

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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## PALM SUNDAY. SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 184 in the Mass Book.

**Reflection:** The Church celebrates this Sixth Sunday in Lent as both Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death, and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own lifetime of dying and rising in Him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others, and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In these ways, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week.

During this week of Passionate suffering, Passionate grace, Passionate love, and Passionate forgiving – each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of the Christ Whose passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely, and the outcast.

Today's liturgy combines two moments seen in contrast: one of glory, the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem — the other of suffering: the drama of his trial which ends in his freely accepted and offered condemnation, crucifixion, and death. Let us rejoice and sing as Jesus comes into our life today. Let us also weep and mourn as his death confronts us with our sin. The African American song asks the question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed Him to a tree?" The answer to both is YES, a definite YES. Yes, we were there in the crowd on Sunday, shouting, "Hosanna!" and on the following Friday, "Crucify Him!"

The first part of today's Gospel (Lk 19:28-40) describes the royal reception which Jesus received from his admirers. They paraded with him for two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. Two-and-a-half million people were normally present to celebrate the Jewish feast of the Passover. Jesus permitted such a royal procession for two reasons: 1) to reveal to the public that he was the promised Messiah, and 2) to fulfil the prophecies of Zechariah (9:9): "Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion.... see now your King comes to you; he is victorious, triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey..."), and Zephaniah (3:16-19): "Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty Savior ... He will ... renew you in His love ... I will save the lame, and assemble the outcasts ... I will bring about their restoration." (The traditional "Palm Sunday Procession" at Jerusalem began in the fourth century AD when the Bishop of Jerusalem led the procession from the Mount of Olives to the Church of the Ascension). In the second part of today's Gospel (Lk 22:14—23:56; or 23:1-49), we listen to/participate in the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience and condemned Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, and the religious leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

**Pray for the sick and housebound,** John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. John Tunney. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Maria Morrissey, Margaret McAteer. Mary McGlade. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene and Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn.

*We pray the Good Lord will strengthen and comfort all the sick and we pray also for all who care for the sick and elderly.*

**May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently.**

Jason Gledhill. Lilian Richardson. Rosemarie Kearns. Maureen McLoughlin. (May their souls rest in peace)

**Memorial Anniversary.** Edward Bell (7<sup>th</sup>). Martin Bell (29<sup>th</sup>) Kathleen Roche. Freya Durkin (3<sup>rd</sup>) Mike Burnell (1<sup>st</sup>) Margaret Clavin (16<sup>th</sup>)

(Eternal rest grant to them Oh Lord,,,,,,)

**Heavenly Birthday Remembrance** Marie Clerkin. 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance for Bartley Callaghan

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- **Parish Lenten Penitential service and confession will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**
- We kindly encourage you all to volunteer to serve our parish in various ministries in the parish as Lectors, Hospitality, Church Warden/Ushers, Church cleaning group, Eucharistic ministers, Choir, Altar server and as Organist.
- We need some volunteers to form a committee which will organise fund raising activities. The Parish needs regular events to raise money to fund the increasing costs of running the Churches and the Parish Hall. Anyone willing to be involved please speak to Fr Kris, phone the office or leave a note in the post box with your name and number. Thank you
- **Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries** Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email: [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)
- **Please take note of the times of Mass/Services during Holy Week**

### MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00pm	St Richard's	Mass	Martin Bell
	6:30pm	St Mary's	Mass	Marie Clerkin Kathleen Roche
Palm Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Edward Bell
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	Margaret Clavin Bartley Callaghan Mike Burnell
Monday	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Rosemary Kearns
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Lenten Penitential Service</b>	Maureen McLoughlin
Wednesday	9:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	Freya Durkin
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> <b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>St Richard's</b> <b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Parishioners Intentions
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>11:30 am</b> <b>3:00pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> <b>St Mary's and St Richard's</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Veneration of The Cross</b>	
<b>Easter Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> <b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>St Richard's</b> <b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>	Departed Parishioners
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St Richard's</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Mass</b>	

#### Offertory collection for last week –

St. Mary's £464.59 St. Richard's £220.72 TOTAL = £683.31