the woman with a haemorrhage. At first glance these stories might not seem to have a lot in common. The woman is a complete social outcast because of her condition, yet Jesus calls her 'daughter'. He does not let social convention dictate who can be called a child of God. Jesus reminds the people of this woman's true identity. The synagogue official surprises us, pleasantly, with his faith in Jesus and his message. What these two characters have in common is faith against all the odds as they reach out to Jesus in faith-filled action. There are those in the story who laugh when Jesus says he can bring back Jairus' daughter. They are sent away. Jesus' healing breaks down the barriers that isolate us from one another and from God.

We can all recall times when we were struggling. We needed something to move us, to help us forgive, to help us walk away or to relieve us of physical pain. In the end it can be the simple gestures that save us: a kind word, someone praying for us, a gentle touch or we reach out to someone and like the woman with the haemorrhage we suddenly feel within ourselves that we are healing. These accounts show us something of how God's grace can enter our lives and transform situations.

Mark leaves untranslated Jesus' native language when he restores the young girl to life: 'Talitha cum' – a beautiful phrase meaning: 'Little girl, get up!'. Jairus' daughter has been given new life; the woman has also been given new life. Both have overcome barriers that were keeping them from being free. We know what those barriers are for each of us. God's grace is gentle yet can bring life to situations of death. What do you need healing from today? Bring this to prayer.

Jane Mellett

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of the Gospel
Mark 5:21-43

1. Like this woman, have you had the experience of a cure, an improvement, a success, after a long period of nothing happening? What was that like for you? What made the difference? On that occasion was there anything different in you, in others, in the circumstances – something that paved the way for the change or improvement?
2. 'Who touched me?' Jesus asked. It seems a strange request with crowds milling around. Many people brushed against him, but the woman made contact in a different way. The same can happen in our relationships. We brush against many people but make real contact only with a few. Who are the people you have touched, and who has touched you? What difference has this made to you and to them?
3. Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has made you well'. What difference does it make to you that you have faith? In what ways does your faith make you well?
4. When Jairus asked Jesus to come and cure his daughter, some thought there was no point. Sometimes a situation can look like a lost cause. Has it ever happened to you that subsequent events showed there was hope where you thought there was none?
5. Some people have the gift of infusing new life and energy into individuals, or into groups, or into a cause. Perhaps you yourself have done this at times? Recall these experiences and the lessons you have learned from them.

John Byrne OSA

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The funeral service for the late **Joseph O'Connor RIP** will take place on Tuesday 29th June at 12.30pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

The funeral service for the late **Patricia Almond RIP** will take place on Wednesday 30th June at 11.00am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May They Rest in Peace

Under current guidelines the number allowed in Church for a Funeral is the Covid Safe Capacity of the venue. Our building can safely accommodate 50 individuals or 60/70 if bubbles share benches. Please respect this.

SYNOD 2020

The Synod took place last weekend and 420 people took part by zoom and at the Cathedral Mass. Votes were taken on the 19 Synod Recommendations and the full results can be found in the July edition of the Catholic Pic and at synod2020recommendations.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who has helped on the journey so far. As was said on Saturday: "The fire is in our hands!"

Thanks for your support through our Synod journey.

IRENAEUS

'Reflections on John's Gospel.'
Led by Fr. Chris Thomas
Monday evenings from 12th & 19th July
7.00pm – 8.30pm (via Zoom)
Email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk to book your place.

The Catholic Pic

The June issue of the Catholic Pic is available at the back of Church or online using the following link.

www.issuu.com/merseymirror/docs/catholic_pic_june_2021

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'.

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.

Echoes of Isaiah

On Mondays at 7.00pm - reflecting on elements of Isaiah chapter 43 via Zoom using clips from 'The Chosen'

Register your interest at
www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk

During this time while we 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. Please contact Christine for the bank account details if you still wish to do this.

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 have donated in this way.

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 contact Christine at the Parish Office if you have any problems and she will either help or provide you with a contact at the Archdiocese.

Many thanks