

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 255 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Theme of our Reflection: “Forgiveness of sins”

The most controversial of all the seven sacraments has been *Reconciliation* (or *Penance*, as it is also known). I believe the real reason is that it involves confession of sins. People don't enjoy confessing their sins for the simple reason that sins are nothing to be proud about. In fact, we are ashamed of our sins, and we would prefer to keep them under lock and key, without disclosing them to anyone. The opponents of Reconciliation often say there is no biblical basis for it, but the truth is that the biblical evidence for Reconciliation is far stronger than that of several other sacraments that are not controversial.

That evidence can be found in our Gospel reading of today: *“Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.”* It is clear from this statement that the risen Christ gave authority to his Church, through the Holy Spirit, over the sins of her members: to forgive or retain them. Jesus did not, of course, spell out the details of how that authority was to be exercised. It was left to the Church to work that out. And that is precisely what the Church has done down through the ages. The manner of exercising the Church's authority over the sins of her members has evolved over the centuries but one feature, however, has remained constant: the exercise of that authority has always been entrusted to ordained ministers of the Church, first Bishops only, and later, priests as well. Even deacons who are ordained too have never had the faculty to administer the sacrament of Reconciliation in the Catholic Church.

How well Jesus knew human nature. He knew that even after we have become his disciples, we would still be liable to fall, again and again. He saw it happen to Peter and to Judas Iscariot. He knew that it would happen to the succeeding generations of his disciples. Typically, he provided a remedy for the sins that his disciples might commit during the course of time. That remedy is the sacrament of reconciliation.

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.

Mary Lowe

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Kate Egan. Margaret Byrne
Anne Papadatos.

Memorial Anniversary: Evelyn and John Macklin. Mary Loughrey (40th)

Special Intentions: God's healing for Mary Grealy. In memory of the Macklin Family.

Birthday Remembrance: Marie Clerkin.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Eater Raffle. The raffle made £443 for our Parish. The winning tickets are:**
1st Prize - £100 - Pink ticket 301-305, serial number: AD114647 - prize claimed.
2nd Prize - Easter Egg Hamper - Blue ticket 131-135, serial number: AD291334 - prize claimed.
3rd Prize - City Football - Blue ticket 166-170, serial number: AD291334 - prize claimed.
4th Prize - Bottle of Bailey's - Yellow ticket 221-225, serial number: AD118094 - prize claimed.
5th Prize - Toiletries - Orange ticket 396-400, serial number: AD118584 - prize claimed.
6th Prize - 2 Easter Eggs - Pink ticket 361-365, serial number: AD114647 - prize claimed.
7th Prize - Bunny in a basket - Orange ticket 451-455, serial number: AD124892 - **prize unclaimed as yet**
(please can MCM contact Fiona on: 07748516898 to arrange collection/drop off).
8th Prize - Bottle of Prosecco - Pink ticket 441-445, serial number: AD114647 - **prize unclaimed as yet** (please can winner contact Fiona on: 07748516898 to arrange collection/drop off)
- 2. Tuesday 14th April at 11am Funeral Mass for the late Margaret Byrne RIP in St Marys.
Wednesday 15th April at 12:45 Funeral Mass for the late Anne Papdatos RIP in St Marys.**
The funerals will not affect our normal Mass times.
- 3. Fr Kris's colleague from the Missionaries of St Paul will visit our Parish to appeal for funds weekend of 9th and 10th of May.**
- 4. 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.**
- 5. 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.**

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***