

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



Incorporating the Parishes of:  
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### **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

#### **Reflection: “GIVE ALL FOR THE KINGDOM”**

Most human beings place a high premium on the integrity of their bodies. That is, given the chance, they would not want to lose any part of their bodies. They would like to carry all their limbs and organs intact to the grave. It does happen, however, that a limb or an organ can become so diseased as to threaten the very life of the individual. In such a situation, the doctor will normally prescribe amputation of the diseased limb or excision of the diseased organ to save the life of the patient. That is, the patient may have to lose a hand or a leg, an eye, a lung, or a kidney to stay alive. In most cases, the patient can be expected to go along with the doctor’s prescription or advise. Hardly any patient ever prefers to die rather than lose a limb or an organ. As much as we value our limbs and organs, keeping them intact is not as important as staying physically alive. But one day, eventually, we shall still die; our physical life will terminate.

By contrast, life in the Kingdom of God is forever. It is also indescribably superior as St. Paul puts it, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him...” (1 Cor 2:9). That is the life in the Kingdom.

If people are prepared to sacrifice their limbs and organs literally to save their physical lives, they should similarly be prepared to sacrifice their limbs and organs metaphorically to secure their life in the Kingdom of God. The limbs in the latter case are not our physical arms and legs, the organs are not our physical eyes, lungs, or kidneys. They are rather persons, things and activities that are of similar value to us as our physical limbs and organs are to our bodies. Do they sometimes threaten our possession of the Kingdom?

In today’s gospel passage, Jesus commands that if and whenever such occasions and circumstances should arise, we should be prepared to cut off those limbs and organs for the sake of the Kingdom; that is, we should be prepared to forego those persons, objects and activities rather than lose possession of the kingdom. The words of Jesus come to mind: “What does it profit a man if he gains the whole World and suffers the loss of his own soul” (Matthew 16:26).

**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.** Jimmy O’Hanlon. Patsy Keady John Conway. Mary Reilly. Jim Clarke

**Memorial Anniversary:** Kathleen Hamilton.(4<sup>th</sup>) Dominic McGoldrick (52<sup>nd</sup>) Gary Pereira (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Birthday Remembrance:** Elena Griffin

**Special Intention:** Mary Muldowney

**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary :** Mary and Arthur Limecor

**Happy Birthday:** Winnie McDermott

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. We are seriously in need of volunteers to help in teaching catechism in the parish. If you have been a catechist before we also need you to help in our parish sacramental programs. Please contact Marie Sartini or give us a call/email with your details.
2. Also, volunteers are needed in the various parish ministries; Choir, Hospitality, Eucharistic ministers, Church Cleaning, Readers and Altar Servers (Parents kindly encourage your children to be Altar servers)
3. The Parish appreciates all your generous donations but still appeal that you try and give more please. Thank you and God bless you all.
4. Escorted Tour to Ireland to include venerating St. Bernadette's Relics. Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. £899.00 pps. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). See poster in the porch
5. 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.
6. **Next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October is Family Fast Day**, please take an envelope at the back of Church. You should do without something and give the money to CAFOD.
7. Offertory collection – Sunday 15.9.2024  
St. Mary's: £380.25 St. Richard's: £256.75 Total: **£637.00**  
**Thank you for your offerings.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
<b>Vigil Mass Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Patsy Keady RIP
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	Jimmy O'Hanlon RIP
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary and Arthur Limecor 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	Elena Griffin Birthday Remembrance
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	No	Mass	Today	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Jim Clarke RIP Mary Reilly RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Muldowney Special Intention
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	09:30	St Mary's	Mass	Winnie McDermott Happy Birthday
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Reilly RIP
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Gary Pereira 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	11am		Mass	