

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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## SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mass Readings are on Page 117 in the Sunday Mass Book.*

### Reflection: THEME: "THE RICH FOOL"

The parable in today's gospel passage has often been referred to by biblical scholars as "The Parable of the Rich fool". That is a rather curious title, somewhat like calling someone "an evil genius", and the person in question is actually admitting that he is one. How can someone be rich and a fool at one and the same time? That is only too possible, as can be clearly seen from the parable in question.

The man in the parable was rich in material terms; that is, he had managed to gather a great amount of material wealth. But he had no sense. He made the mistake of reposing confidence in his wealth. He thought that it was all he needed for his security. He failed to reckon with God. When the demand was made for his soul, his entire material wealth was of no use to him.

Man's foolishness becomes clearly evident when we consider that material wealth can evaporate as a result of some unforeseen circumstances, an accident of one sort or another. How often have we seen that happened to some people? Someone was rich and comfortable yesterday and today perhaps due to ill health and had to spend his entire fortune on hospital bills, and today he is penniless. Or maybe one wrong investment, hoping to make a "Kill" in terms of financial returns, but instead, he lost his entire investment, capital, profit and all, and now he is left with nothing. That sadly has been the experience of many people all over the world.

All that goes to justify the warning of Jesus in Matthew 6:19-20: "Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and woodworm destroy them and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor woodworm destroy them and thieves cannot break in and steal." The rich Man in today's parable was a fool precisely because he stored up his treasure on earth rather than in heaven.

The lesson for us in today's parable is that our real security can be found only in God. It cannot be found in material possessions, cannot be found in our natural and acquired endowments, they too can take leave of us in an instant. It cannot be found in human beings either. They can let us down when we least expect or need them to do so.

"If the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain do the watchman keep vigil" (Psalm 127:1).

**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.**

Tommy Hegarty. Noel Robinson. Eamon McKeever. Patrick Kane. (May their souls rest in peace),

**Memorial Anniversary** Kathleen Molloy (7<sup>th</sup>). Christine Skeffington Parsons (20<sup>th</sup>). Pat Ruane (18<sup>th</sup>)

**Special Intention** God's healing for Betty.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **Funeral details for the late 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 in St Mary's**
2. **Summer Fair grand total** stands at £2861.24 following some further donations received during the week. Thank you so much to everyone for their generosity.
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. **This is the last weekend to empty your Missio Red Boxes:** please put any donations in a bag/envelope with your name and address on and leave it in the Sacristy. If you cannot get to Church, please contact Winnie on 07806994626 or email [wfnrdocnnr@aol.com](mailto:wfnrdocnnr@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. All parents who request Baptism for their child must attend the Baptism Preparation Meeting and have their form signed by the priest who says Mass on 6 weekends before their child can be Baptised.
7. Please remember to pray for the Youth of the World who are in Rome now celebrating the Jubilee of Youth. Pope Leo said the young people are the message of hope and they must continue to bring hope to everyone.

### Other announcements:

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.
9. 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).
10. 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

Last weekend collections St Richards £202.57 and 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Parish funds £46.93

St Marys £432.26 and £180.10 so total donations £861.86

Thank you for your generosity as always.