

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



Incorporating the Parishes of:

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Sixth Week in Ordinary Time. Year C. SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025

Mass is on Page 139 in the Mass Book. Reflection:

The best commentary on Jesus' sermon is Jesus's own life. Jesus did not live his life as if he were blessed by God; he lived out his life in the constant awareness that God did indeed bless him. In the course of that life he experienced poverty, not only the poverty of deprivation, but the poverty of standing alone against the crowds, the poverty of total reliance on his father.

He experienced hunger, not just the hunger that can be answered by bread, but the hunger that can only be satisfied by doing what is right. He had reason to weep and mourn not only at the loss of a dear friend but at the loss opportunities of his own people. He was no stranger to being held up as a clown for the amusement of all; he knew the experience of rejection, betrayal, and abandonment.

All this was experienced by Jesus in the course of his mission; it was not adopted as some precious theological posture. It was the outcome of a life dedicated to God. The beatitudes are not prescription for becoming poor, hungry, mournful, or afflicted. They are addressed to those who are already involved in committing themselves to the kingdom, and they give instances of what happens when the kingdom arrives in this broken world. The beatitude speaks of the variety of experiences that people go through as a result of getting involved in God's way of doing things. So, there is the promise that God can handle the poverty, the hunger, the tears, the rejection.

The promise is that God handles all these things, lifting his people out of them. That is the Good News. God is not committed to keeping his people at the level of being hurt and wounded – if that were true, the beatitude would read, "Blessed are you who weep, for you shall weep even more." The vision of the God of the beatitudes is the vision of a generous God, one who reverses the tragedy. "Blessed are you who weep" is the tragedy; 'for you shall laugh' is the comedy. And it is the comedy, not the tragedy, which is the promise.

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 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.

Ray Sweeney. AnnMarie Harkin. Maureen Kennerley. Tina Dolan (May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary. James Byrne Months Mind. Michael and Mary Donelon. (Eternal rest grant to them Oh Lord,,,,,)

Birthday Remembrance. Margaret McDermott

Happy 80th Birthday. Mary Donelon

Offerings received from last weekend.

St Richards £202.29. St Mary's £400.71

Total £603.00

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Parish Confirmation programme will commence on 27th February for young people in the Parish. The first session is at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church.
2. Fr Kris is appealing for volunteers to help and serve in the various ministries in the Parish. Please think how you could volunteer and become more active in the Church community. If you think you could get more involved, please have a chat with Fr Kris.
3. If anyone has an elderly relative/friend that can no longer come to Church please contact the office. Fr Kris visits the housebound in their home/care home. If a person is in hospital, then please contact the Hospital Chaplaincy team on 0161-276-8792 (office hours) or 0161-276-1234 (emergency call out) and ask for the RC Priest or speak to the Ward Staff for information.
4. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham is taking place on Saturday 3rd May 2025. For more information and details of how to book, visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/Walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161-817-2209.
5. Assisted suicide: the Committee stage of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has begun, raising serious concerns about its conduct.
 - The Committee has been 'stacked' with a higher number of MPs who support the Bill
 - Nearly twice as many witnesses supported assisted suicide than the number who opposed it
 - Important voices have been excluded, including the Government's chief Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisor, the British Geriatrics Society and several disability rights groups, senior palliative care doctors and legal experts with relevant expertise.

MPs must be aware of the serious issues in the scrutiny of Kim Leadbeater's Bill. It's vital they know your concerns and vote against it at Third Reading. ***Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds.***

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Matthew Andrews Anniversary
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	James Byrne Months Mind
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Donelon Happy 80 th Birthday
	11:00 am	St. Mary's	Mass	Michael and Mary Donelon Anniversary
Monday	NO	MASS	TODAY	
Tuesday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Margaret McDermott Birthday Remembrance
Wednesday	9:15 am	St Richard's	Mass	Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Thursday	9:30 am	St Mary's	Mass	Lately dead of the Parish
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Saturday	10 am 11:00 am	St Mary's	Exposition And Adoration. Confession during Adoration Mass	Lately dead of the Parish
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