

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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## SUNDAY 27th July 2025. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mass Readings are on Page 114 in the Sunday Mass Book.*

### Reflection: "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

Someone was praying, and said, "Lord, give me patience. But please hurry!" that is a glaring example of just how NOT to pray. From today's Gospel passage, we gather that patience or perseverance is one of the essential attributes of prayer. If we lack it when we pray, then we just do not know how to pray. Two other attributes of prayer are faith and "right intention." When we pray, we must have faith that God will answer us. First, we must believe that God is able to do what we are asking. Then we must also believe that he is willing to do it for us; that is, he cares enough, he has our interest enough to do it for us. The basis of this faith can be seen in the words of Jesus in today's Gospel passage: "Ask, and it will be given to you... For the one who asks always receives." Jesus did not say, "Ask, and it may be given to you." What he said was, "Ask, and it will be given to you." He did not say, "The one who asks sometimes receives." No! He said, "The one who asks always receives." Jesus was not given to making frivolous promises, promises that he could not or would not deliver on. That is why we have to be convinced that if he said so, then it has to be so. That is why we can, and we must pray with faith.

But what we are praying for must be for our own or our neighbour's good. That is where "right intention" comes in. If what I am praying for is not for my own or my neighbour's good, God will not do it for me. What responsible father would hand his son a stone if he asked for one, when what he really needed was bread? In the same way, God cannot be expected to give us anything that would turn out to be a stone or a snake or a scorpion in our hands, even if we asked him.

The last attribute that we need to bring to our prayer is patience or perseverance. God is absolutely sovereign. He does not take orders from us. He will do what we ask for in prayer in his own time, not our time. Many of us have lost the attribute of patience. We give up so easily, we stop trying, we say, "It is no use. We are just wasting our time."

That is not the right attitude to bring to prayer. That is the lesson of today's gospel passage for us. When we pray, it is we who must wait on the Lord, and not the other way round. We cannot give God any ultimatums or deadlines to do what we want, or else .... That is what we are doing if we lack patience or perseverance when we pray.

**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 McNenny. 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. Tommy Hegarty. Natalie Ella McLoughlin. Nancy Ely. Mareise Cook. (May their souls rest in peace),

**Memorial Anniversary** Patrick Doherty. Patrick Doyle. Catherine and Brian Groarke. Maura Keane Nellie O'Dowd. John Jordan. Thomas Hamilton

**Birthday Remembrance** Annette Ryan

**Birthday Thanksgiving** Odiader Agonrofo

**Special Intention** Agbanrofo Family. Gerry Fox

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

1. There is a second collection for Parish Funds this weekend.
2. **Funeral Masses at St Mary's**  
Margaret Collins RIP on Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.  
Tommy Hegarty RIP, evening reception into Church Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm, Funeral Mass Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am
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](mailto: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. Thank you to those who have agreed to provide accommodation for the Peregrination Pro Christo members of the Legion of Mary coming from Ireland from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. If anyone else could offer accommodation, please place your details on the form at the back of Church.
6. **BAPTISM:** Anyone requesting Baptism for their children, please speak to Ann or Fiona in the Porch near the piety stall. The Baptism Preparation meeting takes place after Mass this Sunday, if you have been asked to attend, please wait in Church.

### **Other announcements:**

7. 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.
8. 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](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk).
9. There are a few places left for our Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage, taking place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Organised in partnership with the Columban Missionaries of Britain, this nine-mile walking pilgrimage invites you to spend the day in prayer and reflection on the beauty of God's creation and how we are called to care for the world and each other. The day begins with a short prayer service at the Laudato Si' Centre and ends with Mass at the cathedral's temporary church. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/columban-pilgrimage-register/>

## **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