Alpha	St Robert Bellarmine Church 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 **3rd October – 11th October2020**	Omega

THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

THE FIRST MASS OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 Oct	5.00 pm	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Saturday 3 Oct	**6.30 pm**	**John and Violet Kelly (Remembrance)**	
Sunday 4 Oct	9.30 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Sunday 4 Oct	**11.00 am**	**Vera Morrison (Remembrance)**	
Monday 5 Oct	9.00 am	No Mass	
Tuesday 6 Oct	**9.00 am**	**Ella Shirley (Remembrance)**	**St Bruno**
Wednesday 7 Oct	9.00 am	No Mass	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday 8 Oct	**9.00 am**	**Angela Kerr (Remembrance)**	
Friday 9 Oct	9.00 am	No Mass	St John Henry Newman

THE FIRST MASS OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10 Oct	5.00 pm	Mass at St Elizabeth's
Saturday 10 Oct	**6.30 pm**	**Gerry Morgan (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 11 Oct	9.30 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's
Sunday 11 Oct	**11.00 am**	**Snellgrove Family**

Please pray for

Lately Dead:	Billy Mather, Margaret Williams, Maureen McNab
Anniversaries:	We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Sick;	Please pray for the sick, their relatives, friends and those who care for them.

Reflecting on the Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Once again, the Archdiocese have put together a resource for this Sunday which you may find useful if you're unable to attend Mass or watch a Mass being live-streamed. Please use the following link to the Archdiocese resources https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and, as a consequence, losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?

2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?

3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you.

John Byrne OSA

Something to Think About

Today (4th October) marks the end of the Season of Creation, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it, not to plunder and destroy it. The parable told in the Gospel today also speak to this as we hear that the workers of the vineyard have lost sight of their original agreement with the owner, and consumed by greed, have lost their way.

Today is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as family: '*Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water*'. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together on a common home.

As the Season of Creation comes to a close, let it be a springboard into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to.

'*Truly much can be done!*' (Laudato Si. 180)

Jane Mellett

The Reopening of Church

We are now part of 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.
The QR code is located in the porch as you enter Church.
Please speak to one of the stewards if you need help

Please note, that the maximum number of people allowed in St Robert Bellarmine's for Mass is 50.
Face masks/coverings must be worn, and your hands must be sanitised on entering and leaving.
Your name and contact details will be taken as a precaution for 'Track and Trace' and your details held under GDPR guidelines and the Archdiocesan privacy notice.

Mass at St Robert Bellarmine's will be on Saturday evening at 6.30pm, Sunday morning at 11.00am, Tuesday morning at 9.00 am and Thursday morning at 9.00am

Mass at St Elizabeth's will be on Saturday evening at 5.00 pm and Sunday morning at 9.30 am.

The Church will be opened approximately 30 minutes before Mass begins but once we reach the maximum number we are allowed we will be unable to let anyone else in. We don't want to have to turn people away – but should we reach our maximum capacity, we will have to.

At the beginning of lockdown, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was removed by the Bishops; this remains in place, and therefore, if you can attend Mass during the week we would ask that you please do so. Also, you do not have to attend Mass especially if you are shielding or still do not feel comfortable about attending places with large numbers.

We will continue to keep you updated via e-mail, newsletter and our Facebook page.

Funeral this week

The funeral for the late **William (Billy) Mather RIP** will take place on Friday 9th October at 12.00 noon at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May He Rest in Peace

Under current restrictions there is only 30 people allowed in Church for a Funeral. Please respect this

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

This week the children from Year 5 of our Primary School will be making their First Holy Communion.

Please remember them in your prayers

SYNOD 2020

The final period of reflection closed on 1st September.

On Synod Sunday, 18th October, there will be a leaflet available to remind the people of the Archdiocese of our four Synod Themes which will include any new reflections from the COVID-19 experience. This leaflet will also outline the revised journey and the immediate next steps.

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.

The new boxes of Offertory Envelopes are now available as you leave Mass.

Enquirers Group

For those interested in becoming a Catholic, the Enquirers Group meets at St James' Presbytery, Chestnut Grove, Bootle, every fortnight.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm.

All are welcome

For more details, contact St James' Parish on 0151 933 8022

Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings by Zoom starting on Monday 12th October.
The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past.
Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming.

For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien at m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk

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.

The Catholic Pic

A limited number of the October issue of the Catholic Pic is available at the back of Church.

The latest issue is available online and the website is updated with news from around the Archdiocese.

Take some time to visit it at www.catholicpic.co.uk

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day is this Friday 9th October. Coronavirus has affected us all. This Family Fast Day let us stand alongside communities across the world to help them
SURVIVE, REBUILD and HEAL.

If you wish to donate online please visit cafod.org.uk/give



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'

Online and Text Giving

Online Giving

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

which will take you to a specific site for St Robert Bellarmine's church. 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

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* 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* to 70085.

Text *STROBERT* 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* to 70450.

Text *STROBERT* 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* to 70460.

Text *STROBERT* 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* to 70470.



Don't forget to light your 'Candle of Hope' on Sunday evening at 7.00pm.

Download the poster at
www.cte.org.uk/prayersofhope