

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SUNDAY 20th July 2025. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings are on Page 111 in the Sunday Mass Book.

Reflection: "WELCOMING JESUS"

In the imagery of Genesis, the Lord God walks and talks and eats with his chosen ones. By depicting God in human form for the writer shows us in a simple way a truth about almighty God – how he is involved in the life and struggle of his people. In the Gospel however, we see Jesus visiting people and talking with them, we see that this is not imagery but the literal truth. Jesus is not disguised as a human being; he is a human being. As St. Paul says in today's second reading: 'the mystery of God, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now revealed in Christ. In the person of Jesus, the Lord really does walk among his people. In Jesus we can see the face of the living God.

In the gospel account of the story of Jesus's visit to Mary and Martha's home, the evangelist Luke emphasized the importance of the guest: Martha addresses Jesus as LORD while Mary sits at the LORD'S feet, Martha became very engaged in the preparation of a meal while Mary sits with the guest, listening.

The message of Jesus of Nazareth, his teaching, was urgent, momentous, far more important than anything material. It demanded the undivided attention of the recipient. That was the kind of attention Mary gave to it, while Martha busied herself with serving. What Martha did was fine. It wasn't wrong. Yes, it was a good thing to welcome Jesus with food and drink. But what Mary did was better. She gave Jesus a listening ear, her undivided attention. Jesus said she had chosen the better part, and it would not be taken away from her.

It is all a matter of knowing what we are to give to God at each moment in our relationship with God. There will be times when we must be Martha: giving our time, talents and treasures (money) in the service of God and our Church and there will be other times when we must be Mary: just being present to God, just being there, listening to him and conversing with him, for instance, by going to Mass regularly and faithfully, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, reading our bible, etc.

This week and perhaps often, what is required of us, then, is to be both Martha and Mary in our relationship with God and in our relationship with Jesus.

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.
Noel Robinson. Margaret Collins (May their souls rest in peace),

Memorial Anniversary Bridie Coen. Phelim Clerkin (22nd)

Birthday Thanksgiving Ann Abajori. Mary Reilly

Special Intention 70th Birthday Blessing

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Next weekend there will be a second collection for Parish Funds.
2. Funeral Mass for the late Margaret Collins will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday July 30th at 11:30am.
3. Parents, in September, the parish is beginning Children Liturgy on Sunday at the 11:00am Mass. We are encouraging you to kindly talk to your children for their full participation and commitment. Please register your child in any of the ministries – Readers, Ushers, Choir, welcoming ministry and offering collection during mass. We need your support.
4. Missio Red Boxes: please put any donations in a bag/envelope with your name and address on and leave it in the Sacristy during the month of July. If you cannot get to Church, please contact Winnie on 07806994626 or email wnfrdocnnr@aol.com and she will arrange to collect from you. The summer edition of the magazine is in the Porch. On behalf of Missio thank you for your support.
5. **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 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.
6. **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 after 11am Mass at St Mary's the families involved have been notified.** Baptism forms can be collected from Fiona or Ann near the piety stall in the Church porch at St Mary's, or from Fr Kris at St Richard's.

Other announcements:

7. Are you involved in any form of ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more or would like to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? Liverpool Hope University has partnered with several Catholic dioceses, including the Diocese of Salford, to help people gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You can follow the two-year course online and also opt to take this course as a postgraduate certificate. To find out more, please email m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.
8. Mass at Southern Cemetery for all who have died will be 12 noon on Monday 25 August outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in the cemetery. Seating will not be provided, so please bring a chair if you require one. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in St Ambrose Church.

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 - Wednesday & Friday

Offertory Collection from last week St Mary's £510.05 St Richards £142.78 total £652.84

"Peters Pence" collection £190.03

Thank you for your continued generosity.