

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY. SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 287 from the Sunday Mass Book.

Reflection:

Pentecost is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai

On this major feast day, we are invited to experience and appreciate the transforming, sanctifying, and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit within us. This is also a day for us to renew our promises made to God during our Baptism and Confirmation, to profess our Faith, and to practice it.

The Holy Spirit, the Helper, is always quietly at work in our lives. We meet Him: in the sincere concern of a friend for our health; in the generosity of those who gives us so much help; in the inner strength we discover in times of crisis; in those moments when we admit that we have been wrong; in the making of a tough choice; in the resilience of people who face one bad thing after another; in times when we have dared to love even though it was hard to do so.

The Holy Spirit, the Helper, is quietly at work. We find Him: in taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us; in refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul; in giving thanks always, even though times have been hard; in rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us; in finding the Central Core of Peace in the midst of turmoil; in an adult patiently teaching a child self-esteem and self-control; in the person sitting quietly beside a hospital bed; in a parent praying for a troubled son or daughter.

How beautiful is the thought that the Holy Spirit lives within us! Saint Paul reminds the Corinthian community of this fact when he asks, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Cor 3:16). It is the Holy Spirit who develops our intimacy with God. "God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, 'Abba! ('Father!')'" (Gal 4:6). "God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us" (Rom 5:5).

The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

"Come Holy Spirit, make our ears hear. Make our eyes see. Make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek, make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. 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. Eileen McGuire. Mary Doherty. Molly McMenanin. Denis Doherty. (May their souls rest in peace),

Memorial Anniversary: Peter Connolly (18th) Cecilia Dsouza (1st)

Special Intention: For God's Healing for Christopher Joyce. The Sweeney Family. Marey Neary. John Fitzgerald. In Thanksgiving Dr Emmanuel E. Adiotomre. Anthony Ese Adiotomre. Joy Akporhere. John Mullarkey, and Martin Coughlan (Birthday 10/6/25).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **The Parish Summer Fair** will be held in St Mary's Hall on **22nd June after 11 am Mass**. There will be a meeting today after 11 am Mass to finalise arrangements. If anyone can help, please stay for the meeting. 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.
2. **There will be a second collection this weekend for Parish Building Maintenance.**
3. A Parishioner requires accommodation, if you have any availability for rent, please speak to Fr Kris.
4. 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. We humbly request accommodation near Church for those coming and the host families will be paid for a week's stay from Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th. 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.
5. 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.

6.

Pilgrimage to the Hidden Gem – Jubilee Year of Hope

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.

Date: Saturday, 29th June

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.

Travel Details:

Walking Pilgrimage: For those who wish to walk together in pilgrimage spirit, we will depart from [enter starting location] at [enter time].

Meeting Point: If you're making your own way, 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

Offertory collection for last week - St. Mary's £449.70 St. Richard's £332.30 TOTAL = £782

Thank you all for your generosity.

