

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY. 11th MAY 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 262 in the Mass Book.

Reflection:

The image of a shepherd and his sheep is not familiar to us living in an urban setting. We never see shepherds herding sheep across the streets. It is obvious that Jesus was far more familiar with the image of shepherd and sheep than we are because he used it so very often. The classic text where Jesus made extensive use of that image is in the gospel of John chapter 10. That is where our gospel of today comes from, as it is the case on every 4th Sunday of easter known as "Good Shepherd Sunday".

One of the lessons one may learn from the teaching of Jesus is that there is some kind of unwritten covenant between the shepherd and his sheep. The shepherd commits himself to care for the sheep, to lead them to fresh and green pastures (Psalm 23), to defend them against the wolf and other potential predators (John 10). The sheep, for their part, are expected to listen to the voice of the shepherd and follow where he leads. They are to follow him alone, and not strangers.

Jesus is the shepherd; we are his sheep. He has carried out his own part of the covenant with us to the letter. He cared for us to the point of laying down his life for us – literally – thereby freeing us from the clutches of the "wolf", the ultimate predator, our "Ancient Enemy", Satan himself. Now the question is, do we listen to our Shepherd? If we do, do we listen to him always or only when it suits us or it is convenient? If and when we do listen, do we follow where he leads? Or do we rather prefer to go where our own whims and caprices, appetites and fancies lead us? If we listen to our good shepherd and follow where he leads, he promises us eternal life, and we shall never be lost because no one will ever be able to steal us from him. "No one" includes Satan and all the forces of darkness and evil that serve his cause.

We Pray for the sick and housebound

John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. John Tunney. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Maria Morrissey, Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. John Reilly.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Memorial Anniversary: Andrew Dinan, Maureen Woods (4th) Joshie Linnecor. Joseph Lowe

Special Intention: Pope Leo XIV. For God's blessings, protection and safe delivery – For Harriet.

Birthday Remembrance Joshie Linnecor (30th), and for the souls of all the faithful departed.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. We are grateful to God for the gift and successful election of our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV. Let us remember him in our prayers that God will bless and be with him as he begins his papacy.
2. Please remember, there will be recitation of the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass throughout the month of May. Please come to Church early enough to participate in the Rosary. Anyone who would like to lead the Rosary on any day please do so.
3. **Good Shepherd Sunday - Prayer for Vocations.** As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, we invite you to join us in praying for priestly vocations to our diocese as we say: *Heavenly Father, in the great love you have for your people, we ask you to inspire men in our diocese to respond to your call to priestly life. Mould their hearts, Lord, after the Sacred Heart of your Son, so that they may grow in love and serve with joy. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*
4. **Funerals at St Mary's in the Month of May**
Patrick Murray RIP: Evening Reception on 13th May at 6:30 pm and Funeral Mass 14th May, 11:30 am
Mary McGlade RIP: Funeral Mass on Friday 16th May at 10:00 am
Nathan Sweeney RIP: Funeral Mass on Tuesday 20th May at 11:30 am
5. 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.
6. Volunteers are still welcome 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 make yourself known. Thank you
7. **Mary's Meals.** Please place any foreign currency or UK currency that is no longer legal tender in the baskets at the back of Church. This money will be sent to Mary's Meals to help feed less fortunate children in the World. Thank you
8. Registration of Children for First Holy Communion begins from today, May 11, 2025, and closes on May 31, 2025. Kindly obtain registration form after Mass at both St. Richards and St. Marys or from the Parish office on Mondays and Thursdays (10:00 am to 1:00 pm).
9. We are planning something very interesting and liturgical for our children in the parish. Parents, watch this space!

SEE YOU AT MASS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	5:00 pm St. Richard's	6:30 pm St. Mary's
Sunday:	9:30 am St. Richard's	11:00 am St. Mary's

Daily Masses

St. Mary's:	9:30 am – Tuesday & Thursday
10:00am – 11:00am	Exposition/Adoration & Mass on Saturday
10:15 – 10:45 am –	Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Richard's:	9:15 am on Wednesday only this week

Offertory collection for last week - St. Mary's £436.74 St. Richard's £262.26 TOTAL = £699

Thank you all for your generosity.