

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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### **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026.**

**Mass Readings are on Page 99 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.**

#### **Reflection: THEME: "COME TO ME...SHOULDER MY YOKE"**

Human nature is such that people always want to take the easy way out if they can find it. If they can make money, a lot of it, without working for it, they will be very happy. That is the reason probably behind all the dishonesty, fraud, and outright theft that we find in every society the world over. The same attitude can be seen in people who believe they can achieve salvation merely by wishing it or, as they like to delude themselves, merely by believing strongly that they have it already, no matter what kind of life they are living.

All that does not align with the teachings of Jesus. His teaching is that people must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him (Matthew 16:24). In other words, there is no free lunch in Christianity, no easy road to salvation, indeed no easy road to anything. That is what Jesus means by asking his disciples to shoulder his yoke, as we read in today's gospel passage. A lot of people find that very demanding and yes, Christianity is tough religion and very demanding. It calls for self-denial; a great deal of personal sacrifice and many people are not prepared to make such sacrifices. They will rather, lie, cheat, defraud and probably listen more to self-styled men of God (Prosperities Preachers) who promises and preaches success without sweat, Christianity without the cross.

The truth that they may or may not discover is that the demands of Christianity are not, after all, as tough as those of the other masters that they have taken upon themselves. Christianity is far more liberating than they thought it was enslaving. It is the other things that they have subjected themselves to that are truly enslaving. And Christianity – true, authentic Christianity – is there to free them from such enslavement, if, but only if they prepared to take on the yoke of Christ that it entails. That is when they will find real, abiding rest for their souls, as Jesus promises in today's gospel passage.

**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:** Mary Rowe. Declan Hynes. Mary Smith. Marie Brennan

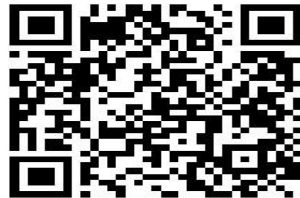
**Memorial Anniversary:** Jimmy Connors (4<sup>th</sup>) Margaret McDermott (21<sup>st</sup>) Bridie Terry (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Months Mind:** Mary Rowe

**Special Intention:** Fr Kris as he celebrates 27 years in the Priesthood

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

1. **This weekend we will have a second collection for a gift from the Parish to mark Fr Aherns' Diamond Jubilee of his ordination.**  
Fr Ahern will celebrate Mass at St Marys on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm. Followed by refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you for the donations so far.
2. St Richard's RC Primary School is currently seeking two new Foundation Governors to take up the role from September 2026. The main role of a governing body is at a strategic level, holding leadership to account; overseeing financial performance and setting the budget; managing admissions criteria; and being involved in recruiting to the most senior roles. Being a foundation governor involves attending on average three full governing body meetings per year as well as serving on a committee focusing on issues such as staff pay, or admissions. Free training is provided by the diocese. It is an important and rewarding role. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Kris.
3. Every **Sunday there is Bingo in the Parish Lounge at 8pm.** You can come with friends or come alone and meet other parishioners, everyone is welcome.
4. The Funeral Mass for the late Mary Smith RIP will be held at St Peters Church, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA on 7<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon.
5. Stop **assisted suicide being brought back:** Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. **Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here:** <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>
6. **CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal.** You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: [cafod.org.uk/Venezuela](http://cafod.org.uk/Venezuela) or call 0300 999 0030 Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.
7. **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***

***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***