

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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Seventh Week in Ordinary Time. Year C. SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

Mass is on Page 141 in the Mass Book.

Reflection:

Today's Scripture readings challenge us to make three types of correct choices in life. First, we are advised to choose the "golden rule" including loving our enemies and showing sensitivity to the feelings and needs of others. Second, we need to choose unconditional, love instead of envy, jealousy and hatred in our relationships with others. Third, we must choose graceful and merciful forgiveness instead of harboring revenge and planning retaliation.

The first reading shows us how David made the right choice, respecting God's anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his own misery in seeking his revenge.

In the Responsorial Psalm, Ps 103, the Psalmist reminds us of the mercy of God and His compassion which we should practice in our choices. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us how the "First Adam" made a wrong choice of disobedience, bringing death into the world, whereas Jesus, the "Second Adam," made the right choice of fulfilling his Father's saving plan for mankind by accepting acute suffering and a heinous death.

Today's Gospel (Luke 6:27-38), gives us Jesus' revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, based on the necessity of our following the "Golden Rule" and our obligation to behave like the children of a loving, forgiving, merciful, and compassionate Heavenly Father. Our relationships in our communities become truly Christian when we follow the Golden Rule, "*Do to others as you would have them do to you,*" as Jesus amplifies it, obeying the additional commands of radical Christian love we are to exercise as God's children (and Jesus' adopted brothers and sisters), "*Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you.*" Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful and compassionate to everyone as God our Father is loving, merciful, and compassionate. He concludes by instructing us to stop judging others and start forgiving all who offend us.

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. Ann Marie Harkin. Maureen Kennerley. Tina Dolan. Jenny Smith. Mary Flannery. Malachi Coady. Liam Toland. Anne Scally. Kathleen Heraty. Patrick Cocoran. Christine St. John. Anne Killeen
(May their souls rest in peace)

Memorial Anniversary. Billy Ryan (6th)

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

NB. Due to the number of funerals next week it has not been possible to accommodate all the Mass intentions. Mass will be offered as requested as soon as possible; the names have been kept.

Also someone has requested Mass without any other details, please will you contact the office if the person you want Mass for is not mentioned above.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Lent begins March 5th, Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Ash Wednesday Masses/distribution of Ashes: 9:15am at St. Richard's and 6:30pm at St. Mary's.
2. Stations of the cross during Lent will be at St. Mary's on Fridays at 6:30pm throughout the Lenten period. Please endeavour to attend.
3. Volunteers for various ministries are needed. Kindly write your names and contacts on the papers provided in the Narthex. Your gifts and talents are valuable and will be helpful to the parish.
4. We also need anyone with I.T or website experience to help us manage the parish website.
5. The parish now have these committees: Parish Finance Committee, Parish health committee, Parish building/safety Committee and Parish Liturgical committee. We thank those who have accepted to be members of these committees and wish them God's Grace and blessings. Members of these various committees will be introduced and commissioned very soon.
6. Family Fast Day for CAFOD will be on 14th March 2025. Envelopes are at the back of Church.

PLEASE NOTE TIMES OF MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Liturgy	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 pm	St Richard's	Mass	Mary Dunn Special Intention Mary Flannery RIP
	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Mass	Ray Sweeney RIP Malachi Coady RIP
Sunday	9:30 am	St Richard's	Mass	Jemmy Smith RIP Patrick Corcoran RIP
	11:00 am	St. Mary's	Mass	Billy Ryan Anniversary Anne Scally RIP
Monday	NO	MASS	TODAY	
Tuesday	10:00 am	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	Maureen Kennerley RIP
	6.30pm	St Mary's	Reception of	John Francis Finnegan RIP
Wednesday	10:00 am	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	John Francis Finnegan RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary's	Reception of	Ann Marie Harkin RIP
Thursday	10:00 am	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	Ann Marie Harkin RIP
Friday	9:30am	St Mary's	Funeral Mass	Raymond Sweeney RIP
Saturday	10 am	St Mary's	Exposition And Adoration.	Special Intention Liam Toland RIP
	11:00 am		Confession during Adoration Mass	

Offerings received from last weekend.

St Richards £.165.00 St Mary's £457.25

Total £622.25

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