

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

Sunday 24th November 2024.

Reflection: When Jesus was arrested, the charge that was brought against him before the high priest and the Sanhedrin (the Jewish Supreme Council) was blasphemy. He was accused of calling himself the Son of God, and therefore a divine person, equal to God. The penalty for that was death (Mark 14:64). But there was a small problem: the Jews had no power to put anyone to death. Only the Roman authority had such power. So, they promptly took Jesus to the Roman governor of Palestine, Pontius Pilate. But the governor was not a Jew. He was a pagan, so, the charge of blasphemy would cut no ice with him. It was a religious “crime”. He simply would not be impressed by it. So, the Jews had to find another crime that the governor would act upon. They settled on sedition. They accused Jesus of calling himself a king, thereby challenging the authority of the emperor in Rome. That was a political “crime”. The governor could deal with that.

This is how we find Pilate asking Jesus in the very first sentence of our gospel reading today, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus’ reply was “Yes, I am a king, I was born for this ...” but his kingdom was not of this world, his was a different kind of kingdom. To begin with, his kingdom was not a geographical territory, like the kingdom of Great Britain or the kingdom of Brunei or Jordan. His was a spiritual kingdom. His reign would be over the hearts and minds of people, not over a geographical entity. That kind of kingdom does not come to an end, as we are told in our first reading. “His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall not pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.” Earthly kingdoms pass away, just as earthly empires get destroyed sooner or later.

Secondly, the guiding principles of his kingdom would be different from those of this world’s kingdoms. In the words of the second Vatican Council, the Kingdom of Jesus, would be “a kingdom of truth, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace”. Jesus himself mentioned the first attribute listed in this description in his response to Pilate. He said, “I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth, and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.”

Pray for the Sick and Housebound. 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. Frank Hanlon, Michael Cassidy. Mike Flynn. Kathleen Doyle. (May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary: John McLoughlin. Michael Skeffington. John Johnson (3rd)
(Eternal rest grant to them Oh Lord,,,,,)

Please remember our Mass of Remembrance for all our loved ones who have died is on Thursday evening at 7pm here at St Mary’s. You are encouraged to attend please

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Fiona Keane would like to thank those people who took part in ‘The Big Listen’ project done earlier this year. Four main themes emerged from this:
Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow’s World: Building Connections: Enabling Access:

Fostering Christ Like Care.

Fiona, Bernard & Marie will be handing out questionnaires over the next 2 weekends for themes three and four. Please place your responses in the box at the back of the Church.

Fiona needs your feedback by 16th December 2024 as she must submit these on to the diocesan portal by 27th December 2024.

If you cannot attend Mass over the next few weeks but would like to take part, please contact Fiona on 07748516898 and she will ensure your opinions are included.

Donations/Sponsorship towards the parish (St. Mary's and St. Richards) getting the New Lectionary (Four sets each) for both churches are welcome. Kindly call the parish office during office hours or contact Fr. Kris. Thank you for your generosity.

2. We humbly appeal to you for your kind donations of Wine bottles, Toiletries and other gifts items for the Parish Christmas Fare on December 1st. Kindly contact Mrs. Peggy Sweeney or the Parish office if you wish to donate any item towards the Fare.
3. Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale before and after each Mass today and during the week. See Peggy
4. **MISSIO (RED BOXES)** The **2025 Mission Today Calendar** is available on the table in the church porch to all box holders, promoters and all who make donations to Missio.
If you have any donations you wish to hand in, will you please put in an envelope or bag bearing your name and address and marked **MISSIO** and leave in the Sacristy when you come to Church. If you are unable to get to Church and wish to empty your Red Box, please phone **Winnie on 07806 994 626** and she will be pleased to collect from you. On behalf of MISSIO a big thank you to all Red Box holders and supporters for your prayers and donations throughout the year.
5. Please, we need 2 volunteers who are willing to maintain the new candle stands. This will entail weekly checks, removing the wax, monitoring the glass holders and cleaning as necessary. Please speak to Fr Kris or contact the office if you are willing to help. Further information available if you are interested in helping, thank-you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday 23/11/2024	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Michael Cassidy RIP
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	John McLoughlin Memorial Anniversary
Sunday 24/11/2024	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	John Johnson 3 rd Memorial Anniversary Michael Skeffington Memorial Anniversary
	11:00 am	St. Mary's	Mass	Michael Cassidy RIP
Monday 25/11/2024	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday 26/11/2024	9:30 am	St. Mary's	Mass	Michael Cassidy RIP Kathleen Doyle RIP
	7:00pm	St Mary's	Reception/Service of the word: Doreen Davies RIP	
Wednesday 27/11/2024	9:15 am	St Richards	Mass	Special Intention: Healing from sickness (Anonymous)
	12 noon	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	Doreen Davies RIP
Thursday 28/11/2024	6:30 pm	St Mary's	Mass of Remembrance	Michael Cassidy RIP Mass for the dead
Friday 29/11/2024	10:30 am	St Richard's	Funeral Mass	Henry Hanlon RIP
Saturday 30/11/2024	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition And Adoration.	
	11:00 am		Confession during Adoration Mass	Mike Flynn RIP

