

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. 25th MAY 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 267 in the Mass Book.

Reflection: Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians, which shook the very foundation of the early Church.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) prays that all the nations on the earth may recognize their God and praise Him.

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members.

The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know. The promise of God's abiding presence must have been of great comfort to John's community who knew that the Temple in Jerusalem — the symbol of God's presence with His people — had been destroyed by the Roman army. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us that the one thing in life which we can always trust is God's presence. God inhabits our hearts so deeply and intimately that we become the visible dwelling place of God. His living and life-affirming Presence is always with us, yet "hidden" in the very things we so often take for granted. Thus, we are invited to look for and encounter — "God-with-us," yet "hidden" — in the person sitting next to us, in the words we speak, and in the songs, we sing at worship.

St. Francis of Assisi was an ardent advocate of the doctrine of the indwelling of God in man, and this conviction enabled him to love everyone equally whatever his status in life. One day he met a fellow who had no love for God. As they walked along, they met a man who was blind and paralyzed. St. Francis asked the sightless cripple: "Tell me if I were to restore your eyesight and the use of your limbs, would you love me?" "Ah," replied the beggar, "I would not only love you, but I would be your slave for the rest of my life." "See," said Francis to the man who maintained that he could not love God, "this man would love me if I gave him his sight and his health. Why don't you love God who created you with eyesight and strong limbs?" — That is what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. If we love Jesus because of the countless blessings, he has given us and so keep his word as the centre of our life, he will start dwelling within us in the company of his Father and the Holy Spirit, making us the temples of the Triune God.

We Pray for the sick and housebound

John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. 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.

Mary Doherty. Michael Howard. Steven Teague. Steven Stack. John Tunney
(May their souls rest in peace),

Memorial Anniversary: Leslie and Mary Le Richie

Special Intention: Mary Hastings for healing

Birthday Remembrance: Thomas Colleran

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. This is the last week of May so please make a special effort to come to Church 20 mins before Mass to recite the Rosary together.
2. **The Parish Summer Fair** will be held in St Mary's Hall on **22nd June after 11am Mass**. The next meeting will be held after 11 am Mass on 8th June in St Marys. We need volunteers to set up the stalls on the Saturday (21st) and to help at the fair. Donations of bottles of alcohol, unwanted new gift sets, items for the tombola, homemade cakes will be greatly appreciated. Also, we need people to attend the fair to make it successful. Raffle tickets will be sold before and after each Mass for the next few weekends.
3. 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).
4. We are planning something very interesting and liturgical for our children in the parish. Parents, watch this space!
5. A Parishioner requires accommodation, if you can help or know of any availability please speak to Fr Kris.
6. Fr Kris is planning a Parish Mission for a week in September. The Peregrinatio Pro Christo are members of the Legion of Mary coming from Ireland and will require accommodation near Church. Each person will be prepared to pay the host families for a bed for the week. All meals will be provided by the Parish. Please if anyone can provide accommodation, please complete the notice on the table at the back of Church.
7. The Active Retirement Group have organised a day out to Llandudno on 10th July, leaving St Mary's car park at 9am and then leaving Llandudno at 5pm. If anyone is interested in going, please speak to Peggy Sweeney or Bridie Mulligan for further information.

8. Funerals at St Mary's

John Tunney RIP will be received into St Mary's on Thursday 29th May at 7pm prior to internment in Ireland.

Mary Doherty RIP Funeral Mass on Tuesday 3rd June at 12:15 pm

Michael Howard RIP Funeral Mass on Wednesday 4th June at 11:30am

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 £368.25 St. Richard's £270.56 TOTAL = £638.81

Thank you all for your generosity.