

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



Incorporating the Parishes of:

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SUNDAY 24th August 2025. Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings are on Page 127 in the Sunday Mass Book.

Reflection: The Jews of old categorizes the entire human race into two groups: Jews and the rest. Jews were the chosen race, and all others were not chosen. Jews were chosen because of the promises God made to their ancestor, Abraham. Those promises passed on to Abraham's descendants, Isaac, Jacob and the twelve sons of Jacob, out of whom came the twelve tribes of Israel. "Israel" was Jacob's other name. As far as the Jews were concerned, only they, the chosen race, would have a place with their ancestor, Abraham, in the kingdom of God.

One can imagine their shock when Jesus told them that others too, "men from east and west, north and south, will come to take their place at the feast in the kingdom of God" with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets, while they, the Jews, would be turned outside. In other words, people of other races, whom the Jews called gentiles or pagans, would be admitted into the kingdom of God, and the Jews turned outside.

One factor only would determine who got admitted and who got turned outside – Faith. The gentiles would be admitted because of their faith in the one sent by God, his Son, Jesus Christ. The Jews, on the other hand, would be turned outside because of their rejection of him. Of course, those Jews who believed in Jesus – and there were many of them, including his Twelve Apostles – would be admitted too.

The prophesy of Jesus however has been fully realized in the church, which is the beginning of the kingdom of God right here on earth. The Church is made up of people from east and west, north, and south, people of all races, colours, languages and cultures. That is why the Church is **Catholic**, meaning universal. What all those people have in common is their faith in Jesus Christ. And it is by their faith that they most resemble Abraham, who was the man of faith par excellence. It is faith that marks them the real descendants of Abraham.

We Christians constitute the kingdom of God that is here on earth. We shall remain in that kingdom and attain its fulfilment in heaven only if we continue in our faith in Jesus Christ.

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. May God grant them good health of mind and body.

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

Sarah Butcher. Michael Naughton. Ebenezer Mandimustria (May their souls rest in peace),

100th Birthday Remembrance for Kathleen Cronin RIP

Special Intention Loretta McLaughlin. Mary Groarke

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Funeral details for the late Ebenezer Mandimustria RIP, Thursday 28th August at 12 noon in St Marys.
2. We welcome Fr Kevin McDonagh who is visiting our Parish this weekend to inform us about the work of the Missionary Society of St. Columban.

3. Anyone who spoke to Fr Kris offering accommodation for the Legionaries please provide your contact details on the form at the back of Church as we need to organise this event now. Most of those who have provided contact details have been spoken too.
 4. Thank you for the anonymous donation to St Marys Church.
 5. 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.
 6. **BAPTISM:** Anyone requesting Baptism for their children, please speak to **Anne or Fiona by the organ at the front of the Church. (The porch was rather busy)**
 7. A book describing the history of Marys Meals and about their work is in the porch, please take it, read it and return it for someone else to read. It is a very inspiring and lovely story. The Charity “Marys Meals” would like to invite parishioners to a Thanksgiving Mass of Marys Meals on Monday 8th September at Sacred Heart Church, Kingsway, Rochdale OL16 5BX at 7pm. Tea and cake in the Parish centre after Mass. Please RSVP to fran.lawson@marysmeals.org if you would like to attend.
 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 to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!***
- Diocese Announcements**

10. Cemetery Masses

Join us on Monday 25th August, as we gather together in prayer to remember our loved ones who have died. Masses will be celebrated at three cemeteries, as per the following schedule:

- St Joseph's, Moston - 11am. (Mass in St Dunstan's, if raining)
- St Mary's, Wardley - 11am
- Southern Cemetery - 12 noon. (Mass in St Ambrose, if raining) All are warmly invited to join us.

11. Jubilee for the Environment

This September, we celebrate the Jubilee for the Environment with a beautiful Outdoor Mass at the Laudato Si' Centre at 9.30am on Monday 1st September. For more information and to register, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

12. Votive Mass for Feast of St Monica

The parish of St Mary's in Oswaldtwistle invites you to a special Votive Mass for the feast of St Monica on Wednesday 27th August at 7pm. The Mass will be followed with an opportunity to venerate a relic of St Monica and invoke her intercession for our families and loved ones. All are invited to join.

13. Job Vacancies

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/>

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 week's offerings St Richards £242.31 St Marys £452.69 total £695

As always thank you for your generous offerings