SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



Incorporating the Parishes of:

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 18th August 2024.

Reflection:

The Holy Eucharist had been a source of unrelenting controversy in Christendom from the Middle Ages and even today among non-Catholics and Catholics alike. The controversy had centred around the question of the *real presence* of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The Catholic Church has based her position on biblical texts like the one we have as our Gospel passage today. Jesus had been saying some quite shocking things about people having to eat his body and drink his blood. Unfortunately, many of his listeners objected. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" One would have thought that Jesus would offer an explanation but instead, he insisted, "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does aet my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink."

When at the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and said, "Take it, eat it. this is my body," and then wine, and said, "This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant", his disciples realized that he was giving them what he had promised on the earlier occasion as recorded in today's Gospel passage. They realized that the bread had become his true body and the wine his true blood. Jesus did not say, "This is a sign of my body" or "This is a sign of my blood" but rather he said, "This is my body," "This is the cup of my blood." And went on to add, "Do this in memory of me." With those words, Jesus empowered his Apostles to make his body and blood present through a spiritual transformation (transubstantiation) of bread and wine during the Eucharistic celebration. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaching, "The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with his Soul and Divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine."

Pray for the Sick and Housebound.

Eileen Tiernan, Joyce McLean, Delia Regan, Mia O'Connor, George O'Connor, Becky Lester, Patrick Rogers,, Ray Sweeney, Rob Stuart, Lucy Murphy, John Maskell, Alisha Malone, Maise Callaghan, Damien Hegarty, John Tunney, John Reynolds, Mary Callaghan, Sarah & Stacey Todd, Bryne Lynch, Kathleen McGuigan, Maureen Kennedy, Margaret McAteer, Frank Kelly, Jackson Giles, Judy Miller, Alan Smith, Christine Jackson, Irene Rice, Karen Rice, Keith and Linda Marshal, Mary Brennan, Louise Marshal, Jim McGlynn, Declan Coyle, Paul and Kath McIlvenny, Maria Morrissey, Anne Leavey, Lee Hegarty, John Coyne. Elizabeth Brennan. Veronica Curran. John Monaghan. Patricia McGuire. Winnie McDermott. Mary Reilly. Mary McGlade. Joe Furey. Pauline Flynn. Michael Cassidy. Fr David Egan. Paul Roberts. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Eileen Toth. Alison Briceland. Catherine Hennessey. Liam Toland. Jean McLean. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Jean Angus. Sr Edith. We pray the Good Lord will strengthen and comfort them and we pray also for all who care for the sick and elderly.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently.

Molly McGoldrick. Yvonne Brown. John Jordan. John Hennessy. Danny Gunlay

Memorial Anniversary Pat Ruane (17th) John Cahill (14th) Birthday Remembrance Bridie Coen Happy Birthday Greta McDermot

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday17th	5:00 pm 6.30 pm	St Richard's St Mary's	Mass Mass	Bridie Coen Birthday memorial
Sunday 18th	9:30 am 11:00 am	St Richard's St Mary's	Mass Mass	John Jordan RIP
Monday 19th	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday 20th	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	John Cahill 14 th Memorial Anniversary Molly McGoldrick RIP. 000000000000000000000000000000000000
Wednesday 21st	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	John Jordan RIP
Thursday 22nd	9:30am	St Mary's	Mass	Greta McDermott Birthday
Friday 23rd	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Molly McGoldrick RIP Danny Gunlay RIP
Saturday 24th	10am	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	
	11am		Mass	Pat Ruane Memorial Anniversary

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1. Kindly switch off your mobile phones before Mass.
- 2. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during Adoration, please avoid greeting or talking inside the Church, or walking around to light candles.
- 3. Any adult or young person in the parish who is not confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please speak to Fr. Kris for registration.
 - We are aware some parents have already contacted the office regarding their young people receiving the Sacrament and we will contact these families once the details have been finalised
- 4. World youth Day ROME 2025: Pilgrimage for aged 16-35yrs old, takes place between 28 July and 3 August. For more details and registration information email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
- 5. **Diocese Pilgrimage to Rome 2025:** There are a number of pilgrimages to celebrate the 2025 pilgrims of Hope Jubilee including pilgrimage to Rome in September led by Bishop John which is now open. Please call 0161 773 2115 or visit https://www.northernstartravel.com/Tours/Rome to book.
- 6. We humbly appeal to parishioners to kindly return the hymn books to the stand in the porch after Mass and not leave them on the pews. Thank you for helping
- 7. On Wednesday 28th August, Fr Laurence Gambella will be visiting the Parish and will say Mass at 7pm at St Mary's, followed by a meet and greet/cup of tea in the Hall.
- 8. Offertory collection Sunday 11/8//2024
 - St. Mary's: £438.64 St. Richard's: £196.79 **Total: £635.43**

Thank you for your offerings, have a blessed week everyone