

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



Incorporating the Parishes of:

St. Mary of the Angels & St. Clare Church, Elbow St, Levenshulme, M19 3PY St. Richard Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Longsight, M12 5TN

Parochial Administrator: Fr. Kris Louis Aneke, MSP

Hospital Chaplain: Fr. Martin Dowd

Website: www.stmaryslevenshulme.co.uk Email: info@stmaryslevenshulme.co.uk Tel: 01618436907

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 3rd November 2024.

Reflection "LET ME SEE AGAIN"

Ask anyone which of the five senses he or she is least prepared to lose. It is certain that most of the people would say it is the sense of sight. It is bad enough to be deaf, not being able to hear sounds. But it is nowhere as bad as being blind, not being able to see colours or where you are going. The same thing can be said of the senses of taste, smell and touch. Ask anyone to choose between any of them and the sense of sight would win any day. All that goes to underline the value of the sense of sight to a human person. Although, blindness is more serious condition in someone who was once able to see than in another person who was born blind, a person who was born blind has no idea of what he is missing, the latter knows what he has lost and what he is missing after going blind.

The blind man, Bartimaeus, in today's Gospel passage asked Jesus that he might see again. Therefore, he must have been seeing before going blind. That is to say, he was not born blind. We can therefore appreciate the enormity of what Jesus did for him. It was like giving him back his life. When the blind beggar, Bartimaeus hears that Jesus was near, he shouts his prayer of help: "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me," some of those following Jesus resented his disturbance, so they told him to keep quiet. It was his prayer of help that stops Jesus and all who were following him, and he was brought to Jesus on his command, "Courage," they say: Get up; he is calling you." Jesus asked the question of all questions: "What do you want me to do for you?" when the blind man's prayer of help was heard, Jesus heals him and compliments him for a faith that saved him. Saved by faith, he uses his new sight to follow Jesus along the road.

The healing in the gospel was made possible because of a prayer made in faith. He expressed his pain in faith through his prayer and believed in a God who pays attention. Bartimaeus, the blind man focused on Jesus, ignoring all other advice. He gave his undivided attention to Jesus and Jesus returned the compliment.

Faith is that desire to speak honestly and frankly to God. Faith is when we express and find a language to express our pain, our loss and our fear to God who is watching, who is attentive and listening to us. The Good News is that the Father hears that prayer of our faith so, prayer of lamenting is not useless exercise; it is a prayer that reaches the heart of God.

Pray for the Sick and Housebound. Michael Cassidy. John Fitzgerald. Liam Toland. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. John Tunney. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Maria Morrissey, Margaret McAteer. Mary McGlade. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene and Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn.

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. Doreen Davies. Fr Brendan Curley. Maud Deay

Anniversary: Patrick Joseph Lyons (35th) Apoline Gajanan (1st) Olufunke Kayoma (12th) Margaret Grogan.

Joseph Kelly.

Happy Birthday: Cyril Corcoran on 1st November

Special Intentions; Duffy McFlow families and McFlow Deceased Family members

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1.** The draw for the Church Fund Raffle took place last Sunday in the Parish Centre. Fr Dever kindly picked the 3 winning tickets. 1st Prize of £200 - ticket number 189 – unfortunately there is no name or contact number on this ticket (we believe it was sold at St Richard’s Church) - please contact St Mary’s office on 0161 248-8836 if this is your ticket, you will have to produce the ticket please.
2nd Prize of £100 - ticket number 19 - this was won by Tim White
3rd Prize - £50 - ticket number 111 - this was won by Damien O’Dowd.
Thank you to everyone who bought tickets a total of £1160 was raised
- 2.** The next meeting regarding our Christmas Fair will be on Sunday 10th November after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre, please attend if you can as we need lots of volunteers to make it a success.
If you can help out on the day of the Christmas Fair (1st December) but cannot attend the meeting please let Peggy Sweeney know.
- 3.** You are invited to bring a framed photo (max size 8x10 inches) of any departed loved ones to display on our Altar of Remembrance throughout the month of November. Please include contact info on the back of the frame (name and number.)
The Mass of Remembrance for our loved ones will be held in St Mary’s Church on Thursday 28th of November at 7pm. The envelopes for the November list of the dead are available at the back of Church. Please complete the list and place it and your offering in the envelope and place it in the White Post Box at the back of Church.
- 4.** Posters in the porch regarding Caritas Mass of Remembrance will be held on 13th November and a pilgrimage to Walsingham departing from St Alphonsus Church in Old Trafford.
- 5.** St Marys Primary School has 2 more open mornings planned for this term. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to visit our school when they are considering a school place for their child. Open mornings for parents/carers considering a Nursery or Reception place for September 2025 will take place on Thursday 7th November and Thursday 28th November, from 9am to 10 am. Please book a place by contacting Mrs Kent-Brown in the school office on 0161-224-5995.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard’s	Mass	Duffy, McFlow Families and McFlow deceased family members. Patrick Lyons 35 th Anniversary Apoline Gajanan 1 st Anniversary
	6.30 pm	St Mary’s	Mass	
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard’s	Mass	Olufunke Kayoma 12 th Anniversary Margaret Grogan Anniversary Joseph Kelly Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Mary’s	Mass	
Monday	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary’s Primary School	Mass	Cyril Corcoran Happy Birthday
Wednesday	10:00	St Mary’s	Mass	Fr Brendan Curley RIP
Thursday	09:30 am	St Mary’s	Mass	Doreen Davis RIP
Friday	09:15 am	St Richard’s	Mass	Departed members of our families
Saturday	10 am	St Mary’s	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Departed members of our families
	11 am		Mass	