

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



Incorporating the Parishes of:
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 8th September 2024.

Reflection: Towards the end of the liturgy of baptism, there is a little rite where the celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the newly baptized person and says: *“The Lord Jesus made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. May he (soon) touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of Gpd the Father.”*

That ceremony repeats the gesture of Jesus when he opened the ears of a deaf man and loosened the ligament of his tongue to enable him to speak clearly, as we read in our Gospel story today. There is of course, a significant difference: the man in the Gospel story was physically deaf and dumb; that is, he could neither hear nor utter a spoken word. So, Jesus gave him the power to hear and speak physically. In the case of baptism, the recipients are not normally physically deaf and dumb; that is, they can hear what people are saying as well as speak themselves. Therefore, the gesture by the celebrant is not intended to make them hear and speak physically. It is intended to make them hear and speak the WORD OF GOD in a more than merely physical sense.

Someone would be deaf to the word of God if he/she refused to listen to it, those who found the word of God simply offensive (atheists or agnostics), people of other religion who are hostile to Christianity. Others include those who refuse to do what the word tells them. Regrettably, many of these are among us who profess the Christian faith today. Where dumbness in relation to the word of God is concerned would apply to people who make no effort to communicate that word to others.

What the Church needs in this, and every age are Christians who both hear the WORD OF GOD in such a way that its effects can be seen in their lives and are committed to the task of spreading that WORD to all and sundry. Are you in that group of people?

Pray for the Sick and Housebound. Michael Cassidy. John Fitzgerald. Mary Reilly. Liam Toland. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. John Tunney.

We pray the Good Lord will strengthen and comfort all the sick and we pray also for all who care for the sick and elderly.

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

John Jordan. James Clarke. Robert Kavanagh. Noel Golden. Mary Pearson. Teresa Davin

Memorial Anniversary Mary Neary. Patricia Currid. Mary McGee (3rd)

Offertory collection – Sunday 1.9.2024

St. Mary's: £573.56 St. Richard's: £148.94 Total: **£722.50** Thank you for your offerings.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Fr Kris is in desperate need of a car. If anyone has a car they are selling and it is in good condition or have a car that they would like to donate to Fr, please speak to him.
2. St Mary's RC Primary School: have 4 open mornings planned for the autumn term. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to come and visit our school when they are considering a school place for their child. Open mornings for parent/carers considering a place for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2025. These will take place from 9am to 10am on: Thursday 3rd October Thursday 17th October Thursday 7th November Thursday 28th November. Please ring Mrs Kent-Brown, in the school office, on 0161 224 5995 to book onto a date that suits you.
3. Completed forms for names to be placed on the sick list can be left in the post box at the back of church or handed in at the office.
4. This week the second collection is for the Catholic Education Service. Next week the second collection is for Home Missions.
5. School feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are looking to recruit some new Parish Reps to raise awareness of their mission and help reach more hungry children with food & hope for the future. This is a highly rewarding role, with a very low time commitment. Responsibilities include sharing information & giving updates on Mary's Meals to your parish community. For more info please contact Fran Lawson by email: fran.lawson@marysmeals.org or call 0800 698 1212. Thank you for your support!
6. **Diocese Pilgrimage to Rome 2025:** There are a number of pilgrimages to celebrate the 2025 pilgrims of Hope Jubilee including pilgrimage to Rome in September led by Bishop John which is now open. Please call 0161 773 2115 or visit <https://www.northernstartravel.com/Tours/Rome> to book.
7. Items for the newsletter can be left in the post box at the back of church, contact the Parish Office on 0161-248-8836 or email info@stmaryslevenshulme.co.uk by noon on Thursday each week.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday 7th	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Pearson RIP
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	
Sunday 8th	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Noel Golden RIP James Clarke RIP
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	
Monday 9th	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday 10th	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Teresa Davin RIP
Wednesday 11th	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	John Jordan RIP
Thursday 12th	9:30am	St Mary's	Mass	Robert Kavanagh RIP
Friday 13th	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Sick Of the Parish
Saturday 14th	10am	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Mary Neary Anniversary
	11am		Mass	