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 **29th May 2021 – 6th June 2021**	Omega

TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR B)

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St Elizabeth's	**Saturday 29 May**	**5.00pm**	**Pat Cherry (Remembrance)**
St Robert Bellarmine's	**Sunday 30 May**	**11.00 am**	**Janet Fowler (Anniversary Remembrance)**

CORPUS CHRISTI

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)**

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: Canon Albert Shaw

Anniversaries: Mick Knight, Janet Fowler

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 11. Sunday Liturgy and the Other Sacraments

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan acknowledge the primary place of the Sunday liturgy in the life and mission of the Church.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan propose liturgical formation for both laity and clergy so that the Sunday liturgy is worthy and central in all we do in both the manner of its celebration and in the mission it engenders.

C. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan provide a way for us to review how we are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Recommendation 12. Catholic Social Teaching and Creation Care

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include fostering a renewed understanding of Catholic Social teaching across the whole Archdiocese.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include the establishment of a "creation care team" that will assist parishes, deaneries, and schools in taking concrete steps to care for the environment.

Recommendation 13. Love of Neighbour

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include training for parish volunteers who can accompany those most in need; giving special attention to those who are housebound, sick, or immigrants, and to those who are members of cultural and ethnic minorities.

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

Something to Think About

Today's Gospel is often referred to as the 'Great Commission'. It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us.

We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain. They had lost him to death, and now he was risen and with them again in the flesh. They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them. These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion and justice throughout the world. Perhaps, like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others. Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with the love and strength we need. The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet.

Triona Doherty

'Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.'

Martin Luther King Jr

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)

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

SRB 300 Club

The 300 Club draws which should have taken place during 2020 will now take place shortly.

Apologies

The Catholic Pic

The May 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_may_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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 30th May

On the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity we celebrate all that God has revealed to us of God's beauty and love.
We thank God for the gift of faith, and we pray that our faith in God may be deepened and lived out more fully in our daily lives.
We pray again for the work of our Synod which will take place on Saturday the 19th of June.
May the Synod help us all to live more fully the call we received when we were baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Merciful God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
may you be faithfully loved, honoured and served
by all the members of the Church.
Guide the members of our Synod
in the holy task you have entrusted to them.
Help us all to proclaim your mercy and love
to the ends of the earth.
We ask this Father
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
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