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 **5th June 2021 – 13th June 2021**	Omega

CORPUS CHRISTI (YEAR B)

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St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 5 June**	**5.00 pm**	**Fr Oliver Sapaxamadu (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 6 June**	**11.00 am**	**Kevin Reilly (Remembrance)**

11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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)**

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: Andrew Maher, Betty Tunney

Anniversaries: Kath Fruin

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.)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In Autumn 2021 the Archbishop is hoping to begin confirming young people in year 8 and above in our Archdiocese.

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 next 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 14. Community Building

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include support for small group or family-based gatherings for social activity, study, and shared prayer.

Recommendation 15. Communications and Media

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a commitment to resourcing the promotion, training, and equipping of parish leaders in communication for evangelisation, mission, and community building. This should include model programmes of communication, proper use and recording of data, technology advice, and outreach plans that parishes can adopt.

Recommendation 16. Governance and Synodality

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a strengthening of collaborative and synodal leadership at local and Diocesan level with a sustained commitment to accountability, transparency, and inclusivity.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan as part of our growing commitment to synodality, develop a process that ensures women are equal, valued, visible and heard.

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

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of the Gospel Mark14:12-16, 22-26

1. The symbolic gesture of breaking and sharing bread and sharing the cup, that Jesus made at the Last Supper, symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?

2. In his encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented'. What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?

3. Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these special experiences that you can bring with you to the routine Sunday Mass?

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.

On this great feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
we renew our gratitude for this precious gift.
In our celebrations of this Holy Sacrament
we are the witnesses of the self-giving love of God
revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus.
The presence of Christ within us is renewed
and we become more deeply the members of the Body of Christ
alive and at work in our world.
Our Synod is just two weeks away now.
Once again we ask for God to bless the work of the Synod.
We are the Body of Christ.
Through the work of the Synod may our Church reflect more faithfully
the beauty and mercy of Christ in all that we do in His name.

Merciful Father,
We humbly thank you for the love you have revealed
in the precious gift of the Body and Blood of your Son.
May our Synod be an instrument in your hands.
As you have fed us
so may we work to feed our hungry brothers and sisters.
As you have blessed us
so may you make us a blessing to the people you call us to serve.
You have shown us your great mercy,
help us to bring your forgiveness and love into the world today.
We ask this through 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