

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



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### **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

#### ***Reflection*** 'SUFFERING AND SERVICE

The behaviour of the brothers, James and John is like what many will do today, people lobbying to secure appointments as office seekers. They thought that the Kingdom Jesus was going to establish was an earthly kingdom. There would be offices to share, appointments to be made. They had better begin early to lobby for plum positions. That was precisely what they did according to our Gospel passage of today. Presumably. The seats at the right and left hands of Jesus would be the two top ministerial positions, like those of Prime minister and Deputy Prime Minister.

The other disciples were no fools. They too wanted the same positions, so, they took exception to the request of James and John. Why would they want the two top positions just for their family? The two brothers were being very greedy, very selfish. Jesus must have been amused at their pettiness. But rather than rebuke them, he took the occasion to teach them a lesson or two about the kind of kingdom he was going to establish.

The first was that anyone wishing to have a seat in his kingdom – any seat - must be prepared to drink the cup that he would drink and be baptized with the baptism with which he would be baptized. That cup and that baptism would translate simply as suffering. Jesus would enter his glory only through suffering. And it was through the same suffering that he would redeem the world. As we are told in the first reading today, "By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself." The "Servant" here is the "Suffering Servant" of the Book of Isaiah; that is the Messiah.

The second lesson that Jesus taught his disciples on that occasion was one on service. In his kingdom service would be preferred and more honourable than lording it over other people. That would be one of the distinguishing marks of his kingdom from those of this world. In the kingdom of Jesus, the opposite would be the case. The rulers and the great men would be the ones doing the serving, in imitation of the Son of Man who did not come to be served but to serve.

In the Church, anyone seeking a position, an office, a ministry of any kind must be prepared to play the role of a servant in that position, office or ministry. Anyone who is not so prepared should simply mind his or her business, and steer clear of any position, office or position in the Church. It is not for nothing that every office or position in the Church is called a ministry; a word which means literally service.

**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. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene and Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McNenny. 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.** Willie Skeffington. Joe Lavelle. Richard Donnelly.

**Anniversary:** Bridie Dinan (14<sup>th</sup>) Jim Ward (20<sup>th</sup>)

**Birthday Remembrance:** Hugh Caufield (sorry should have been on last weeks newsletter)

**Special Intention:** Happy Birthday to Michael Cassidy. Gameal Hassan and Family

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**1.** Fr Kris sends his regards and reminds us that during November the Church remembers those who have gone before us. Beginning October 26<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to bring a framed photo (max size 8x10 inches) of a departed loved one to display on our Altar of Remembrance throughout the month of November. Please include contact info on the back of the frame (name and number)

The date for our Annual Mass of Remembrance for those people buried in Our Parish from November 2023 to October 2024 will be announced on Fr Kris's return. The envelopes for the November list of the dead are available at the back of Church. Please complete the list and place it and your offering in the envelope and place it in the White Post Box at the back of Church.

- 2.** Caritas Mass of Remembrance will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, please see the poster in the porch.
- 3.** There will be a meeting regarding The Christmas Fair on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm. The meeting will take place in the lounge area of the Hall. Anyone that can help in any way is invited to attend.
- 4.** Next Sunday the draw will take place for the church fund raffle, tickets are still available before and after each Mass. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket to date.
- 5.** There are posters in the porch regarding the escorted trip to Ireland which includes venerating St Bernadettes Relics. There is also a pilgrimage to Walsingham departing from St Alphonsus Church in Old Trafford.
- 6.** St Marys Primary School has 2 more open mornings planned for this term. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to visit our school when they are considering a school place for their child. Open mornings for parents/carers considering a Nursery or Reception place for September 2025 will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, from 9am to 10 am. Please book a place by contacting Mrs Kent-Brown in the school office on 0161-224-5995.
- 7.** CAFOD envelopes are still available at the back of Church and can be returned until the end of this month. Thank you to those that have returned theirs.

**NB.** If you or someone you know is admitted to hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact 0161-276-8792 which is the office at MRI or if it is urgent contact switch on 0161-276-1234 and ask for the Priest on call. For The Christie the numbers are 0161-446-3097 office and switch is 0161-446-3000

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

| Day                            | Time     | Church       | Liturgy  | Mass Intention  |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|--|---|
| <b>Vigil Mass<br/>Saturday</b> | 5:00 pm  | St Richard's | Mass   | Special Intention for Gameal Hassan and Family.   |
|                                | 6.30 pm  | St Mary's    | Mass   |   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                  | 9:30 am  | St Richard's | Mass   | Bridie Dinan 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>Jim Ward 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>Happy Birthday to Michael Cassidy |
|                                | 11:00 am | St Mary's    | Mass   |   |
| <b>Monday</b>                  | No       | Mass         | Today  |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                 | 9:30 am  | St Mary's    | Mass   | Months mind for Willie Skeffington RIP  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>               | 9:15am   | St Richard's | Mass   | Own Intentions  |
| <b>Thursday</b>                | 09:30 am | St Mary's    | Mass   | Michael Cassidy Special Intention for his Birthday  |
| <b>Friday</b>                  | 09:15 am | St Richard's | Mass   | Joe Lavelle RIP   |
| <b>Saturday</b>                | 10 am    | St Mary's    | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession | Richard Donnelly RIP  |
|                                | 11 am    |              | Mass   |   |

