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 5th September – 13th September2020	Omega

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

MASS OF THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY	5.00 pm	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Muriel and Thomas Mitchell (Remembrance)**	
SUNDAY	9.30 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Jimmy Howlin (Remembrance)**	
Monday	9.00 am	No Mass	
Tuesday	**9.00 am**	**Martin Dunne (Remembrance)**	**Birthday of Our Lady**
Wednesday	9.00 am	No Mass	
Thursday	**9.00 am**	**Eddie White**	**St Ambrose Barlow**
Friday	9.00 am	No Mass	

MASS OF THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	5.00 pm	Mass at St Elizabeth's
SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Pat Morley (Remembrance)**
Sunday	9.30 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Mike Keelan (Remembrance)**

Please pray for

Lately Dead:	Sister Mary Magdalen
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 Third 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 18:15-20

Today we mark the first Sunday of the Season of Creation 2020, which runs from 1 September to 4 October. This special season in the church calendar celebrates the joy of creation, while encouraging awareness of initiatives to protect the natural environment. We are reminded during this time of our duty to care for what Pope Francis calls 'our common home'. When we hear the word 'home', we tend to think of the immediate place where we live and the people we share it with – our house or living space and our immediate family, neighbours and community. Each of us lives within a particular web of relationships that we call home. But we must be conscious too that we live in a wider relationship with the earth and with all of creation. We all live in a common home, and we all must care for it, and for each other.

Our gospel today sees Jesus offer some advice about living in community. He first acknowledges that communities are far from perfect. We all struggle with our relationships and duties. But he makes one thing clear: in a community, we all have a responsibility to each other and to work to build harmony. This responsibility extends beyond our immediate environment to our world. In this Season of Creation, we remember in particular those across the world who are suffering as a result of environmental damage. The way we live on this earth has consequences for the world and its people, and indeed for future generations. Over the next few weeks, let us consider how we might make some changes that reflect our care for others and for our common home.

'We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.'
(Pope Francis, Laudato Si')



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.

We don't want to have to turn people away – but should we reach our maximum capacity, we will have to.

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.

When we began the Synod 2020 journey with the words: "together on the road" and "becoming the Church God is calling us to be", we never imagined what God had instore for us. While the last few months have been unexpected they have taught us all that the road has many twists and turns, and the Synod journey continues with God calling us to listen in often new and exciting ways. Archbishop Malcolm has issued a video message and a revised Synod timetable has been published. The Synod weekend will now take place in June 2021. There are new messages and full details of the changes on the Synod 2020 website www.synod2020.co.uk

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)

SEASON OF CREATION

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

PARISH GROUNDS

Please do not place any memorial plaques among the roses, or in the gardens.

Each rose has your loved one's name on it.

If your name is missing please let Delia know and it will be replaced.

The memorial plaques that were in the garden have now been cleaned and are going to be relocated within the Parish grounds.

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'



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

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

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.

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.

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

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.