

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. SUNDAY 9, MARCH 2025.

Mass Readings is on Page 153 AND Preface 1 of Lent on Page 70 in the Mass Book.

Reflection:

“Nobody is above temptation.” The temptation of Jesus shows that. If Jesus, the very Son of God, and God himself, could be tempted, who are we to be spared from been tempted? None of us can escape temptation, as a matter of fact, most of us will be tempted many times over in our lifetime. Now, the question is, “What do we do if and when we are tempted?” how do we cope with temptation? There are three possible ways of dealing with temptation, any temptation.

The first is to say “Yes” and give in to the temptation. If we do that then, we shall commit sin; and that is the last thing God wants us to do. Unfortunately, an awful lot of people do that, and are doing it all the time.

The second way of dealing with temptation is to do nothing about it. Just leave it alone, stay away and it will go away. That is the ostrich solution – but unfortunately, it doesn't go away like that. Not to do anything about a temptation is to be guilty of a sin of omission, at the very least

The third way of dealing with temptation is to “perish the thought”; that is, to say “No” to it as soon as it creeps into our mind. That was the response of Jesus, as we learn from the Gospel passage of today. And it is one of the lessons that he teaches us today. Jesus did not give any chance to Satan. He told Satan where to get off on each occasion that he was tempted. His response was prompt, unequivocal. There was no ambiguity about it. Satan knew exactly what Jesus meant.

That is how we too must deal with the temptations that will most certainly come into our minds. We are not to entertain nor play host to them even for a moment. But it needs to be said, however, that we cannot deal with temptation all by ourselves. We shall always need the help of God. Left to ourselves, we are no match for Satan. He will crush us and grind us into powder. The Apostle Paul says that much in Ephesians 6:12-17: *“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this world of darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm ...”*

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.

Ray Sweeney. Anne Killeen. Peter Bennett. Mike Burke. Sr Elizabeth Mullan RNDM Steven O'Brien (May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary. Benedict Gallagher (2nd)

Birthday Remembrance. John Johnson. William Sheehan. Thomas Hamilton (Eternal rest grant to them Oh Lord,,,,,)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- There will be a **second collection this weekend for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund**. Our Sick and Retired Clergy Fund is a vital resource that provides key provision for our priests after years of dedicated service to our diocesan community. As the number of priests reaching retirement age has grown, this fund has never been more needed to ensure our clergy can enjoy the happy and dignified retirement they so deserve.

We invite you to find out more about this fund and read our newsletter by visiting:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/sick-and-retired-clergy-fund/>

- **Parish Stations of the Cross:** On Fridays at 6:30 pm at St Mary's Church
- **Family Fast Day for CAFOD** will be on 14th March 2025. Envelopes are at the back of Church.
- **Afternoons of Prayer 2025.** At Marist Convent 113 Nell Lane, Chorlton, M21 7SW.

Sunday 6th April 2pm-4pm. Journeying towards Holy Week.

Sunday 10th May 2pm-4pm. Journeying with Mary.

This is a time to reflect, share, pray and deepen our faith as we journey through this Holy Year:

Pilgrims of Hope – together. "Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and your hope grows, it takes a step forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is always there, but with my prayer I open the door to it. Pope Francis.

- **Misso (Red boxes)** The Spring edition of Mission Today magazine is now available in the church porch. If you have any donations you wish to hand in, please place in an envelope or bag bearing your name and address and marked MISSIO, and leave it in the sacristy after Mass. Any issues please contact Winnie on 07806994626. Thank you for your support on behalf of MISSIO.

MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	For the souls of departed parishioners Benedict Gallagher Anniversary Riana Love and Resahl Pais 18 th Birthdays Thanksgiving.
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Ray Sweeney RIP, Gordon Whittle RIP John Johnson, RIP (Birthday Memorial Remembrance) William Sheehan, RIP (Birthday Memorial Remembrance) Steven O'Brien RIP
	11:00 am	St. Mary's	Mass	
Monday	NO	MASS	TODAY	
Tuesday	09:30 am	St Mary's RC School. Everyone is invited to attend.	Mass	Ray Sweeney RIP Eileen Toth Special Intention
Wednesday	9:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	Sick or Our Parish
Thursday	09:30 am	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	Mike Burke RIP
Friday	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Sick or Our Parish
Saturday	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition And Adoration. Confession during Adoration Mass	Sr Elizabeth Mullen RNDM RIP
	11:00 am			