

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. SUNDAY NOV. 23rd, 2025

Mass Readings are on Page 167 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, as if to crown all the celebrations of the entire year. The full title of today's celebration is the "Solemnity of Christ the Universal King". What that means is that Christ is the King of the entire Universe, the Cosmos. He is King not only of the earth, but of all the planets and galaxies that populate the Universe. He is the King of all time, from the dawn of Creation until the end of the world. That is what the liturgy of Easter says about him: "Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega: all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and forever. Amen."

But is Christ really a king? His contemporaries must have thought that it was a huge joke. When Pontius Pilate placed above the dying Jesus the inscription, "This is the king of the Jews" he did not mean to be taken seriously. He probably just wanted to score a political point against the Jewish leaders by calling this joker their king. The soldiers who crucified him did not believe that he was a king either. That was why they challenged him to save himself if he was indeed the king of the Jews.

You can hardly blame all those people. There was really nothing about Jesus to suggest that he was a king, apart from the fact that he was descended from King David – and he was not the only person who could lay claim to that. The circumstances of his birth were anything but unusual. He was born in a stable, not in a royal palace. His parents were poor since they could only offer at his Presentation "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24). He grew up in a remote village that made Nathaniel ask, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46). He then went on to become a wandering teacher who had nowhere to lay his head (Matthew 8:20). How can such a person be a King?

But Jesus himself provided the answer when he told Pilate, "My kingdom is not from this world" (John 18:36). That is, his kingdom is not a worldly kingdom. His kingdom is not a territory or a geographical entity. It does not operate with the same laws as the kingdoms of this world. It does not have a constitution, written or unwritten. Rather, the supreme Law in that kingdom is Love, love of God above all things and love of one's neighbour as oneself. The relationship between the citizens of that kingdom is characterized by service, a kingdom where "whoever wishes to be great must be a servant to all" (Mark 10:43-44).

Where in this world can you find such a kingdom? It is to be found in the hearts of people. That is the kingdom Jesus came into the world to establish. In the words of Vatican II Council, it is "a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace".

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. Mary O'Brien. Eileen Duignan. Connie Wilson. John Rielly.

Memorial Anniversary: John Edward McLoughlin (18th) Patrick Byrne. John Johnson (4th)

(May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intentions: God's help for Kieran. Martina Hegarty. 90th Birthday Remembrance for Patrick Byrne

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. There will be a meeting to finalise the preparations for the Christmas Fair today (Sunday) 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.
2. Please note: NO MASS ON THURSDAY 27th AT ST MARY'S.
3. Funeral arrangements for the late John Coyne RIP are evening reception into St Richard's Church Wednesday 26th at 6:30pm. Funeral Mass on 27th November at 10:00am.
4. Next Children's Liturgy is on 7th December 2025.
5. 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.
6. 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.
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