

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



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### **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.**

#### **Reflection: “WELCOMING CHILDREN”**

One of the saddest things in recent past is the involvement of children as combatants in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of the Congo and elsewhere in the world. In other countries where they are not forced as combatants, children account for a high percentage of casualties (dead or wounded) in today’s wars. It is simply heartbreaking!

All this contrasts starkly with the action and remarks of Jesus in today’s Gospel passage. Jesus took a child, set him in front of his disciples, put his arms around him, and said, **“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”** Here, Jesus clearly identifies himself with little children, such that whatever is done to them is done to him. Welcoming children involves much more than merely receiving them into our homes. It means providing all that they need for their integral wellbeing: food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, religious and moral upbringings. Jesus says that whatever is done for children in these positive areas is done to him. For the same reason, whatever negative things are done to children are also done to Jesus, things like getting them involved in wars, child slavery, child labour, denial of access to education and medical care, child abuse in any of its forms.

Regrettably, these are the lot of so many children in our world today.

The Catholic church, as one would expect, has lined up unequivocally on the side of Jesus. The Church has a particularly soft spot for children. Not only does she condemn directly the many “sins” that are routinely committed against children in contemporary Society, but she has put in place numerous programmes aimed at counteracting those “sins.” Those programmes are predominantly in the areas of education, health care, and social welfare. All over the world, the Church is involved in these programmes right down to the grassroots especially in the regions hostile to either Christianity as a whole or Catholicism in particular. In view of the statement of Jesus in today’s Gospel passage, the church can be expected to continue to do more until every child receives the “welcome” that Jesus wishes for all of them.

Let us remind ourselves that, one of the so-called “Ends (purposes) of Marriage” in Catholic theology is “Procreation and Upbringing of Children.” According to the Catholic Church, it is not enough to simply bring children into the world, parents must give a proper upbringing to the children that they bring into the world. That is a dimension of “welcoming” children that parents and society in general will do well to address since it clearly conforms with the “mind” of Jesus.

**Pray for the Sick and Housebound.** Michael Cassidy. John Fitzgerald. Liam Toland. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. John Tunney. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Maria Morrissey, Margaret McAteer. Mary McGlade. Kathleen Beech. *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.**

James Clarke. Mary Reilly. John Conway. Bernard Gallagher

**Memorial Anniversary** Sandor Toth (8<sup>th</sup>) John McGee (6<sup>th</sup>) Bernadette Connelly (47<sup>th</sup>)

Bernard Groarke. **Birthday Remembrance:** Mike Burnell **Special Intention:** Una McGrath

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Did you or someone you know live in a Mother and Baby or County Home Institution in Ireland? There is an information evening at the Irish World heritage Centre on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, refreshments at 6pm and a start time of 6:30pm. Please see the notice in the porch for further information.
2. Fr requests two readers to volunteer to attend a Readers Formation Morning at St Patrick's Livesey St. M4 5HF. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10:30 until 1pm. The morning has been organised to assist readers to become familiar with the new translation of the readings which will come into force at the end of November. Please if you can attend inform Fr Kris.
3. Escorted Tour to Ireland to include venerating St. Bernadette's Relics. Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on certain days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit St Bernadette's Relics, Knock Shrine, Galway City, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). See poster in the porch
4. St Mary's RC Primary School: have 4 open mornings planned for the autumn term. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to come and visit our school when they are considering a school place for their child. Open mornings for parent/carers considering a place for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2025. These will take place from 9am to 10am on: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please ring Mrs Kent-Brown, in the school office, on 0161 224 5995 to book onto a date that suits you.
5. Completed forms for names to be included on the sick list can be left in the post box at the back of church or handed in at the office.
6. Offertory collection – Sunday 15.9.2024  
St. Mary's: £377.28 St. Richard's: £160.54 Total: **£537.82**

**Thank you for your offerings.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
<b>Vigil Mass Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Una McGrath Special Intention
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	Mike Burnell Birthday Memorial
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Reilly RIP
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	Sandor Toth Anniversary
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	No	Mass	Today	
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Bernard Groark
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Reilly RIP
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	09:30	St Mary's	Mass	Bernard Gallagher RIP
	11.30	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	John Conway RIP
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Reilly RIP
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Bernadette Connelly Anniversary Mary Reilly RIP
	11am		Mass	

