

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



## Parishes of:

St. Mary of the Angels & St. Clare Church, Elbow St, Levenshulme, M19 3PY

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Mass Readings are on Page 133 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.**

### **Reflection: MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

When first you think of it, salt and light seem to have nothing in common. But they do, in fact have one thing in common that is quite striking; and that is, they make a difference.

And the difference that they make is a positive one. Salt brings out the flavour in your food, while light brightens your surroundings. Without salt, food can be quite tasteless, insipid. In the absence of light, it is impossible to see any colours. The only colour that you see, if you choose to call it so, is black, pitch black.

When Jesus says in today's gospel passage, therefore, that his disciples are "salt of the earth" and "light of the world", he is saying that they are supposed to make the kind of difference that salt and light make: a positive difference wherever they find themselves. Wherever a disciple of Christ is present, there should be a difference, and that difference should be clear. But it is important that it be a positive difference, a difference for good. It is all too easily the case that someone can make a difference, and that difference is a decidedly negative one, a difference for evil. That is not the kind of difference that a disciple of Christ should be making.

What all that means in concrete terms is that we who are disciples of Christ should be constantly engaged in making the part of the world that we find ourselves better than we found it. that is true even of the family that divine Providence has placed us in. What can we do to make our family better, to improve the lot of each and every member of our family but not to the detriment of other families? That is to say, while I am striving to make my family better, I must take great care not to make other people's families worse in the process. The same things can be said about my place of work. How can I create a better, more conducive atmosphere in my workplace?

Similar things can and should be said about our faith community, our local Church, and, especially, our nation. Christians need to be constantly engaged in building a better nation, a nation that is not merely materially prosperous, economically sound, but one that is founded on sound moral principles, such as justice, equity, freedom, respect for human rights, accountability, probity, fear of the Lord, and, above all, Love. If more and more Christians take it upon themselves to be salt and light in these different ways, then indeed will their light shine in the sight of men and women too.

### **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:**

Michael Thomas Kane. Martin Murphy.

**Memorial Anniversary:** Frank McGrath (16<sup>th</sup>) Kathleen Coyne (21<sup>st</sup>) John Ward and Raymond Sweeney (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Special Intentions:** Happy Birthday to Fr Kris. Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to a wonderful Parishioner and Happy Birthday to Isobel. Mulligan Family. Ryan Family. Kathleen Gallogly and Private intentions for 2 Parishioners

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Please keep Fr Kris in your prayers as Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>) is his birthday.
2. After 11am Mass every Sunday there is breakfast served in the Hall at St Mary's, tea/coffee, bacon or sausage sandwich for a small charge. Everyone is welcome, families, couples, friends or you can go in alone and meet and chat with other parishioners.
3. 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.
4. Pope Leo has announced from 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2027 will be a Franciscan Jubilee Year to commemorate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. The faithful can receive a plenary indulgence during this year for more information visit: Decree of the Franciscan Jubilee Year.
5. For those on the RCIA programme weekly meetings will be held, next one is 12/2/26 at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. There will be 12 sessions. For young people who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation meetings will be held every 3 weeks in the Parish Meeting Room, next one is 25/2/26 each will last one and a half hours and there will be 7 sessions in total using the Diocesan Programme.

## ***Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses'***

*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

**12:00 pm First and Third Saturday of the month @ St. Richard's**

**Weekday Masses:**      *St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday*  
                                  *St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday*

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

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