

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 251 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection:

RESURRECTION, CORE OF CHRISTIANITY.

The resurrection is at the Centre of the Christian Faith! As Christians, we are a “Resurrection People”! St. Paul made that point quite emphatically long ago to the Christians of Corinth: “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.” (1 Corinthians 15:14-18).

If Jesus had only lived, taught people, performed miracles, suffered and died, without rising from the dead, his would have been another case of a good man who came sadly to a tragic end. And there are numerous examples of such men in history. The philosopher Socrates was of them. Mahatma Gandhi would be more recent representative of that illustrious group. The difference in the case of Jesus is that he did not remain dead; he rose from the dead, never again to die. And that is a big difference, big enough to draw the line between who is a Christian and who is not, who is a disciple of Christ and who is not.

It follows that Jesus did not redeem the world only by suffering and dying on the cross. He redeemed the world by rising from the dead. By dying he destroyed death alright, but it was by rising that he restored life to us, as we say in one of our Consecration Acclamations at Mass.

All this goes to explain why Easter, not Christmas, is the prier celebration in the entire Christian Calendar. It explains the long period of preparation for Easter, explains why Easter is not a one day or week celebration, but a fifty-day celebration that ends with Pentecost, which, incidentally, is the second most important celebration in the Christian Calendar. It finally explains why belief in the resurrection is altogether crucial to the Christina faith and why it is impossible to deny the resurrection and still be a Christian.

Wishing you and your families a Joyful and Blessed Easter.

Alleluia, HE IS RISEN INDEED, Alleluia!

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: Rev Stephen O'Connor.

Anne Papadatos

Memorial Anniversary: Pat Murry (1st) Padraig McGuire (15th) Freya Durkin (4th) Chris McEntee. Tom, Delia, Tom and John Mitchell. Jim Farragher. Isabelle Mc Connor (2nd)

Special Intentions: God's healing for Peggy Sweeney and James Coyne. Marie and Phelim Clerkin.

Birthday Remembrance: Freya Durkin.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **There is no breakfast served in the hall this morning (Easter Sunday). Back to normal next week.**
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. Donations to CAFOD will be sent next week, anyone wishing to make an offering please place your offering in the CAFOD envelopes at the back of Church and place them in the collection. Thank you
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. **Please know that the Parish office will be closed for Easter break from Easter Monday 6th April and reopen on Monday 13th 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 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