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 **19th September – 27th September2020**	Omega

THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

THE FIRST MASS OF THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19 Sept	5.00 pm	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Saturday 19 Sept	**6.30 pm**	**Muriel and Thomas Mitchell (Remembrance)**	
Sunday 20 Sept	9.30 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Sunday 20 Sept	**11.00 am**	**Patrick Coyne (10th Anniversary Remembrance)**	
Monday 21 Sept	9.00 am	No Mass	St Matthew
Tuesday 22 Sept	**9.00 am**	**Mike Keelan (Remembrance)**	
Wednesday 23 Sept	9.00 am	No Mass	St Padre Pio
Thursday 24 Sept	**9.00 am**	**Gerald Culligan Snr (Remembrance)**	**Our Lady of Walsingham**
Friday 25 Sept	9.00 am	No Mass	

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)**

Please pray for

Lately Dead:

Anniversaries: William Gallagher and 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 Fifth 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 20:1-16

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers – those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the 'early birds' are put out by this – they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities – they deserve a decent standard of living.

Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or 'handouts'? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life.



But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity – some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time.

God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life.

Sadly we do not live in an equal world where everyone's dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities.

In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world's poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction – damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others.

Triona Doherty

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.

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.

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 23rd September at 7.30pm.

All are welcome

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



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

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

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

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.

For those who are unable to attend Church at the moment they will be delivered to you as soon as possible.

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.