

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C. SUNDAY, 26th January 2025

Reflection:

Today's Gospel passage shows Jesus making a statement of his mission. What the father sent him into the world to do. Concisely, his mission was to liberate people from all forms of oppression: physical, mental, and spiritual. That was what the Prophet Isaiah had said the Messiah would do. And Jesus came to precisely do that.

One of the ways by which Jesus liberated people who were oppressed was through his miracles. Another was by forgiving their sins. Yet another was by freeing them from the yoke of religious oppression that the religious establishment (the high priests, the Pharisees, and the Scribes) had put around their necks. Jesus did this last one by providing enlightenment for the people, freeing them from ignorance with his truth. "If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples: you will come to know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

The mission of Jesus is also the mission of the Church since Jesus founded the Church to continue his mission on earth for all time and all places. Since the very beginning, the Church has understood her mission and been in the forefront of the struggle against oppression in its various forms in the civil society and even within the Church herself. The history of the Church in this regard has been second to none.

The same cannot be said about individual members of the church though. Over the centuries there have been people in the Church who visited untold hardship and oppression on their fellow men and women, Leaders who profess the catholic faith but never led by the example of Christ but with tyranny and oppression. Some members of the church today who oppress others physically, mentally, and spiritually, people who visit religious oppression on their fellow believers (the modern-day Pharisees).

As disciples of Jesus and members of the Church he founded, we should join in the struggle against oppression wherever we find it. We should never see anyone being oppressed by another and look the other way. We should tell the oppressor in clear terms to STOP and deploy all lawful means available to us to stop him/her. Jesus and the Church expect nothing less from us., it is their mission. It must be our own mission too.

Pray for the sick and housebound; John Fitzgerald. 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.

Martin Varley. John O'Neill. Liam Toland. Eilish Maloney. Jackie Evans. Jimmy Mullaghy James Reilly

(May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary. John Sweeney (1st). Pat Groarke. Brian O'Neill (7th) John Durkin (20th) Tom Parsons (19th)

(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 18th and 25th January. The theme this year is “DO YOU BELIEVE THIS”, 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 is now being taking for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage. This year’s pilgrimage will take place between 31st July and 6th August, for more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>

4. Today is Caritas Sunday is Sunday. This annual occasion is a great opportunity to celebrate work of our diocesan charity. Please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>. Second Collection for National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. Next week there will be another second collection for the Diocesan Caritas.

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	5:00 pm	St Richard’s	Mass	Jackie Evans RIP
Saturday	6.30 pm	St Mary’s	Mass	John Durkin Anniversary Elish Maloney RIP
Sunday	9:30 am 11:00 am 7.30pm	St Richard’s St. Mary’s St Mary’s	Mass Mass Reception of the body in the Church	John O’Neill RIP John Sweeney Anniversary Tom Parsons Anniversary John O’Neill RIP
Monday	NO	MASS	TODAY	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary’s	Mass	Pat Groarke Anniversary
Wednesday	9:15am	St Richards	Mass	Jimmy Mullaghy RIP
Thursday	9:30 am	St. Mary’s	Mass	Jackie Evans RIP
Friday	9:15 am 2:00 pm	St Richard’s St Mary’s	Mass Funeral Mass	Martin Varley RIP James Reilly RIP
Saturday	10 am 11:00 am	St Mary’s	Exposition And Adoration. Confession during Adoration Mass	Brian O’Neill Anniversary