

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



## Incorporating the Parishes of:

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## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. YEAR C. SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Reflection:** Is it not surprising that the first miracle of Jesus was not a miracle of healing? Like, giving sight to the blind, curing the deaf and dumb? It was not a miracle of casting out demons either. The first miracle of Jesus did not take place in the Temple or anywhere near it. It was not in any synagogue. The first miracle of Jesus was one of changing water into wine, and it was at a wedding party.

That goes to show that Jesus was not an anti-social person, neither was his mother, Mary. She was the one that first noticed that the wine was running out, and the party ran the risk of ending abruptly and in an embarrassed way. She decided to do something about it. The only thing she could do was to turn to her Son, Jesus. Jesus did not disappoint her even though his hour has not come yet, he went ahead to perform a miracle because his mother asked. Jesus and Mary intervened to save the newlyweds from certain embarrassment. Their intervention ensured that the wedding feast did not end prematurely, and the joy of the occasion was not soured.

Christianity is all about bringing joy into people's lives. It is not about being gloomy and causing hardship to people. It is all about helping and giving love. Christians are meant to be people of Joy, having Joy in themselves and spreading same Joy to others and abroad. But that is not to say that the cross or suffering should no longer be part of Christianity. Yes, indeed, the cross and suffering are as much part of Christianity as humidity is part of water and heat, is part of fire. But even when Christians have to bear the cross, they should do prayerfully and cheerfully. "When you fast, you should put scent on your head and wash your face, so that no one will know you are fasting except your heavenly Father who sees all that is done in secret ..." (Matthew 6:17-18).

The Joy of Christians is well founded. It is founded on the fact of redemption. Christians are a people redeemed. That certainly calls for Joy, a joy to be shared with all God's children. "I shall see you again, and your hearts will be full of Joy, and that Joy no one shall take from you" (John 16:22).

**Pray for the Sick and Housebound** 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 McInnelly. 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.**

James Byrne. John Kavanagh. Tom Ahern. Martin Varley. John O'Neill

(May their souls rest in peace)

**Memorial Anniversary.** Jimmy Cunningham (1<sup>st</sup>) Liam Wilson.

(Eternal rest grant to them Oh Lord,,,,,)

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Parish Sacramental programs: Confirmation, First Holy Communion, RCIA classes begin in February. This is a final appeal to parishioners who are yet to register themselves or their children to please do so before the end of this month of January.

2. The week of prayer for Christian unity is between 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January. The theme this year is "DO YOU BELIEVETHIS", based on Martha's confession of faith in Jesus, as told in John 11:17-27. Kindly pray for Christian unity as individuals and a family.
3. The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes booking are now being taking for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage. This year's pilgrimage will take place between 31<sup>st</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August, for more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>
4. Caritas Sunday is Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>. This annual occasion is a great opportunity to celebrate work of our diocesan charity. Please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>.
5. The Diocese of Salford Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome with the Youth ministry Team 2025. Find out more information from <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/jubilee-of-youth-rome/>

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Jimmy Cunningham Anniversary Tom Ahern RIP
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Martin Varley RIP Tom Ahern RIP Liam Wilson Anniversary
	11:00 am	St. Mary's	Mass	
Monday	NO	MASS	TODAY	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St Richard's</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>John Kavanagh RIP</b>
Wednesday	9:15am	St Richards	Mass	Parishioners who have died recently
Thursday	9:30 am	St. Mary's	Mass	Martin Varley RIP
Friday	9:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	Pope and Priest's Intentions
Saturday	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition And  Adoration.	Parishioners own Intentions
	11:00 am		Confession during Adoration Mass	