

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT. SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 168 in the Mass Book.

Reflection:

I once came across a postcard that bore the inscription, “God allows U-turns.” We human beings do not easily understand that. The younger Son in the “Parable of the prodigal Son” – I have chosen to re-christened to be “Parable of the Prodigal Father” because the Father was far more prodigal with his forgiveness than the son ever was with his father’s property – that younger son did not understand that “God allows U-turns.”

He thought he could no longer be his father’s son. The most he could expect was to be one of his father’s paid servants. The elder son did not understand either that “God allows U-turns.” He saw no reason why his father should throw a party on the return of a renegade son. But the father’s behaviour was clear confirmation of the fact that “God allows U-turns.” Not only did he forgive his younger son, but he also gave him back all his rights as a son. In that way, he not only forgave, but he also chose to forget the wrong his son had done.

That is how God deals with every sinner who repents. He does not just forgive, but he also forgets the mistakes we have made. He wipes our slate clean, and we can begin to write the story of our life all over again on a clean slate. How consoling for us sinners to know that God is like the father in the parable, and not like the elder son! God does not condemn; he does not write off anyone. All of us sinners can heave a sigh of relief at that, knowing that ours is not a lost cause. God is always there to forgive us the moment we repent; that is, the moment we return to our Father’s house.

But the parable also challenges us to be like the father, that is God, and not like the elder son. That being the case, we too should not condemn or write off anyone, no matter how utterly depraved or sinful we may think he or she is. Like God, our Father, we should be prepared to give every sinner another chance. We should even help him or her – if we are in a position to do so – to take that chance.

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.

Delia Nilan. Gordon Carruthers. Frank Dunworth. Jason Gledhill
(May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary. Francis (Bob) Dolan (2nd) Mary and Michael Donelan. Stan Kinnear.
Patrick Walkin (9th) (Eternal rest grant to them Oh Lord,,,,,)

Mother’s Day Remembrance. Maureen Walkin. All Mothers in Heaven.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Special welcome to all mothers today and a very Happy Mother's Day. All Mothers and their families are invited into the Hall for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass this morning.
- 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.
- Please consider signing a form to pay your donations to Church via standing order or to have a gift aid envelope. If donations are gift aided, then for every pound you give to the Church the government will pay 25p to the Church. All you do is sign the form to give permission for this to happen.
- There is an Easter Raffle taking place now to raise much needed funds for the Parish.
- Next week we will have a second collection to raise money for some much-needed maintenance.
- 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@diocesofsalford.org.uk or phone 0161-817-2205 or 07436157005

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	Gordon Carruthers RIP
	6:30pm	St Mary's	Mass	Stan Kinnear Anniversary
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary and Michael Donelon Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	Francis (Bob) Dolan Anniversary Patrick Walkin Anniversary Maureen Walkin Mother's Day Remembrance
Monday	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Frank Dunworth RIP
Wednesday	9:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	Peace in the World
Thursday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Delia Nilan RIP
Friday	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Pope's Intentions
	6:30pm	St Mary's	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	11am	St Mary's	Exposition and Adoration Confession and Mass	Special Intention for Chris Brennan