

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT. SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 160 in the Mass Book.

Reflection:

The popular wisdom among the Jews of Old Testament times was that bad things happened only to bad people; just as good things happened only to good people. We see that in the story in the Book of Job. Job's friend tried to convince him that the reason why those terrible misfortunes befell him must have been some sins he had committed, maybe without knowing it.

Jesus did not hold that view at all. The people who suffer misfortune are not necessarily the worst sinners there are. They may, in fact, be quite innocent. Imagine a road accident in which eight people die, and only two survive. Among the dead is an infant six months old. Is it possible that that infant was a greater sinner than the two persons who survived the accident? What about the many cases of children suffering and dying from cancer? What sins have they committed? It is all a mystery, God alone knows why bad things can happen to good people, including innocent children, while a lot of bad people can get away with their crimes – or so it seems.

The truth is that nobody will get away with any crimes, unless they repent. That includes those who think wicked thoughts about their neighbour and say wicked things about him/her, as well as those who do wicked deeds. The day of reckoning may be long but surely will come, if not in this life but it will surely come on judgement day. That is when sinners who fail to repent will most certainly perish, and forever.

The good news however is that every sinner who repents receives forgiveness from God. We may not like that. We would very much wish to see some particular wicked sinners pay dearly for their crimes even after they have repented. Fortunately, God is not like us. As we read in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, "I take no pleasure in the death of anyone – declares the Lord Yahweh – so repent and live" (Ezekiel 18:32). There is nothing we can do about that. It is God's way of doing things, and his ways are not our ways, just as his thoughts are not our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8).

We can repent of our sins at any time during the year. But Lent is a privileged season for repentance. Everything about Lent speaks of repentance and forgiveness. We should take full advantage of this season while it lasts and repent, so that we do not perish.

Pray for the sick and housebound, John Fitzgerald. 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.

Bernard Mulhall. June Doherty
(May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary. Dominick Gallagher. Thomas Colleran (1st March) James and Bridget Mulhern. Lilian and Seamus Mulhern. Bridget and James Mulherin (Eternal rest grant to them Oh Lord,,,,)

Special Intentions. Chris Brennan. Patricia Cullen. Pope Francis. Lilley Mulherin

Birthday. Tony Moran

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- We welcome the Parents and the Children of both St. Mary’s school and St. Richard preparing for their first holy coming this year to Church - St. Mary’s of the Angels and St. Clare and St. Richard’s church this weekend. May the Good Lord bless them as they prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.
- This weekend there is a second collection for the National Shrine in Walsingham
- Stations of the Cross in the Parish, St. Mary’s is on Fridays at 6:30pm. We are all encouraged to join throughout the Lenten season.
- Anyone who would like to give their offering to the Parish via standing order or gift aid envelope please see Richard after Mass or contact the Parish office for a form to complete.
- There is an Easter Raffle taking place now to raise much needed funds for the Parish. Kindly patronise this and help the parish to financially meet some urgent needs and renovations.
- Diocesan Youth Ministry Pilgrimages. Over the coming months, our diocesan youth ministry team will be organising two fantastic pilgrimage opportunities, led by Bishop John, for young people in Years 7, 8, and 9. The first will take place on Saturday 3 May with a pilgrimage to Walsingham, in conjunction with our main diocesan pilgrimage. The second is a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, taking place between 20-22 June. Please contact the Youth Office youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or phone 0161-817-2205 or 07436157005
- **Thank you from Caritas Salford**
Thank you to everyone who has already supported our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, during this year's Lent campaign. Services have continued to increase, and all of your prayers, kindness and generosity make a huge difference to the lives of people in our parish communities. To find out more about ways Caritas helps local people or to make a donation or support in another ways this Lent or beyond, visit www.caritassalford.org.uk

MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00pm	St Richard’s	Mass	Bridget and James Mulherin Anniversary James and Bridget Mulhern Anniversary Lillian and Seamus Mulhern Anniversary
	6:30pm	St Mary’s	Mass	
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard’s	Mass	Lilley Mulherin Special Intention Dominick Gallagher Anniversary Thomas Colleran Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Mary’s	Mass	
Monday	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary’s	Mass	Bernard Mullhall RIP June Doherty RIP
Wednesday	9:15 am	St Richard’s	Mass	Tony Moran Birthday
Thursday	9:30 am	St Mary’s	Mass	<u>Patricia Cullen Special Intention</u>
Friday	9:15am	St Richard’s	Mass	Pope Francis Special Intention
	6:30pm	St Mary’s	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	11 am	St Mary’s	Exposition and Adoration Confession and Mass	Chris Brennan special Intention