

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SUNDAY, 5TH January 2025

Reflection: *Theme* BE A STAR! LEAD SOMEONE TO JESUS

The gospel tells us that a star led three wise men to Jesus after he had been born at Bethlehem. They had seen the star in their homeland in the East far away. It meant so much to them that they embarked on a long perilous journey to find the newly born king. Their efforts and sacrifices were later rewarded when they eventually found the child, not before they had made a detour to the palace of King Herod, who later will sort after the life of the child.

Today, millions of people, non-Christian are out there who are yet to find and know the Lord Jesus. But they will not find him or come to know him unless some star will lead them to him. That kind of star is not the type that led the three wise men but rather, people, you and I, provided that we have already found Jesus ourselves, convinced of our witnessing for him, only then can we lead others to Jesus for them to find him.

One way of doing that is to tell people about Jesus: who he is, what he is to us both personally and to the rest of humanity. For us to be stars, leading others to Jesus, we must talk about him at every opportunity: at home, at work, and other places. Just as the star out in the sky never fail to reflect the light of the sun, we as his human stars here on earth, must never fail or be ashamed or afraid to tell people about Jesus, so that they too may find him.

Another way to lead others to Jesus is by the kind of lives that we live. Our lives must reflect our faith in Jesus. What we do must match what we say. If we say one thing and do another thing, nobody will take us seriously, and we will not be able to lead anyone to Jesus. In other words, our lives should be sermons that people can read.

So, we can be stars. We must!

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.

(May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary. Benny Woods (1st) Philomena Johnson (1st) Maura O'Dea (9th) Tess Conroy (9th)

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

Special Intention. Mary Hackman

Birthday Remembrance. Edward Sheehan.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Parish Parochial Administrator, Fr. Kris Aneke, MSP, The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Team, wishes all our beloved Parishioners a Happy and Prosperous New Year, 2025.
2. Thank you to the Parishioners who helped prepare our Altars for Christmas, many positive comments were received regarding how lovely they were.

2. Congratulation to Shane and Donna who were married in St Mary's this week. We pray for God's blessings for them and their marriage

3. Please when lighting candles, use the lighters that are provided on the candle stands, only light the candle once it is in the candle holder on the stand, and please do not lift any part of the glass holders.

4. **2025 is a Jubilee Year** for the Catholic Church. The theme for the year is Pilgrims of Hope. The year was inaugurated by the opening of the Holy Door, a door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Francis on Christmas Eve. The Jubilee Year is an invitation to showcase the hope of our Christian faith to people right across the world at a time where there is so much suffering. The Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee presents each of us with an opportunity to reignite the flame in our hearts and share the light of our faith with those in darkness. There is information online at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Main-Jubilee-booklet-digital.pdf>
In our diocese, St Mary's, Bamber Bridge; St Mary's, Burnley; St Alban's, Blackburn; Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley; St Peter's, Stonyhurst and St Mary's "The Hidden Gem", Manchester are designated as Churches the Holy Doors can be entered.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 18th – 25th January. The theme is: Do you believe this (John 11:26), and resources specifically for England and Wales will be available and circulated soon.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	For the sick of our Parish
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	
Sunday The Epiphany of The Lord	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Benny Woods Memorial Anniversary Philomena Johnson Memorial Anniversary Maura O'Dea Memorial Anniversary Tess Conroy Memorial Anniversary Edward Sheehan Birthday Remembrance
	11:00 am	St. Mary's	Mass	
Monday	NO	MASS	TODAY	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Special Intention Mary Hackman
Wednesday	9:15am	St Richards	Mass	For the sick of our Parish
Thursday	9:30 am	St. Mary's	Mass	For the sick of our Parish
Friday	9:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	For those who have died recently in our Parish
Saturday	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition And Adoration.	For those who have died recently in our Parish
	11:00 am		Confession during Adoration Mass	