# SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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# Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 12th October 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 149 in the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: "THANK YOU, GOD"

Jesus in the Gospel passage of today cured ten lepers by his power while he was not there physically with them. Only one of them came back to thank Jesus. Curiously, the man was a Samaritan, not a Jew and Jesus asked, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give thanks to God, except this foreigner." Obviously, Jesus was not happy that the other nine who had received healing did not return to give thanks to God.

It is important that we give thanks to God for his favours and blessings; and, if we are honest with ourselves, there are many of them, so many that we cannot count them. The first and the most obvious reason why we must thank God for his blessings is that God himself wants us to do so; he demands it of us. The first reading and the Gospel teaches us that, God is pleased at our gratitude and displeased at ingratitude.

Another reason is that thanksgiving to God is the right and proper thing to do whenever we receive any blessing from him. It is equally like that in human interactions. Whenever anyone does us a good turn, we know that we must say "Thank you." Parents teach even their little children, mere toddlers, to do that. It cannot be different with God. We cannot receive blessings from God and walk away without giving thanks, like the nine lepers.

When we give thanks to God for the favours received, we open the door for more of his blessings to flow into our lives. Our thanksgiving renders us capable of receiving many more blessings from God. But if we fail to give thanks for favours received, we shut the door to further blessings coming into our lives. It is not that our ingratitude will stop God giving us any more of his blessings, not at all, rather, God's blessings will still be there, flowing in abundance. But our ingratitude will close the door of our lives against them; our ingratitude will render us incapable of receiving them. The blessings will still be coming our way alright, but since we have shut the door against them, they will just pass us by.

Let us make it a constant habit of saying "Thank you", like the one leper who returned to thank Jesus.

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.

Noel Brett. Patrick Doherty. Thomas McMillan. J.J. Dolan Mary O'Donnell

**Memorial Anniversary** Marie Atouta Senghore(2<sup>nd</sup>) Nora Varley Gabriel Murphy (May their souls rest in peace)

**Special Intentions** for a Happy Birthday. God's healing for Mary Freeman. Steven O'Hara **Birthday Remembrance** for Theresa Burke. Micheal Cassidy

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1. Please note the Mass intentions box at the back of Church is emptied on a Thursday and any requests for Mass will be organised for the following week. There were some requests this week for dates that have past, so Mass will be offered up this week for those requests.
- 2. The month of October is traditionally known as the month of the Rosary, as we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup> each year. The Pope has asked that the Rosary is recited for peace, personally, in our family and in the community. Therefore 20 minutes before each Mass in October we will recite the Rosary. Please try to come early to pray together.
- 3. The funeral arrangements in St Mary's:

Noel Brett RIP Evening reception into St Marys Church Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm. Funeral Mass Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Patrick Doherty RIP Friday 24th October 10:00am

4. <u>SPUC Pro-Life Chain 2025.</u> Please join us in a peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt, by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. This peaceful act of witness spreads the message that abortion kills unborn children and hurts women and families.

When? Saturday 25th October, 11am - 1pm

Where? Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA

If you have any queries, please contact Michael on 07810 791032

- 5. CAFOD Family Fast Day was Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please return your donation today. There are also requests for donations from Caritas and Misso, these envelopes are in the Church Porch.
- 6. Please see the poster in the Porch regarding open days at Loreto Sixth Form College. Apparently Xaverian 6<sup>th</sup> Form has the same open days: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Diocese Information**

- 7. The Diocese of Salford is looking for volunteers to join a new safeguarding panel, which seeks to ensure the voice of survivors plays an integral role in how we safeguard against all forms of Church-based abuse, and how we continue to provide meaningful support and healing to those affected. Details of all panellists will be confidential and volunteers can choose to engage anonymously. To find out more or to enquire about becoming a volunteer panellist, please contact the diocesan Department for Safeguarding by emailing <a href="mailto:safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk">safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk</a> or calling 0161 817 2206. Read more at <a href="https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/survivors-panel-announced/">https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/survivors-panel-announced/</a>
- 8. 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.
- 9. There are a number of job vacancies in the diocese to find out more and apply go to <a href="https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies">https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies</a>

#### SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AT MASS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER

### **Usual 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