

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



Incorporating the Parishes of:
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 13th October 2024.

Reflection 'LEAVE ALL TO FOLLOW JESUS'

A story is told about St. Anthony of Egypt, a hermit and presumed "Father" of the monastic life. He lived in the 4th century, lost both of his parents at the age of twenty but inherited a considerable wealth from them for himself and a younger sister. One day in church he heard the invitation of Jesus to the rich young man in today's Gospel passage: "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." He believed that those words were addressed to him. He went and did exactly that – sold everything he owned and gave the money to the poor and went to live in the desert as a hermit. He did what the rich man in the gospel would not venture to do.

The invitation of Jesus is addressed to all his disciples, including us all, it is the condition for discipleship. Every disciple of Jesus must "Sell" everything he or she owns to follow him. Some disciples do that literally, like Peter and the other Apostles and St Anthony of Egypt. We find such disciples even today among the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Church. Others will not have to literally "sell" their possessions, but they "sell" it morally or symbolically. How?

Firstly, they do this by putting Jesus and the affairs of Jesus before their possessions. If ever the demands of their possessions should come into conflict with those of Jesus on them, the former must give way to the latter. That is, the demands of Jesus must prevail. Secondly, they must be prepared to put their possessions at the service of Jesus and the affairs of Jesus especially for the need of the church or the poor willingly and generously.

The possessions in question are not only material; that is their treasures. They include immaterial possessions as well; namely, their time and talents. Every disciple of Jesus must be prepared to "sell" all three of them literally or morally. Only then can they follow him. Only then can they be truly Christian.

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.

Brendan Coleman, Willie Skeffington. Joe Lavelle

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Raffle tickets for our Parish funds are still available. The tickets are £10 each and the prizes are £200, £100 and £50. The draw will take place on Sunday 27th October after 11 am Mass in the Hall.
2. Escorted Tour to Ireland to include venerating St. Bernadette's Relics. Please see the poster in the porch
3. St Mary's RC Primary School: 3 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 17th October Thursday 7th November Thursday 28th November. Please ring Mrs Kent-Brown, in the school office, on 0161 224 5995 to book onto a date that suits you.

4. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of the church, please return them to Church during the month of October. The CAFOD poster is at the back of Church and shows a picture of a young man who has learnt carpentry skills in a CAFOD training centre and can now provide a better future for his family with these skills.

5. October is the month of the Rosary, please try and come early to Church to say the rosary before Mass if someone is prepared to lead or privately with your family.

6. There will be a pilgrimage to Walsingham departing from St Alphonsus Church in Old Trafford on Friday 30th May 2025 and returning on Sunday 1st June 2025. To book please contact Teresa Clark on:0161 881 5664

A deposit of £60 is required by 31st October.

The full cost (based on 40 people) will be: £234 for a standard room and £272 for an en-suite room.

7. **SPUC Pro-Life Chain:** Please join us in a peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. For queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032. Sat 26th October 2024 (11am-1pm) at Washway Road, Sale, M33 4RA

8. It is very likely that we will be facing a **vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas.**

For more information and a better understanding of this issue: *Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada.* righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

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

9. Offertory collection – Sunday 6.10.2024

St. Mary's: £378.50 St. Richard's: £231.05 Total: **£609.55. Thank you for your offerings**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Willie Skeffington RIP
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Victoria 1st Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	
Monday	No	Mass	Today	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Hugh Caulfield Birthday Remembrance
Wednesday	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	Own Intentions
Thursday	09:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Brendan Coleman RIP
Friday	09:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	Own Intentions
Saturday	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Willie Skeffington RIP
	11 am		Mass	