

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH



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## **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

### **Reflection “WHAT GOD HAS UNITED...”**

The first miracle of Jesus was at a wedding feast, not at the Temple, at a synagogue or any other “holy place”. It was a miracle of providing wine so that a wedding party could go on, not one of making the blind see, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, the lame walk, casting out a demon, calming a storm or even raising the dead. Equally remarkable, and perhaps rather surprising is the fact that there is only one occasion in the entire Gospels that we find Jesus’ teaching specifically on marriage and this I may refer to as incidental teaching since he was only responding to a question that was put to him by some Pharisees about divorce. It is his response that we find in the Gospel of today.

The position of Jesus on divorce is as clear as crystal and unambiguous: Divorce was not part of God’s original plan for marriage. In the Old Testament, God gave Jewish men the license, through Moses, to divorce their wives on certain grounds, notably infidelity. That time had gone past and ceased and the time had come to return to God’s original plan for marriage, and that did not and does not include divorce. Marriage is from God.

The reason why divorce should be ruled out of marriage has to do with the origin of marriage. God created marriage; just as and when he created man and woman. That is as much as we are told in today’s first reading. This proves that people did not invent marriage, neither society, culture, nor certainly no government did. Every marriage duly and properly contracted has God uniting the parties, he is the principle of their union.

Based on Jesus’s teaching, the Catholic Church ranks marriage among the Seven sacraments, along with Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, and the rest. More recent teachings of the church also consider marriage as a vocation, a specific calling from God to which couples respond. Such is the exalted dignity and status of marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

The teaching of the Church on marriage is to be understood that we are talking about the union of a man and woman. There is absolutely no basis in Scripture or Tradition for same sex unions that some people would want to push through as marriage.

**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. Joe Lavelle. Johnny Maloney

**Memorial Anniversary Marie Clerkin (9<sup>th</sup>)**

**Fr Kris has arrived safely and is enjoying time with his family; he sends his blessing to everyone.**

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

1. Over the next few weekends, we shall be selling “homemade” (to save on costs) tickets to raise funds for the Parish. The tickets are £10 each and the prizes are £200, £100 and £50. Depending on how this works, it may be a way of regularly raising funds for our Parish. The tickets have the Parish stamp on them so they cannot be copied!! This week the heating system has been serviced in St Marys and we need a few parts replacing to have the church as warm as possible during the forthcoming months. St Richards system isn’t due servicing just yet.

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Everywhere is asking for money!!! Just to share some information with you all!

Behind the scenes in Churches, there is a cost for everything, the altar breads for Holy Communion, the Mass missalettes, candles, flowers, incense etc everything must be bought so that gives you an idea of what happens to the offering you give at Mass.

**2. Dates for your Diary!!!** December 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Parish Christmas Fair after 11am Mass in St Marys Hall. December 11<sup>th</sup> is the Parish Christmas Carol Service in Church 7pm-8pm

The items required for the Christmas fair will be requested weekly in the newsletter in the lead up to December. As always anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated.

**3.** Escorted Tour to Ireland to include venerating St. Bernadette's Relics. Please see the poster in the porch

**4.** 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 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.** The envelopes for CAFOD are 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.

**6.** 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.

**7.** While Fr Kris is away, please have a think about how you could help in the Parish a little more. Some tasks require people to help "behind the scenes". On Fr's return you can then speak to him and discuss how you would like to help.

**8.** Finally thank you to the Parish "hero" who on very short notice came when asked to "fix" a few urgent jobs to prevent possible accidents.

**9.** Offertory collection – Sunday 29.9.2024

St. Mary's: £433.37 St. Richard's: £220.33 Total: **£653.70. Thank you for your offerings**

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
<b>Vigil Mass Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Deceased members of Our Parish
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Marie Clerkin Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Mary's	Mass	
<b>Monday</b>	No	Mass	Today	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	For vocations to the Priesthood
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:15am	St Richard's	Mass	For all our parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	09:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	For the sick of our Parish
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am	St Mary's	Funeral Mass for	Joe Lavelle RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Mass	For young Catholics to return to Church
	11 am			

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