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 **31st October 2020 – 8th November 2020**	Omega

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS (YEAR A)

THE FIRST MASS OF THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday 31 Oct	5.00 pm	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Saturday 31 Oct	**6.30 pm**	**Alex Wright (Birthday Remembrance)**	
Sunday 1 Nov	9.30 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Sunday 1 Nov	**11.00 am**	**Anne Kelly (90th Birthday Remembrance)**	
Monday 2 Nov	9.00 am	No Mass	All Souls
Tuesday 3 Nov	**9.00 am**	**Bobby Parkes (Anniversary Remembrance)**	**St Martin de Porres**
Wednesday 4 Nov	9.00 am	No Mass	St Charles Borromeo
Thursday 5 Nov	**9.00 am**	**No Mass**	
Friday 6 Nov	9.00 am	No Mass	

THE FIRST MASS OF THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7 Nov	5.00 pm	No Mass
Saturday 7 Nov	**6.30 pm**	**No Mass**
Sunday 8 Nov	9.30 am	No Mass
Sunday 8 Nov	**11.00 am**	**No Mass**

WITH EFFECT FROM THIS WEEKEND OUR PARISHES HAVE A JOINT NEWSLETTER.
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO BE ADDED, PLEASE POST THE DETAILS THROUGH 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: Bernard King, Christopher Byrne

Anniversaries: Bobby Parkes, Peter Duffy and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

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.

FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON SATURDAY EVENING, BOTH OF OUR CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of the Gospel

The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when…..

- you were poor – you knew your need of God
- you mourned – could feel for others
- you were meek – neither spineless nor emotionally out of control
- you hungered and thirsted for some cause
- you were merciful rather than vengeful
- you were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond
- you were a peacemaker
- you were persecuted because you stood for something

Something to think about

There is a patron saint for almost every situation you could imagine. When we've lost something, we talk to St Anthony; faced with a hopeless situation, we pray to St Jude. We ask St Christopher to help with a safe journey, and St Cajetan to intercede for a job interview. As we discovered this year, there are even patron saints for pandemics – St Edmund and St Roch.

The list goes on. Many people have a favourite saint they reach out to in times of need. There is something about the saints that touches even the most cynical of hearts. Turning to a favourite saint is more than mere superstition. At its most basic level it is a reminder that we are not alone, that there is a life beyond this one and we are connected to it. At a deeper level it is an opportunity to reflect on these holy women and men who were shining examples of faith and virtue while alive, and who continue their great work by leading us closer to God.

This All Saints Day, the Beatitudes challenge us to look beyond the difficulties of this life and see the bigger picture. They offer a way of life that leads to eternal life. The saints whose help we seek embodied many of the qualities of the Beatitudes – gentleness, mercy, fighting for justice, working for peace, bearing suffering with dignity. We all know people who embody these qualities – the many saints who may never be canonised but who show us how to live as followers of Christ. As we reflect on those who have gone before us, it leads us to ponder how we are doing: are we saints in the making?

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

St Robert Bellarmine's are arranging a Christmas Raffle, and would be grateful for donations of unwanted/extra gifts you may have which we could use as prizes.

If you have any suitable items, please leave them at the back of Church. Many thanks.

Offertory Collection (24/25 October)

St Robert Bellarmine £340.14

St Elizabeth of Hungary £308.15

CAFOD

£40.00

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity

SYNOD 2020

Please view the Synod website for the Affirmations and Proposals for each theme

We are inviting your responses to these proposals, and while we cannot hold a meeting to discuss, we welcome your responses. Please send us your responses by post through the house letterbox, email the Parish office strobert@rcaol.org.uk or send a message via our Parish Facebook page

World Mission Sunday

The collection in aid of Missio will take place THIS WEEKEND 31 OCTOBER/1 NOVEMBER as you leave Church.

Alternatively, you can make your gift online and Gift Aid your donation, if possible, at missio.org.uk

PIOUS LIST

Traditionally, November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. If you wish for your deceased loved ones to be remembered during this month on the Altar, please write their name(s) on a piece of paper and return it to Church by posting it through the presbytery letter box, together with your donation.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE

Both parishes have registered with the NHS Track and Trace system.

If you have got the COVID-19 app on your smartphone you can register your attendance here at St Robert Bellarmine's and St Elizabeth's.

The QR code is located in the porch as you enter Church.

Please speak to one of the stewards if you need help