

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 1ST MARCH 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 155 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him, as the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33), for today, encourages us to do.

The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting evil when the evil one incites us to disobey the will of God and to choose to serve ourselves as gods turning our backs on God, rejecting His Love, Grace and salvation — and then yielding ourselves more completely to the evil one's ways and lies.

The Holy Mass, then is the best defence against the barrages of temptations for it provides us with an inexhaustible source a source of grace for renewing our lives during Lent and of strengthened protection against temptations at repeated attacks of the evil one. In addition, should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day.

Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings the sinner back to the path of holiness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, received in Faith, gains for the recipient complete spiritual healing, forgiveness for all our sins and whatever kind of Physical healing God knows will be best for us at that time.

(A message of hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased." Our Lenten penance will lead us to Easter joy.

We Pray for the sick and housebound.

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

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

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

Martin Murphy. Ester Regan. Annie O'Kane. Nancy Lavin

Memorial Anniversary: Thomas Colleran. Margaret Caulfield (4th)

Birthday Remembrance: Margaret Caulfield

Special Intentions: Private intention for a Parishioner. Joe Toth

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **Fridays during Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6pm in St Marys. Friday is traditionally dedicated to the remembrance of Christ's passion and death.**
2. There is a new email address for parents to register their child/children to be part of Children's Liturgy. The email must include names, phone number, address and email and include which ministry your child wishes to be part of, eg reading, choir, ushering.
3. We are having an Easter Raffle to raise funds for our Churches. This weekend raffle tickets will be sold at both Churches before and after each weekend Mass. There are a variety of prizes for example £100 cash, Easter eggs, Bottle of Baileys, United and City footballs and many more!!
4. After 11am Mass every Sunday breakfast is available to buy in the Hall at St Mary's, tea/coffee, toast, bacon or sausage sandwich. Everyone is welcome.
5. CAFOD Family Fast Day was Friday 27th February. CAFOD envelopes are at the back of Church please take one and return them to Church any weekend during Lent.
6. Anyone interested in joining The Legion of Mary in the Parish, please speak to Fr Kris. If there are enough people interested more information will be shared as soon as possible.
7. Lourdes - Diocesan Youth Group. Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community and grow in your faith? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel). Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for details of how to register.
8. Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon? If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to our 'Come and See' event. This is a chance to discuss and learn more about the ministry. This event takes place between 10:00am - 2:00pm on Saturday 7 March at St Mary's Church Hall Burnley, BB10 4AU. There is a Mass at 9:30am for those that wish to attend. For more information about the Diaconate, please email diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or visit the diocesan website here: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/permanent-diaconate/
9. Pope Leo has announced from 10th January 2026 until 10th January 2027 will be a Franciscan Jubilee Year to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.
To gain a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year our Parish has been invited to visit Ladywell Shrine on Saturday 23rd May, pick up from St Marys at 9:15am and should return approx. 3:15pm You need to be able to walk a quarter of a mile and bring a packed lunch. Anyone interested in joining must pay £20 in an envelope with your name and address to Christine Roache asap. See flyer in the porch.
10. There are several events organised regarding St Patricks Day. For full details of each event, including tickets, head to [St. Patricks Day | ICC Manchester](#)

Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses' Check the points in the newsletter for any changes to Mass times.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm @ St. Richard's 6:30pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday Masses: 9:30am @ St. Richard's 11:00am @ St. Mary's

Baptism: 12:30pm First and Third Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's

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Weekday Masses: St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday

St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday

EXPOSITION/ADORATION: SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am

Sacrament of reconciliation: @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am