

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



Parishes of:

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. SUNDAY NOV. 16th, 2025

Mass Readings are on Page 164 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection:

The Sadducees were the ruling class of the Jewish society during the time of Jesus, and the high priest was always one of their number. Unfortunately, they did not believe in life after death, or, as our Gospel reading puts it today, they did not believe in the resurrection. They rather believed that once a person died, that was the end of him or her. He or she simply ceased to exist. Their opponents were the Pharisees and the Scribes, who were the religious elite. They believed in the resurrection. It was the Sadducees who took their case to Jesus. They probably suspected that Jesus too believed in the resurrection like the Pharisees and the Scribes.

And so, to prove him wrong, they told a fantastic story of a woman with exceptionally bad luck, who went through marriage to seven brothers in succession and managed to send them all to their grave without giving birth to a single child.

Jesus did not only confirm the suspicion of the Pharisees that he believed in the resurrection, but he also pointed out how very wrong their own position was. First, the woman in question would not be anybody's wife in the life after death since there would no longer be any marriages. Secondly, Moses, the greatest teacher of all Jewish people, including the Sadducees, referred to the Lord as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the present tense. He would not have done that if those three men had ceased to exist after their deaths. They must have still existed. Only then could the Lord be said to be their God in the present tense.

Belief in life after death is common to many religions. It is central to Christianity. St. Paul, in particular, insisted on it. He said, for instance, in 1 Corinthians 15:16-17: "For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins." That explains why belief in life after death is an article of the Christian Creed. We say that we believe "in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting

We Pray for the sick and housebound.

John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. John Reilly. Mary McVarnock. Joe Toth. James Nally and Vincent Foy.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

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

John Coyne. Winnie McDermott. Connie Wilson. Anne Scally. Kitty Foster. Adeo Alston Ekpei

Memorial Anniversary: Michael John Cassidy (1st) Etienne Francis Jaha.(6th) Constance B Vaz.
Peggy Gormley. Catherine Walsh.
(May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intentions: God's healing for Patrick Dinan and Nancy Reilly. Happy Birthday to Patick Dinan and to two children who celebrated their birthdays recently. In Thanksgiving.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Throughout the month of November, we remember The Holy Souls. Please return your envelopes and offerings and place in the white pot on the table at the back of the church. The White post box is for Mass intention envelopes for the week.
2. **Our Parish Mass of Remembrance is on Friday 21st November at 6:30pm in St Mary's.**
3. Thank you to everyone who took part in Our Children Liturgy last week, many parishioners commented how lovely the Mass was. We look forward to the next Children's Liturgy on 7th December 2025.
4. Parents, please register your Children as Readers, Ushers, hospitality, Choir, and Altar servers for 'Children Liturgy' in the parish. There will be a Children Liturgy on every First Sunday of each month. We ask for Adult Volunteers to help us in organizing and directing the Parish Children Liturgy. Please see or call Fr. Kris through the Parish telephone number.
5. Registration for the Parish RCIA programme, First Communion and Confirmation classes is now open. Kindly obtain your registration form after Mass on Sundays or contact the Parish office on 0161-248-8836 or by email info@stmaryslevenshulme.co.uk.
6. There will be a meeting to finalise the preparations for the Christmas Fair on Sunday 23rd November after 11am Mass in the Hall. The raffle tickets for the parish Christmas fair are available to buy before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses in the porch at both Churches. Donations for the tombola, chocolates, biscuits, bottles and new gift sets are welcome, they can be dropped off at Church before/after Mass.
7. The Parish needs volunteers: Sacristans, Children Liturgy coordinator, Catechist and Male Eucharistic Ministers. [Kindly call the parish office or see Fr. Kris. There is a list at the back of Church at St Marys for the "welcomers" please add your name to the list if you wish to remain/become a "welcomer" A new weekly list will be organised then.
8. **MISSIO (RED BOXES)** The **2026 Mission Today Calendar** is available on the table in the church porch to all box holders, promoters and all who make donations to Missio. If you have any donations you wish to hand in, will you please put in an envelope or bag bearing your **name and address** and marked **MISSIO** and leave in the Sacristy when you come to Church. If you are unable to bring your box to church to be emptied, please contact Winnie on **07806 994 626** or email her on **wnfrdocnnr@aol.com** On behalf of MISSIO, a big thank you to all Red Box holders and supporters for your donations throughout the year.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AT MASS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER

Usual 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

Weekday Masses

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