

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA.

SUNDAY NOV. 9, 2025

Mass Readings are on Page 160 in the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: *WE ARE HIS TEMPLE*

God is Spirit. He does not live in buildings. In fact, he is everywhere. In every religion people have always set aside certain places for the worship of God. In the Old Testament we read about God giving precise instructions to the Israelites to set aside a specific place where they would worship him. Before then, while they wandered in the wilderness on their journey from Egypt to the promise land, it was a tent (tabernacle) and after they settled down in the Promise land, it was to be a Temple. God gave clear instructions as to what could be done. Essentially, the Temple was to be set aside exclusively for prayer; that is, worship, including sacrifice.

In the course of time, people began to do other things in the Temple that were not prayer, things that can be grouped under 'commerce' – buying and selling. But Jesus was not impressed. The Temple was simply not meant for commerce; they could have been done outside the Temple. This made Jesus to resolve in violence to drive home his point. The matter was serious.

Today, we Christians have buildings called "Churches". In the Catholic church we believe that all our churches are as holy, even holier than the Jewish Temple of old. The reason is that what goes on in our churches is far superior to what went on in the Jewish Temple. In the Temple the Jews offered sacrifices of animals. In our churches it is the very Son of God himself, our Lord Jesus Christ who offers himself in a single everlasting sacrifice to his Father. In addition, most of our churches have the real presence of Jesus in the blessed sacrament that is preserved in the tabernacle. This makes our churches much more house of prayers than the Jewish temple and deserve far more respect and reverence than we often accorded it with.

In today's Gospel passage, St. John speaks of the "sanctuary" that was the body of Jesus. That was the temple Jesus said he would rebuild in three days if the Jews destroyed it. In the same way the true and proper Church is the Body of Christ, the People of God, not any building of stone, marble or glass. That is what we hear St. Paul saying in today's second reading: "You are God's building", "Didn't you know that you were God's temple ..?"

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. Vera Kennedy. Gerrard Brennan. Michael Sheils. Bridie McLaughlin
Memorial Anniversary: Frances Maher (8th) Joshua Linnecor (1st) John Slevin.
(May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intentions: In loving memory of Pauline Thomas. Anonymous benefactor.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Throughout the month of November, we remember The Holy Souls. The lists of Our Parish departed family and friends are in the basket on the Altar. Please place your envelope in the basket or in the White post box ready for Our Parish Mass of Remembrance on Friday 21st November at 6:30pm in St Mary's. Please remember to place framed photos (size 8 x10 inches max) of loved ones on our Altar of Remembrance. Please place your name and number on the back to the Photo.
2. Our Children Liturgy begins today November 9th, 2025, "Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica". The pupils of St. Mary's School and St. Richard's and their parents/teachers will be at the 11am Mass at St Mary's Church where the children will do the readings, be ushers, welcomers and do the singing. We thank the headteachers, teachers and the parents for their support and making this Liturgy a reality.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. We appreciate and thank those who have registered for the Gift Aid. We had 7 additional people registering after the Finance committee's appeal. We encourage more people to register for the Gift Aid donation.
7. The Parish needs volunteers as : Sacristans, Children Liturgy coordinator, Catechist and Male Eucharistic Ministers. [Kindly call the parish office or see Fr. Kris

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