

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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Sunday 7th September 2025. Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings are on Page 133 in the Sunday Mass Book.

Reflection:

It was customary for a Rabbi to have followers. Those followers were called “disciples”. They followed the Rabbi in every sense of the word. First, they went with him wherever he went, walking behind him, as it was, following his footsteps. They follow him physically but more importantly; they also followed him morally and spiritually. That is, they did all they could to imitate his lifestyle, they modelled their lives after his own.

Jesus, like the Rabbi of his day, had his own disciples but with one important difference. Whereas disciples normally chose the Rabbis that they followed, in the case of Jesus, he chose his own disciples. He chose them; they did not choose him (John 15:16). His own disciples too were expected to follow him, some physically, like the twelve Apostles: all morally and spiritually. Jesus expected and required all his disciples to model their lives after his own, to copy his lifestyle. That is what he said in John 13, after washing the feet of his disciples. He said, “I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you” (John 13:15).

Jesus is saying exactly the same thing in today’s Gospel reading to all his disciples down through the ages. That includes us. He says, “Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” It follows that the cross, suffering is part and parcel of being a Christian. Suffering is not alien or incidental to Christianity. If you take away suffering, you don’t have Christianity anymore. What you have is a mere palliative. Authentic Christianity, true disciples of Christ must beware of such different churches that preach something different.

Today’s readings challenge us to live out our Baptismal commitment to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives.

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. John O’Hara. Greg Dromey. John Flemming. Geraldine Enright

Memorial Anniversary Catherine Barrett (25th) John Reilly (10th) Mary Reilly (1st) Mary McGee (4th)

Birthday Remembrance Catherine Barrett

(May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intention Happy 80th Birthday. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Anne and the late Brian O’Neill.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Legionaries from Ireland will be arriving in the Parish on Saturday September 13th. They will be with us till Saturday the 20th. They will undertake home visitation of Catholics and Non-Catholic alike around our parish home areas for the whole week they will be here with us.
2. **Please be aware that Weekday Masses from Monday 15th – Friday 19th will be 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. We are very grateful to families who have indicated to host our visitors at their homes. You are invited to an informal meeting with our visitors on the evening of Saturday 13th at 6:00pm. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are equal expected to be present at the meeting. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will have their meeting on Tuesday 9th at 6:30 pm in the Meeting room.
4. Funeral at St Mary's for John O'Hara RIP will be Tuesday 9th September at 10:30am
5. Mary Newbould who attended Mass at St Mary's and St Richard's for very many years has recently died. Requiem Mass at St Bernard's at 10am on Tuesday 9th September. Reception into church Monday 8th at 6.30pm.
6. 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.
7. 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!***

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 £216.93 St Marys £421.52 total £638.45
As always thank you for your generous offerings