

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



## Incorporating the Parishes of:

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## SECOND WEEK OF EASTER. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 256 in the Mass Book.

**Reflection:** There is a common saying that "Seeing is believing." That is what Thomas, told his fellow disciples when they told him that Jesus had risen and paid them a visit. Can one blame him? Resurrection is not something that happens every day. Thomas had certainly not heard of any before. The raising of Lazarus and a couple of other persons from the dead by Jesus was not the same thing. Jesus understood Thomas's problem, so he returned to show himself specifically to Thomas. He did not rebuke him but only invited him to step forward and verify for himself that it was truly him, and that he had risen from the dead. We are not told if Thomas actually put his finger into the holes that the nails made and his hand into his side. But merely seeing the risen Jesus was enough for him. It was enough for him to make a profound act of faith: "My Lord and my God." Indeed, "Seeing is believing." Thomas saw and believed.

What Jesus said next is very instructive. He said, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." In other words, believing after you have seen it is really no big deal. But to believe when you have not actually seen, purely on divine authority, is what has real value in the sight of God. That is the virtue of faith, which, according to the Catechism, is a "Supernatural gift of God." It is what is celebrated in Hebrews chapter 11, which begins thus: "Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for or prove the existence of realities that are unseen." That faith is what we have when we believe that Jesus really rose from the dead, that he gave the power to forgive sins in his name to the Church, and that the Holy Eucharist is the true body and blood, Soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, among other things. Indeed, there is an old-age custom in the Catholic Church to say "My Lord and my God" at the elevation during the consecration at Mass. Those were the very words of Thomas when he saw the risen Lord.

**We Pray for the sick and housebound.**

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

Pope Francis. Patrick Murray. Nathan Sweeney. Rita Minogue  
(May their souls rest in peace),

**Memorial Anniversary.** Stephen Cassidy (6<sup>th</sup>) Sarah McKenna (31<sup>st</sup>)

**Special Intention** Eileen Toth and Family. Welsh Family. Mary and Michael O'Grady

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Thank you so much to everyone who bought and sold the tickets for the Easter Raffle, the total raised for Parish Funds is £841.
2. The month of May is the month of Our Lady, so there will be recitation of the Rosary 20 minutes before each Mass, beginning from 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please come to Church early enough to participate in the Rosary. Anyone who would like to lead the Rosary on any day please speak to Fr Kris.
3. The funeral for the late Patrick Murray RIP will be as follows:  
Evening Reception into St Mary's Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm  
Funeral Mass on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 prior to burial at Southern Cemetery.
4. 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.
5. We still 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
6. **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 and place it in the baskets at the back of Church.
7. **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)
8. **Mercy in the Holy Year**  
The Diocese of Salford has produced a number of resources to help us learn more about the theme of mercy and reconciliation in the Jubilee Year, including an FAQ sheet on Plenary Indulgences. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/plenary-indulgences>
9. **Pro-Life Coffee Morning.**  
Come along to a pro-life themed coffee morning in the hall of Salford Cathedral on Saturday 10th May after the 10am Mass. Enjoy a hot drink with a biscuit/cake and ask any pro-life questions to our friendly team from March for Life UK and Rachel's Vineyard at the live Q&A session. For further details contact [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

No Mass Monday.

MASSES ON TUESDAY – SUNDAY AS USUAL IN BOTH CHURCHES

### Offertory collection for last week –

St. Mary's £835.16    St. Richard's £441.97    TOTAL = £1277.13

Thank you for your generosity.