

## SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



### Incorporating the Parishes of:

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## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mass Readings are on Page 136 in the Sunday Mass Book.*

**Reflection:** "What man among you with a hundred sheep losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?" The correct answer to that question of Jesus in today's Gospel passage is "No man!" no man in his right mind would be careless enough to leave ninety-nine sheep that are safe in the wilderness to go in search of a single one that was stupid enough to get lost. It is simply not the practical thing to do. What if, when he is after the only one sheep that was missing, ten, twenty or fifty more go missing or stolen? So, no practical man would leave ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness and go in search of only one lost sheep. Only God would do such a thing!

Jesus told that parable of the *Lost Sheep* to show the inestimable value of a single soul in the sight of God. In the sight of God every human soul is valuable, none is disposable. As a matter of fact, every human soul is so valuable that God is prepared, so to say, to risk everything to save it.

The Pharisees, the "good" people, had been complaining that Jesus was keeping the company of tax collectors and sundry other sinners. They wonder why Jesus, a holy man would associate himself with such "dirty" people. Jesus telling them the parable of the Lost Sheep was his response to their prejudice and to tell them that even the souls of sinners were valuable in the sight of God. And God would stop at nothing to bring them to repentance and salvation. And that was exactly what Jesus was doing - bringing the tax collectors and sinners to repentance and salvation through his association with them.

As the Body of Christ, the incarnation of Christ in every age and in every place, the Church has the duty to carry on his mission on earth until the end of time. That mission includes going in search of sinners to bring them to repentance and salvation, which is why the Church expends a great deal of effort and resources in the ministry of reconciliation of sinners. Like God, Like Jesus, the Church will stop at nothing to save a single soul that has gone astray. The Church never writes off anyone, not even the worst of sinners.

Make no mistake about it, there are always the modern-day Pharisees in the Church, who specialize in stigmatizing sinners – real or imagined – and consigning them to hell fire. They will criticize anyone in the Church, particularly the pastors of the Church, whom they perceive to be associating with sinners for whatever reason. But thanks be to God, God is not like them!

**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.**

Betty Costigan. Mary Newbold. Tommy Hegarty. Eammon McKeever. Bridie Devlin.

**Memorial Anniversary** John McGee (7<sup>th</sup>) Vera Hogan. Fr Paddy Durkin.

**Birthday Remembrance** Phelim Clerkin

(May their souls rest in peace)

**Special Intention** Happy Birthday Ehiabhi Agbonrofo Sr Edith.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. We welcome the Legionaries from Ireland to our Parish. They are with us till Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. and will undertake home visitation of Catholics and Non-Catholics alike around our parish.
2. **Weekday Masses for this week are daily at St. Mary's ONLY at 9:30am. This is to avail our visitors, the Legionaries from Ireland to attend Mass before going out for their Visitation.**
3. Funeral arrangements for the late Elizabeth (Betty) Costigan RIP: evening reception into St Mary's Church on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6:30 pm. Funeral Mass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am followed by burial at Mill Lane Cemetery.
4. Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 05<sup>th</sup> October 2025. £849.00 pps. Price includes return flight, 10kg check in bag, 4 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Limited single rooms £200.00. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Please see the poster in the porch.
5. St Bernard's Parish have organised a day trip to Blackpool on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Pick up from St Bernards at 11am going to St Annes, then 5pm driving through the Blackpool lights and returning approximately 10pm. Cost is £18 please contact Peggy 07808966425.
6. Also pilgrimage to Walsingham next year 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026. Twin ensuite room is available; there are no single rooms left. Price £269 per person. Please contact Peggy 07808966425
7. Anyone interested or knows someone who would be interested in managing our Parish Hall and bar please see Fr Kris or call into the Parish Office Monday or Thursday 10am -1pm. The person will require a liquor licence in their name.

### Diocese Information

8. This Season of Creation, the Diocese of Salford and the Laudato Si' Centre are joining with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special Mass to pray for the future of our common home. Join us at 6pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church as we pray the new Mass for the Care of Creation, approved by Pope Leo this summer. All are welcome to attend!
9. There are a number of job vacancies in the diocese to find out more and apply go to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies> J
10. Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham with a special Mass at St Luke's Church (M6 7WR), in Salford, on Wednesday 24 September. Mass, will be celebrated by Bishop John, at 7pm. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about next year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham.

## 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 £148.80 St Marys £412.04 total £560.84

As always thank you for your generous offerings