

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



## Incorporating the Parishes of:

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. 18th MAY 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 265 in the Mass Book.

### Reflection:

Did Jesus give a new commandment to his disciples according to the gospel passage of today? Were people not practicing love before the time of Jesus? Certainly! they were.

But let us take our minds back to the scriptures, specifically the Old testaments. The Jews had two commandments of love enunciated in Deuteronomy chapter 6:5 which is – “Love of God” and in Leviticus chapter 19:18 which is about – “Love of neighbour”. Jesus himself described these two passages as the first and second greatest commandments of the Law. (Mt. 22:37-39; Mk 12:29-31). So, the question is, how was the commandment given by Jesus new?

In fact, one of the most explicit passages in the scripture that portresses distinctively the summary of the Ten Commandment was that of Matthew 22:23-40. In that passage was the reply of Jesus to a lawyer who enquired to know the greatest commandment in the law. And Jesus was explicit in his reply to the lawyer “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul, and with all your mind. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbour as yourself*”.

This newness of Jesus’s commandment lay in its application. For instance, a neighbour that a Jew, is expected to love was another Jew, for a disciples of Christ, the neighbour is every man and woman, friend, and foe alike. A Jew had no business loving a Roman or a Samaritan, not only was he not required to love his enemy, but he is required to exact an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But Jesus says – Not so for you and me because we are Christians, his followers, Jesus preached to the Jews at the time, he says to them, a Samaritan is neighbour to a Jew as we learn in the parable of the “Good Samaritan.” (Luke 10:29-37) in our own context today, who do you think is your neighbour?

Also, the Jewish commandment of love was “*You must love your neighbour as yourself*” (Lev 19-18). Jesus’s new commandment is rather “*Love one another as I have loved you*” (Jn 15:12). When you hear or read what comes next, you will know that it goes far beyond loving your neighbour as yourself. In the next verse Jesus says, “*No one can have a greater love than to lay down his life for his friends*” (Jn 15:13). And Jesus went ahead to show it by dying on the cross for us, his friends. That is much and how he has loved us.

If Jesus then commands us to love one another as he has loved us, it means that we must be prepared to go the extra mile for our ‘neighbour’ – making sacrifices? What that means is, we should be ready to make sacrifices, to deny ourselves certain things like material things, food, clothes, giving our time to others, our comfort or simply a listening ear to those who need to be listened to. St. Mother Theresa says, “I have found the paradox that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.” Most people choose the way of love but STOP loving when it begins to hurt. Loving like Jesus asked us to without expecting pains and disappointments will be an illusion

### We Pray for the sick and housebound

John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. John Tunney. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Maria Morrissey, Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. John Reilly.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

**May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently.**

Patrick Murray. Nathan Sweeney. Mary McGlade. Mary Doherty. Michael Howard  
(May their souls rest in peace),

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Memorial Anniversary:** Martin Coughlan (4<sup>th</sup>)

**Special Intention:** Pope Leo XIV. Mary and Michael White. Una McGrath. For good health

**Birthday Remembrance:** Frank McGrath

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

1. Please remember, there will be recitation of the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass throughout the month of May. Please come to Church early enough to participate in the Rosary. Anyone who would like to lead the Rosary on any day please do so.
2. **The Parish Summer Fair** will be held in St Mary's Hall on **22<sup>nd</sup> June after 11am** Mass. People are desperately needed to help organise these events. Also required are prizes for the Tombola please. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm to discuss/plan the Summer Fair. Please try to attend. Thank you
3. **Mary's Meals.** Please place any foreign currency or UK currency that is no longer legal tender in the baskets at the back of Church. This money will be sent to Mary's Meals to help feed less fortunate children in the World. Thank you
4. Registration of Children for First Holy Communion begins from today, May 11, 2025, and closes on May 31, 2025. Kindly obtain registration form after Mass at both St. Richards and St. Marys or from the Parish office on Mondays and Thursdays (10:00 am to 1:00 pm).
5. We are planning something very interesting and liturgical for our children in the parish. Parents, watch this space!
6. A Parishioner requires accommodation, if you can help or know of any availability please speak to Fr Kris.
7. Fr Kris is planning a Parish Mission for a week in September. The missionaries will be coming from Ireland and will require accommodation near Church. If anyone can provide accommodation, please complete the notice in the porches. More information will follow.
8. **Funerals at St Mary's**  
Nathan Sweeney RIP: Funeral Mass on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 am  
Mary Doherty RIP Funeral Mass on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12:15 pm

### **SEE YOU AT MASS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER.**

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil:	5:00 pm St. Richard's	6:30 pm St. Mary's
Sunday:	9:30 am St. Richard's	11:00 am St. Mary's

#### **Daily Masses**

St. Mary's:	9:30 am – Tuesday & Thursday
10:00am – 11:00am	Exposition/Adoration & Mass on Saturday
10:15 – 10:45 am –	Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Richard's:	9:15 am on Wednesday and Friday

**Offertory collection for last week - St. Mary's £461.40    St. Richard's £306.60    TOTAL = £715**

**Thank you all for your generosity.**