

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 26th JULY 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 108 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: THEME: PRICELESS KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God, according to Jesus in the gospel reading of today, it is priceless. Its value is so great that one should be prepared to sell all of one's possessions in order to acquire it. Last Sunday and the one before it, Jesus was a farmer, using the language of agriculture to describe the kingdom of heaven. Today, he is a businessman, a merchant, using the language of commerce to describe the same kingdom. When a businessman sees a good deal, he is prepared to sell all his assets in order to clinch it. If the worth of his assets is not sufficient to seal the deal, he will go and borrow money from the bank.

According to Jesus, the kingdom of heaven is the best deal there ever can be. That is why one should be prepared to dispose of all of one's possessions in order to acquire it. What that means in concrete terms is that one should prefer the kingdom of heaven to all of one's possessions, and all our possessions in this world are nothing compared to the kingdom of heaven. So that if we owned the entire world but did not have the kingdom of heaven with it, all our possessions would be worthless.

There is nothing wrong with having earthly possessions. If we have them, we do no wrong. They are even blessings from the Lord. We only must make sure that we have the kingdom of heaven as well, and that our quest for earthly possessions does not come between us and our possession of the kingdom of heaven. If we have to sacrifice either of them, it will be our earthly possessions, never the kingdom of heaven. The words of Jesus again come to mind: "What, then, will anyone gain by winning the whole world and forfeiting his life? Or what can anyone offer in exchange for his life?" (Matthew 16:26)

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. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Peggy Sweeney. JJ Coyne. Bernadette McLaughlin. Dr Peter Harrison. **May God grant them good health of mind and body.**

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Frances Langdon. Martin Cosgrove. Marie Brennan
Memorial Anniversary: Edward and Martin Bell. Nellie O'Dowd. Patrick Doherty. Maura Keane (27th).

Birthday Remembrance: Annette Ryan

Special Intention: For Kevin

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Kindly remember that our parish fun/fundraising day is today immediately after the 11:00am Mass. Please don't go away, be part of the parish family and support as much as you can.
2. If anyone has a special petition and wishes for it to be prayed for at the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes, kindly write them and enclosed it in an envelope and drop it in the basket provided at the back of the church. you don't need to write your name on the petition.
3. Kindly note, the Parish office is open for business on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Other days of the week except Mondays (Fr's Day Off) kindly call or send an email to info@stmaryslevenshulme.co.uk for an appointment if you wish to see Fr. Kris. Thank you.
4. The Funeral Mass for the late Frances Langdon RIP will be at St Richard's on Wednesday 29th July at 12 noon.
5. The Annual Cemetery Mass will take place on Monday 31st August at 12 noon outside the Catholic Chapel in Southern Cemetery. Please provide your own chair if you require one. If its raining Mass will take place in St Ambrose Church.
6. Bingo is held every Sunday at 8pm in the lounge in the Hall, everyone is welcome to attend, bring your friends or come alone and make new friends.

7. Message received from Fr Ahern

Dear Fr Kris, Parish Committee, Parishioners, Manchester friends,

My sincerest thanks for a celebration beyond anything I expected and anything I deserved. The Mass, the music, the attendance and participation left nothing to be desired. The Diocese of Salford and particularly the parish of St Mary of the Angels Levenshulme is close to my heart. I am eternally grateful for all that it means to me. May 'St Mary's' continue to flourish. Renewed thanks to Fr Kris

God's choicest Blessings on all

Fr John Ahern

8. You can now pay your donations to Church by using the card machine at the back of Church or by scanning this QR code on your phone. You then follow the simple instructions.



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

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