

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



Parishes of:

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 21st September 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 140 in the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection:

"Money is the root of all evils" the bible does not say that. What the Bible says is *"The love of money is the root of all evil"* (1 Timothy 6:10). The full text is: "The love of money is the root of all evils, and there are some who, pursuing it, have wandered away from the faith and so given their souls any number of fatal wounds." The love of money may indeed be the root of all evils, but can we do any good without money? We need money to build churches, to furnish them and for maintenance. We need money to spread the Good News; we need money to train various categories of workers in the vineyard of the Lord; we need money to carry out many works of mercy that the Church is known for.

Therefore, money cannot be bad in itself. It is the love of it, (inordinate love of it) that is bad. When we sacrifice higher values in the pursuit of money, values like honesty, truth. Justice, peace, and the extreme of inordinate love of money are when we are prepared to sacrifice even our faith in the pursuit of money. This happens when we choose to do business on Sunday instead of going to Church to worship God.

On no account must our quest for money come between us and our obligations to God otherwise we will be guilty of being slaves of money rather than God's. that is what Jesus warns against in our Gospel passage today.

But we do not do any wrong if we work hard and make money, a lot of it, by honest means. The next question is what we do with our money. We should put our money at the service of God and humanity, including our own family. If, on the contrary, we hoard our money or we spend it on sheer frivolities that do not do anybody any good, we are guilty of wrongful use of money.

It has been said that money is a good servant but a bad master. As long as we are the ones using money, we are safe. But at the moment we allow money to use us; we are in trouble. A certain writer put it this way: "Money is a particularly useful commodity and can purchase everything except happiness. It is a passport everywhere except to heaven.

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. John Fowley. Mary O'Donnell. Michael Ruddy. Dominic Mulhall. Michael Naughton. Sarah Butcher

Memorial Anniversary Willie Skeffington (1st) Bernard Groarke.

(May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intentions: Mary and Michael O'Grady. Maura O'Dowd.

Happy Birthday to Winnie McDermott and Mary Muldowney.

Happy 80th Birthday to Sean Foy and a special thank-you from the Parish for all your hard work over the years in St Mary's.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Funeral arrangements: Elizabeth (Betty) Costigan RIP: evening reception into St Mary's Church on Tuesday 23rd September at 6:30 pm. Funeral Mass on Wednesday 24th September at 10 am.
Pat Smullen RIP Funeral Mass on Tuesday 30th September at 10am at St Mary's
2. A lunchtime organiser is required for St Richard's school. 7.5 hours per week term time only. Please visit the website admin@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk. There is a poster in the church porch with relevant information. The Parish needs a person to manager the Hall and bar in St Mary's grounds. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Kris or contact the Parish office on 0161-248-8836 for further details.
3. We're celebrating National Older People's Day on Monday 29th September 2025 from 12–4pm at St Mary's Church Hall (Levenshulme) and you're invited! This year's theme is "Building Belonging : Celebrating the Power of Our Social Connections". Expect an afternoon filled with music, laughter, food and plenty of community vibes...and best of all, it's completely FREE! It is just the perfect chance to come together, celebrate and connect!!! We will also have informational stalls from Carbon Coop, Answer Cancer, NHS, Be Well and more. Don't miss it, spread the word and bring your friends and let's make it a day to remember!! See the poster in the porch.
4. Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 05th 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. Please see the poster in the porch.
5. St Bernard's Parish have organised a day trip to Blackpool on Saturday 11th 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 1st-3rd May 2026. Twin ensuite room is available; there are no single rooms left. Price £269 per person. Please contact Peggy 07808966425

Diocese Information

7. ***Notice about scam text***
The Diocese of Salford has shared a warning about a scam text that has been circulated to some parishes in our diocese, purporting to be from the parish priest. Please be aware that this is not a genuine text. If you come across any such text, please do not engage with it and simply delete it from your inbox. If you are ever unsure about a text, call, or email from the parish, please call the parish office and we'd be happy to advise.
8. 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
9. 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.
10. On Saturday 27 September, the St. Vincent DePaul Society is holding a festival at All Saints Park on Oxford Road, beginning with Mass at 11am at St. Augustine's Church (M15 6BW). Everyone is invited to the celebrations, where there will be fun and games for the whole family! The SVP is a charity whose volunteers visit the lonely, feed the homeless, and provide help for those in need. Come down and see how faith is put into action!

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

Weekday Masses

St. Mary's:	9:30 am – Tuesday & Thursday
St. Richard's:	9:15 am - Wednesday & Friday
Saturday – St. Mary's	10:00am – 11:00am Exposition/Adoration & Mass
	10:15 – 10:45 am – Sacrament of Reconciliation