

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER- SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 258 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Theme of our Reflection: WALK WITH JESUS

After the arrest of Jesus and subsequent death of Jesus, the group of his disciples was thrown into disarray, total confusion. All of a sudden, the man on whom they had pinned their hopes for the future was no more. It was time to go home and pick up the pieces of their lives where they had left them. Two of the disciples were doing that, when a stranger joined them on the road and began to walk and talk with them.

Knowing fully well that Jesus was dead and buried, the last person they expected to be walking with them was him. They only recognized him when they saw him break bread in his own unique and distinctive way. This is the story of many Christians today; we want to see Jesus. Many of us would travel long distances and spend huge sums of money to go and see him if we heard that he was appearing somewhere. But the truth is that Jesus is walking with us all the time. We do not recognize him because he is not coming as we imagined he would come in a blinding blaze of light with thunderous sound of a thousand trumpets. Instead, he comes obscurely without a sound in the neighbour walking by our side.

Jesus made it abundantly clear in Matthew 25:31-46 that we should see him particularly in the poor, the needy, the oppressed and the marginalized of this world: "Truly I tell you, just as you did (did not do) it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did (did not do) it to me." Tragically, many of us do not recognize Jesus in these people even at the breaking of bread, unlike the disciples at Emmaus. That is why a brother, or sister can sit beside us at Sunday Mass (that is what the early Christians knew as the "breaking of bread") and be seriously hurting or in severe want, and we don't even notice. We will exchange the sign of peace with him or her and there is no peace in the life of that brother or sister.

Jesus indeed walks with us- all the time. If we only had eyes of faith, we would recognize him in the brother or sister sitting beside us in the pew at the breaking of bread or nay where else around the parish, in our neighbourhood, even in the bus, in the train or our places of work or business.

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. Joe Toth. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Peggy Sweeney. Mary Lowe. JJ Coyne

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Kathleen Egan.

Mary McVarnock. Bridget Naughton. Ray Cairns. Michael Makinson. Mary Gallagher.

Months Mind Joe Mulligan

Memorial Anniversary: Frank McEllin. James Gillen. Gerry Mackrell. Paul Sammut. Hannah Johnson

Special Intentions: The Welsh Family. JJ Coyne. Peggy Sweeney

Easter Remembrance: John and Philomena Johnson.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **Another £46 was received towards the Parish Easter raffle this week, so the grand total raised is £489. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Easter Raffle.**
2. **Funeral Mass for the late Mary McVarnock RIP will be held at St Marys on 6th May at 10am.**
3. **SPUC Pro-Life Chain 2026**
Please join us in a peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt, by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. This peaceful act of witness spreads the message that abortion kills unborn children and hurts women and families.
When? Saturday 25th April, 11am - 1pm
Where? Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA
If you have any queries, please contact Michael on 07810 791032
4. **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.**
5. **Parishioners are invited to the Salford Diocesan Mission Mass on Saturday 30th May 2026 at 2pm, in the Temporary Cathedral, Great George Street, Salford M3 6 EH. With Bishop Arnold and representatives of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Light refreshments will be served in the cloisters after Mass. Free parking is available in the Cathedral car park in Ford Street M3 6DP.**
To assist with planning, if possible, please RSVP by 22nd May email rebox@missio.org.uk or tel: 02078219755
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 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