

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026.**

**Mass Readings are on Page 170 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.**

### **Reflection:**

Jesus made some very powerful, almost outrageous statements during his lifetime on earth. One of them is contained in our Gospel passage of today. He told Martha, “I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Jesus then went ahead to raise Lazarus back to life physically. But that could not have been what he meant. He could not have meant that anyone who believed in him would not die physically, since, obviously, countless believers in Jesus have died physically since he made that statement. Even if Jesus did not raise Lazarus back to life physically, what he said would still have been valid.

What Jesus meant was the same thing that the Apostle Paul would later confess in his first letter to the Corinthians: “We will not all die, but we will all be changed...For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.” (1 Co. 15:51-53). Those who believe in Jesus do not die they are transformed. They close their eyes to this world only to open them to eternity. That is what people nowadays refer to more and more as “Transition”. For us believers, death is but a transition from one form of life to a superior, everlasting form of life.

By his own death and resurrection, Jesus gained victory over death, not just for himself, but for us as well. In the words of St. Paul again, “Death is swallowed up in victory. Where O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting? (1 Corinthians 15:54-55) that is why Jesus is the “Resurrection and the Life”, and the reason we proclaim with firm conviction: “Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in |Glory.

### **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:**

Nancy Lavin.

**Memorial Anniversary:** Dominick Gallagher. John Brennan (5<sup>th</sup>)

**Special Intentions:** Paul Walls. God’s healing for Peggy Sweeney and Noreen Kelly. Philomena Johnson. Happy Belated 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Alfin Bevera. John Dwyer. Gallagher Family. Fr Kris’s Intentions

## 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. **Please Our Parish needs volunteers in particular readers, Eucharistic Ministers and to help the ladies in the hall especially for breakfast after Sunday Mass.**
3. **Lenten Confessions will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm in St Marys.**
4. **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.
5. **Please know that the Parish office will be closed for Easter break from Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April an reopen on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**
6. Anyone wishing to have a Mass offered, please complete the white envelope at the back of Church and place it in the white post box. Please include the name and the intention required. If it's a birthday, please put RIP if the person is deceased. The newsletter is prepared on a Thursday for the following week.
7. 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  
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:** SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am  
**Sacrament of reconciliation:** @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am

### *Parish Sacred Tridium Celebrations*

*Holy Thursday Mass in St Richard's 6pm and St Mary's 8pm  
Good Friday Stations of The Cross at 12 noon in St Mary's.  
Veneration of the Cross at 3pm in both Churches.  
Holy Saturday Mass St. Richard's 6pm and St Mary's 8pm  
Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection  
St Richard's 9:30 am and St Mary's 11am.*