

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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## SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mass Readings are on Page 121 in the Sunday Mass Book.*

### Reflection: THEME: DISCIPLESHIP: FAITH ENOUGH TO DARE

In today's reading we heard Abraham describes as a man "who was already as good as dead". He is an old man, and his wife has passed child-bearing years. For them, the prospect of having their own children and their own land seems highly unlikely. But their faith in God enables them to believe in what they cannot see, to build up a vision of what the future will be like. They act on that vision of faith, and they are rewarded with a son. They set out for their promised land "without knowing where they are going". Their map is their faith in God. When Abraham and Sarah reach their promised land, they live there as strangers, not with the rights of citizens who belong there. They believed that their descendants would enjoy being citizens of the land.

Abraham's deep faith in God enabled him to dare. Wherever he went he took his treasure with him, his treasure was part of him; he could not be separated from it even in time of trial. Abraham's real treasure was his faith in God, and his heart was in the same place as his treasure. That is something which Jesus hopes will be true of his own disciples. Jesus says that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." But the question that beckons to be answered is: What is my treasure? Where is my treasure? What is our real treasure?

So, what is in our treasure boxes? What do we value in our lives? If we are all to list honestly what we really value the most, then we would be giving ourselves away. Jesus did not say "Where your heart is, there will be your treasure also." He makes a much more practical suggestion: he knows that if you want to know what is in people's heart you first find out what is in their treasure boxes! See what people put their trust in and then you know the condition of their heart!

The Gospel asks us: is our treasure the treasure that will not fail us? The kind of treasure Jesus talks about is the kind that cannot be stolen or destroyed. If we were all being burgled at the moment, would we still have our treasure?

Abraham risked everything, but his risk was funded from his treasure – his faith in God. Jesus risked everything, but his risk was funded from his treasure – his great love of the Father. Is our treasure rich enough to fund the risks the Gospel asks us to take?

**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. Mary McVarnock. Fr Pat Clarke C.S.S.P.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

### May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently.

Tommy Hegarty. Liam Octigan (May their souls rest in peace),

**Months Mind** Bridie Terry (nee Walsh)

**Memorial Anniversary** Peter Kinnear (2<sup>nd</sup>) Jean Hesketh

**Birthday Remembrance** Yvonne Brown

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August is a Holyday of Obligation, The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at 9:15am in St Richard's and 6:30pm at St Mary's.
2. Fr Kris has requested a reminder that accommodation for the Peregrination Pro Christo members of the Legion of Mary coming from Ireland from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of September to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> is still required. The more accommodation that is available means more members can visit. If you can provide accommodation you need to provide a light breakfast just, as other meals will be provided to the group. The form remains at the back of Church if you can put your details on if you can provide accommodation. Thank you.
3. Please remember in your prayers Fr Pat Clarke who was admitted to hospital this week in Brazil. Many people will remember Fr Pat from his visits to St Marys in the past.
4. **Funeral details for the late John James Walsh RIP, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 9:30 in St Richards. Fr Dever has kindly agreed to say Mass. Therefore, Mass as normal in St Marys on 19<sup>th</sup> August.**
5. Weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August we will have an appeal by Fr Kevin McDonagh from the Columban Missionaries at each Mass. Fr Kevin will share with us the cross-cultural mission work of the Columban Missionaries in Asia, the Pacific and Latin America. For more information you can visit their website [www.columbans.co.uk](http://www.columbans.co.uk)
6. 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.
7. **BAPTISM:** Anyone requesting Baptism for their children, please speak to Anne 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.
8. 2026 Diocesan Yearbook combines both the almanac and ordo, the diocese will soon be requesting Parishes for the numbers they require. If you would like a copy of this book, please contact the office or put a note in the white post box in Church stating which type of book you would. The book will cost £5.50 for perfect bound and £6.50 for ring bound
9. The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. ***Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!***

### Diocese Announcements

10. 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.
11. The Diocese of Salford is recruiting for a number of roles in the diocesan property team, as well as in our parish clubs. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>
12. This September welcomes back the Season of Creation - a month-long campaign that invites us to reflect on our call to be loving stewards of God's creation. We invite you to join us in beginning this time of reflection with an outdoor Mass in the beautiful grounds of the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Mass takes place on Monday 1 September at 9.30am. Email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more or to register.

### 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 £220.46. St Marys £436.54 total £657

Thank you for your generosity as always.