

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026.**

**Mass Readings are on Page 164 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.**

**Reflection:** By describing the anointing of David as the second King of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. It reminds us that those whom God involves in his saving plans are not necessarily those whom the world perceives as great.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light "*to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*"

In today's Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 23), we celebrate the care of God, our Good Shepherd, who keeps us safe in the darkness of this world. Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of being willing to have our eyes opened by Faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision.

In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision about God, about ourselves and about others.

Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should help to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God, and love them as our own brothers and sisters, saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

**We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness.** We all have blind-spots — in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We are often blind to the presence of the Triune God dwelling within us and fail to appreciate His presence in others.

We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, hardness of heart, and the like.

### **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. Peggy Sweeney.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

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

Aileen Monaghan. Mountaha Fakhay. Phil Connery

**Memorial Anniversary:** Benny Gallagher. Bridie Rochford (39<sup>th</sup>) Michael Farrelly (20<sup>th</sup>) Michael and Geraldine Moran.

**Special Intentions:** Berna Cahill. God's healing for Peggy Sweeney. Prayers for Christina Sheils and Philomena Johnson on Mother's Day. Bridget and James Mulherin. Lilley Mulherin. Tony Moran.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Peggy Sweeney wishes to thank everybody for their prayers and requests you continue to remember her when praying for a speedy and full recovery.
2. **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.**
3. 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.
4. **Funeral Mass for Aileen Monaghan RIP is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in St Marys.**
5. 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!!
6. **MISSIO (RED BOXES)** The **Spring Magazine** 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 [wnfrdocnrr@aol.com](mailto:wnfrdocnrr@aol.com) On behalf of MISSIO, a big thank you to all Red Box holders and supporters for your donations throughout the year.
7. 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.
8. 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 29<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for details of how to register.
9. 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.  
**To gain a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year our Parish has been invited to visit Ladywell Shrine on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**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

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

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