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 **26th September – 4th October2020**	Omega

THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

THE FIRST MASS OF THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26 Sept	5.00 pm	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Saturday 26 Sept	**6.30 pm**	**Alex Wright (Remembrance)**	
Sunday 27 Sept	9.30 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Sunday 27 Sept	**11.00 am**	**Pat Benbow (Remembrance)**	
Monday 28 Sept	9.00 am	No Mass	
Tuesday 29 Sept	**9.00 am**	**Mary Dargan (Remembrance)**	**Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**
Wednesday 30 Sept	9.00 am	No Mass	St Jerome
Thursday 1 Oct	**9.00 am**	**Mrs Yu (Remembrance)**	**St Teresa of the Child Jesus**
Friday 2 Oct	9.00 am	No Mass	Guardian Angels

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)**

Please pray for

Lately Dead: Margaret Williams, Billy Mather

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 Sixth 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

Something to think about.
Matthew 21:28-32

During the 'lockdown' due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people found themselves turning to nature. There was a surge of interest in gardening. We tended to flower beds, planted seeds, started herb gardens. Lots of people commented that they noticed the birds singing for the first time in years. In the midst of challenging times, we found ourselves tuning in to the wonder of God's creation all around us. Can we retain this sense of wonder and awe? In this Season of Creation, we are invited to discover the presence of God in creation, to give thanks for the gifts of the earth, and to change our ways so that we may live in harmony with creation. This requires us to be constantly conscious of how we are living – to not just have good intentions but to follow through in our actions.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons who are asked to go and work in their father's vineyard. The first son initially refuses, but then thinks better of it and gets to work. While the second son has good intentions, he doesn't follow through. When it comes to caring for the earth, good intentions are not enough. Our actions matter. We may have been careless in the past but a change of heart is happening, right across our society. It all starts with our actions, as individuals and communities. As we continue with these challenging times, let us use the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can do better – to reconnect with God's beautiful creation and do all we can to love and preserve it.

Triona Doherty



'Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.'

(Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

Cautious reopening of Church

We were delighted to reopen our doors for Mass on 14th July and welcome people back.

Please note, that there will be a maximum number of 50 people allowed in St Robert Bellarmine's. Face masks/coverings must be worn, and your hands must be sanitised on entering and leaving. Names 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.

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 once our church is open especially if you are shielding or still do not feel comfortable about attending places with large numbers.

Please remember in your prayers **Margaret Williams RIP** whose funeral took place at St Robert Bellarmine's Church on Friday 25 September. May she rest in peace

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.



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

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

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 September 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

Season of Creation

From 1 September to 4 October, Christians all over the world will celebrate the Season of Creation.

In his prayer intention for September 2020, Pope Francis asks everyone to pray that we learn to respect the planet's resources.

No to plundering; yes to sharing

View the Pope's video message at www.vaticannews.va (31 August)



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.