

# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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## THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 83 in the Sunday Mass Book.

### Reflection: THE BREAD OF LIFE

What is the greatest treasure of the Catholic Church? It is the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Body, and Blood of Christ. No wonder the Second Vatican Council described it as “the source and summit of the whole Christian life” because in it the faithful “offer the divine Victim to God and offer themselves along with it.” the Council also said that “the most blessed Eucharist contains the Church’s entire spiritual wealth, that is Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread.” All that is to say that the Holy Eucharist is quite simply Christ himself. Or again, as the Catechism puts it, the Holy Eucharist is the “true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,” under the appearances of bread and wine.

Jesus told his audience that they would have to eat his body and drink his blood in order to have life in them, and anyone who ate his body and drank his blood would have eternal life (John 6:51-58). Many of his listeners were, quite naturally, put off at the prospect of having to eat his flesh and drink his blood since they were not cannibals. In fact, many of them began to go away, saying, “This is intolerable language. How can anyone accept it?” (John 6:60).

Jesus did not call them back to offer an explanation or to say that he had been misunderstood. Instead, he insisted that he meant exactly what he said: they would have to eat his body and drink his blood. Even the Twelve Apostles did not know what to make of Jesus’s pronouncement at that time. But they decided to stay with him even though they did not understand his statement, Simon Peter spoke for all of them. He said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe...” (John 6:68).

Only at the last supper, when Jesus took the bread and said, “This is my body, which is for you” and he took a cup filled with wine and said, “This is the new covenant in my blood”, did the Apostles finally understand what Jesus meant on the earlier occasion. What he meant was that they would have to eat his body and drink his blood in the forms of bread and wine. But the bread and wine would no longer be bread and wine. They would have transformed into the real body and blood of Christ. They would still have all the physical characteristics of bread and wine, but the real substance of bread and wine would have given way to the body and blood of Christ. That is the process Catholic theology has traditionally called *Transubstantiation*.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, the bread of life, (the Eucharist) today, may our faith in it be firm, deepened and draws us closer in devotion and adoration of the most blessed Sacrament, the body and blood of Christ. Amen.

### 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.** Onorina Acrisi. John Joseph Owens (Corky) Bernadette Carrol. Connie Morris (May their souls rest in peace),

**Memorial Anniversary:** Elizabeth (Lily) Cassidy (20<sup>th</sup>) Chris McEntee (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Special Intention:** For God’s Healing for Christopher Veale and Anonymous person.

**Father's Day** remembrance for John Johnson.  
**Birthday Remembrance** for Philomena Johnson

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **The Parish Summer Fair is today after 11am Mass in St Mary's Hall.** Please call into the hall and help make the fair a success. All money raised is for the maintenance of Our Churches.
2. **PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING ACCOMMODATION.** Fr Kris is planning a Parish Mission for September. The Peregrinatio Pro Christo are members of the Legion of Mary coming from Ireland. We humbly request accommodation near Church for those coming and the host families will be paid for a week's stay from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Their Meals will be provided for and will be taken in the Parish. Please if anyone can provide accommodation, please complete the form on the table at the back of Church.
3. **The card machine at the back of Church is now fully operational if you wish to give any donation via card. It is easy to use, put your card in and follow the instructions on the screen. The more we use it the easier it will become to donate to the Church in this way.**
4. **BAPTISM:** the Diocese has introduced new procedures for anyone requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. In Our Parish from September, Baptism will take place on the first and third weekends in the month. St Richard's Baptism will remain on Saturdays at 12 noon and St Mary's Sunday at 12:30. Parents must collect a Baptism form after Mass on any Sunday, complete and return the form the following Sunday, attend Mass for at least 6 weeks and there will be a MUST and compulsory class to be attended by the parents (and God parents if available) on the importance of the sacrament of Baptism and their expectations at the Baptism. The first class will take place on 27.7.25 the families involved will be notified.
5. The next meeting of the Parish council will be on 2.7.25 at 6:30pm in the Parish meeting room.
6. The Active Retirement Group have organised a day out to Llandudno on 10<sup>th</sup> 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.
7. **Funeral Mass** for John Owens (Corky) will be held at St Mary's Church on 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am.
8. Salford Cathedral invites you to join a special period of prayer - 40 Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us between 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June in our temporary church as we pray for a particular intention before the Blessed Sacrament each day. See the full schedule and further details at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/quarantore-cathedral-25/>
9. Job Vacancy: Cathedral Site Officer please see the Diocese of Salford website for further details.
10. The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home, Plymouth Grove are having a 'Family Fun Day and BBQ, Sunday 13 July 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Admission Adults £3 and Children free. Refreshments and BBQ available to buy. There will be a Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Van, Tombola, Egg and Spoon Race, Beat the Goalie. These are just a few of the games/stalls for you all to enjoy so please come and support this fundraising event.

### 11. **Pilgrimage to the Hidden Gem – Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, 29th June.**

As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, the Deanery of St Clare will be making a special pilgrimage to one of the Holy Doors in our diocese, located at The Hidden Gem – Manchester's historic Catholic church tucked away in the heart of the city.

This is a wonderful opportunity to renew our faith, receive the graces of the Jubilee indulgence, and spend time in prayer and reflection. We will conclude our pilgrimage with 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Evening Prayer inside the church.

**Meeting Point:** please join us at St Peter's Square (near the central Library) by 4:30pm for a short walk to the church. Adoration will begin at 5:00pm in the Hidden Gem.

Let this Jubilee be a time of grace for our deanery—come, walk with us through the Holy Door, and rediscover the quiet beauty of this sacred space in the heart of Manchester.

## **SEE YOU NEXT WEEK 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