

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 8TH MARCH 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 158 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: Today's readings are centred on Baptism and new life. *Living Water* represents God's Holy Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the *living water* of Divine Grace. We are assembled here in the Church to drink this *water* of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are challenged by today's Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give.

We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the *living water of the Holy Spirit*. Let us find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy Bible, especially during this Lenten season.

We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for "unwanted" people.

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 McNenny. 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:

Anna Marie Gaugags. Nancy Lavin. Aileen Monaghan. Mountaha Fakhay.

Months Mind: Mary Brennan

Memorial Anniversary: Edward Leavy (2nd)

Birthday Remembrance: Thomas Hamilton. John Johnson. William Sheehan.

Special Intentions: Alice Ellis. Pam Kent-Brown. Bernadette and John Corrigan

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. Funeral Mass for Aileen Monaghan RIP is Thursday 19th March at 10am in St Marys.**
4. 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!!
5. 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.
6. CAFOD envelopes are at the back of Church please take one and return them to Church any weekend during Lent. When crops fail, families go hungry because the land they depend on for food can no longer sustain them due to floods. CAFOD is assisting farmers to farm on floating gardens in order to have food all year round.
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. 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.
9. 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