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 **12th June 2021 – 20th June 2021**	Omega

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

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St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 12 June**	**5.00 pm**	**Maroun Mourani (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 13 June**	**11.00 am**	**Jack Murphy (Birthday Remembrance)**

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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)**

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: Betty Tunney

Anniversaries: Joe Morley, Bob Stam, Albie Creed, Thomas O'Shea

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.)

SYNOD 2020

As we come to the end of our Synod 2020 process, we begin, today, a week of prayer. With your newsletter are the prayers we will be praying each day until 20th June. These will also be shared on the Synod YouTube and Facebook pages. They will also be found on our Parish Facebook page.

Your Synod members would like to thank you for your support and involvement in the process.

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.

SYNOD 2020

Here are the final three recommendations.

Please let us know how important each one is to you on a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being a high priority that should be enacted soon and 4 being not the right way forward for the Archdiocese.

Recommendation 17. Property

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include establishing a working group of clergy and lay people, along with ecumenical and community partners, to study our current portfolio of properties asking how they can best support our mission.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan develop strategies to accompany communities as they discern the future use of parish properties.

Recommendation 18. Parishes and Deaneries

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan be bold and creative in renewing parish and deanery structures. We want our structures too to be at the service of our mission, and we are aware that we must adapt parish structures to meet the needs of our age and plan to share resources across parish boundaries.

Recommendation 19. The Church in the Modern World

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan invite and support all the people of the Church to take a leading role to creatively shape the "new normal" in our society and culture that will emerge after the current pandemic.

Please speak to your Synod members or send your response to the Parish Office at St Robert's before Friday 18th June.
Thank you

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of the Gospel
Mark 4:26-34

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests. As we come out of the Coronavirus lockdown you may have had the opportunity to rejoice at the renewal of social life.

2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and give thanks.

3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'?

John Byrne OSA

IRENAEUS

Let Us Pray - An Exploration of Prayer
Led by Sister Moira Meeghan
on Wednesday evenings from 26th May – 16th June
7.00pm – 8.30pm (via Zoom)

'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.

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

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.

Week of Prayer for our Synod

Sunday 13 June – Sunday 20 June 2021

Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy
we place our Synod into your hands.

Be with each member of our Synod and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.

Give us all the wisdom and the courage to respond in new ways to the challenges we face and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely the Church you are calling us to be.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
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