

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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EASTER SUNDAY. SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 223 for Easter Vigil and Page 252 for Easter Sunday in the Mass Book.

Reflection:

HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

If Jesus did not die, then he could not have risen from the dead. If there was no death, there could not have been a resurrection. And resurrection is the bedrock of our faith as Christians. For, as St. Paul says, "...if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is without substance, and so is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14). That is why anybody who is a Christian must believe in the resurrection. And if we believe in the resurrection, we must also believe that Jesus really did die on that cross. He did not run away from it.

The resurrection of Jesus was his own personal victory over death. In the words of St Paul again, "We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore" (Rom 6:9). On Good Friday, death had vanquished Jesus. But on Easter Sunday, Jesus had the last laugh; and what a good one it was!

The victory of Jesus over death was also our victory. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we are assured that we too shall rise again after our own death. His resurrection is thus the pledge of our own resurrection from the dead, (1 Cor 15:20-22). As we say in one of our Consecration Acclamations, "Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection you have set us free" And "Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory."

The resurrection of Jesus also represents the ultimate victory of good over evil. No matter how long it takes, good will always triumph over evil. The enemies of Jesus did a grave evil by putting an innocent person to death. At that time, it seems evil had silenced good forever. The resurrection of Jesus proved them wrong. Good came charging from the grave with Jesus and put evil to an ignominious flight.

We Pray for the sick and housebound,

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

Lilian Richardson. Patrick Murray. Helen Cooke. Sister Maria Pia Doherty RNDM (May their souls rest in peace),
Peg O'Connor, Glann, Charlestown.

Memorial Anniversary. Paul Sammut (6th) Sean Deay. Gerry Mackrell. Frank McEllin (9th) Chris McEntee (3rd) Margaret Grimes (2nd) Michael Dunne.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Raffle, the money raised is for Parish Funds.

Hamper pink ticket 221-225

Sweets green ticket 961-965

Bacardi pink ticket 476-480

Easter Egg was won by Martin

Baileys pink ticket 186-190

All the prizes have been claimed, thank you.

2. Please note there is no Tea gathering in the hall after mass today.
3. 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.
4. 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
5. **Mary's Meals.** For the month of May we will be collecting foreign currency, coins and notes as well as UK coins and notes that are no longer legal tender. Mary's meals is a charity working currently in 16 of the poorest countries, feeding over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. Every 10p is enough to provide a meal for a hungry child. Please check for any currency you cannot use here and place it in the box/baskets at the back of Church from next weekend.
6. **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

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Easter, our Church will have visitors and sight of families, gathering with us to celebrate the Resurrected Christ with songs of Joy and Alleluia praises. Some others will be in attendance who are returning to Mass for the first time after a while. They have come, touched by God and likely sit by your side or your usual pew, as a community of faith as we are, let us smile, say hello and welcome them into our family parish of St. Mary's, Elbow Street, Levenshulme. Our kindness and hospitality could be the magic of what will make them feel welcome and home again in God's house – which reminds them of the love and hospitality of Christ himself. May we all be each other's brothers and sisters, experiencing Christ's resurrection in our lives and that of our families.

Wishing you all a Joyful and Happy Easter.

Shalom,

Fada Kris Louis Aneke, MSP

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

No Mass Monday.

MASSES ON TUESDAY – FRIDAY AS USUAL IN BOTH CHURCHES

Friday: Funeral for Lillian Richardson RIP 10:30am @ St Richard's

Offertory collection for last week –

St. Mary's £438.72 St. Richard's £268.38 TOTAL = £707.10

Thank you for your generosity.