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# TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

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| **St Elizabeth's** | **Saturday 19 June** | **5.00 pm** | **Kevin Watters (Birthday Remembrance)** |
| **St Robert Bellarmine's** | **Sunday 20 June** | **11.00 am** | **Lil Fields (Remembrance)** |

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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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)** |

**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:** John De Momme, Joseph O'Connor, Patricia Almond, Irene Klobski

**Anniversaries:** Con Harty, Tommy Kelly, Margaret McDonough, Nora Houlton

**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

'Let us go across to the other side' is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious.

The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' After all, Jesus has led them, and 'other boats' into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, 'Peace! Be Still'. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace.

Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.

*Jane Mellett*

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In Autumn 2021 young people in year 8 and above in our Archdiocese are to be confirmed.

If you or your child would like to register for preparation for the sacrament, please go to liverpoolcalled.co.uk and complete the registration form (which can be found at the top right of the website), and your local Confirmation co-ordinator will contact you to inform you of the next stages of the preparation process.

Registration must take place before 28th June.

A more in-depth letter from the Archbishop about this sacrament is available from the Parish Office.

## Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of the Gospel Mark 4:35-41

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a 'Jesus person' came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.

2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.

3. The significance of miracles in the gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

*John Byrne OSA*

## FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The funeral service for the late **John DeMomme RIP** will take place on Wednesday 23rd June at 1.00pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

The funeral service for the late **Betty Tunney RIP** will take place on Friday 25th June at 2.00pm 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.**

## IRENAEUS

**'The word of the Lord endures forever.'**
Reflections on the Letters of Peter and Jude
Thursday mornings from 10th June – 1st July
10.30am – 12 noon

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

**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

**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.

**300 Club**

The 2020 draws for the 300 Club took place last weekend and the winnings are being delivered to the lucky ones this week.

The 2021 draws have been postponed and the 300 Club will be reviewed for 2022.

Subscriptions received for 2021 will be returned this week.

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.

## SYNOD 2020

Today we thank God for the work of our Archdiocesan Synod and for everyone who has played a part in this great moment of discernment. We ask God to continue to guide us as we journey together as His Church. We pray that when that when we hear the Lord's invitation to follow him we will do so with faith in our lives, with hope in our hearts and with His love in every action.

## 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