

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



Incorporating the Parishes of:

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 27th October 2024.

Reflection "LET ME SEE AGAIN"

Ask anyone which of the five senses he or she is least prepared to lose. It is certain that most of the people would say it is the sense of sight. It is bad enough to be deaf, not being able to hear sounds. But it is nowhere as bad as being blind, not being able to see colours or where you are going. The same thing can be said of the senses of taste, smell and touch. Ask anyone to choose between any of them and the sense of sight would win any day. All that goes to underline the value of the sense of sight to a human person. Although, blindness is more serious condition in someone who was once able to see than in another person who was born blind, a person who was born blind has no idea of what he is missing, the latter knows what he has lost and what he is missing after going blind.

The blind man, Bartimaeus, in today's Gospel passage asked Jesus that he might see again. Therefore, he must have been seeing before going blind. That is to say, he was not born blind. We can therefore appreciate the enormity of what Jesus did for him. It was like giving him back his life. When the blind beggar, Bartimaeus hears that Jesus was near, he shouts his prayer of help: "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me," some of those following Jesus resented his disturbance, so they told him to keep quiet. It was his prayer of help that stops Jesus and all who were following him, and he was brought to Jesus on his command, "Courage," they say: Get up; he is calling you." Jesus asked the question of all questions: "What do you want me to do for you?" when the blind man's prayer of help was heard, Jesus heals him and compliments him for a faith that saved him. Saved by faith, he uses his new sight to follow Jesus along the road.

The healing in the gospel was made possible because of a prayer made in faith. He expressed his pain in faith through his prayer and believed in a God who pays attention. Bartimaeus, the blind man focused on Jesus, ignoring all other advice. He gave his undivided attention to Jesus and Jesus returned the compliment.

Faith is that desire to speak honestly and frankly to God. Faith is when we express and find a language to express our pain, our loss and our fear to God who is watching, who is attentive and listening to us. The Good News is that the Father hears that prayer of our faith so, prayer of lamenting is not useless exercise; it is a prayer that reaches the heart of God.

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 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. Willie Skeffington. Aiden Kinnear

Anniversary: Nora McGrath (7th) Jimmie O'Dowd (2nd) Catherine and Thomas Molloy. Betty Keane (20th) Gary Duncan (5th) Christina Durkin (2nd) Marie Brady. Gabriel Murphy

Birthday: Micheal Joe Ruddy

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1.** This week you are invited to bring a framed photo (max size 8x10 inches) of any departed loved ones 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 the Mass of Remembrance for any of our loved ones 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 13th November, please see the poster in the porch.
- 3.** On Sunday 27th the draw will take place for the church fund raffle. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket.
- 4.** 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.
- 5.** 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 7th November and Thursday 28th November, from 9am to 10 am. Please book a place by contacting Mrs Kent-Brown in the school office on 0161-224-5995.
- 6.** This is the last week to return the CAFOD envelopes. Thank you to those that have returned theirs.
- 7.** This week we hope to trial two new candle stands in Church. These candles are 100% smoke free, the wax is recycled as it is collected within the stand, therefore the air quality in Church is improved and less waste is produced. Everyone is attempting to become "greener" and reduce their carbon footprint, so we are trying to reduce ours.
- 8.** **We would like to thank Fr Dever for looking after us during Fr Kris's vacation. We welcome back Fr Kris on Thursday 31st October.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Nora McGrath 7 th Anniversary
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	Jimmie O'Dowd 2 nd Anniversary Willie Skeffington Months Mind
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Christina Durkin 2 nd Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	Aiden Kinnear RIP
Monday	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Gabriel Murphy Anniversary Michael Connors RIP
	6:30 pm		Evening Reception	
Wednesday	10:00	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	Michael Connors RIP
Thursday	09:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Catherine and Thomas Molloy Anniversary
Friday Holyday of Obligation All Saints Day	09:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	Michael Joe Ruddy Birthday
	6:30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	Marie Brady Anniversary
Saturday All Souls Day	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Gary Duncan 5 th Anniversary
	11 am		Mass	