

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. World Mission Sunday. 19/10/2025

Mass Readings are on Page 152 in the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: THE HOLY FATHERS' MISSION SUNDAY MESSAGES.

Pope Leo XIV's message for the 2025 World Mission Sunday emphasizes the theme "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples," encouraging Christians to be messengers and builders of hope in the Jubilee Year 2025. He asks the faithful to burn with holy zeal for a new era of evangelization, bringing hope to a world overshadowed by dark shadows, and to be a community of hope by letting the Spirit guide their actions.

In his World Mission Sunday messages, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the importance of Christian charity in action as the keynote of evangelization. He encouraged Churches with a shortage of priests to get them from countries with many priests. In the Pauline Year, he encouraged everyone "to take renewed awareness of the urgent need to proclaim the Gospel," and he exhorted all Christians "to redouble their commitment to participate in the missionary activity that is an essential component of the life of the Church." Pope Francis, in his first World Mission Sunday message, 2013, challenged us to proclaim courageously and in every situation the Gospel of Christ — a message of hope, reconciliation, and communion. In his 2014 Mission Sunday message, the Pope challenged the Church to become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples, and the source of rebirth for our world through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelization.

"The Church is on a mission in the world," Pope Francis wrote in his 2019 World Mission Day message, Baptized and Sent. "This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission." Hence, the Holy Father calls on all Catholics and the Church to revive missionary awareness and commitment. In his 2020 message, our Holy Father asked us to discharge our mission duty by volunteering with prophet Isaiah "Here am I, send me" (6:8) to alleviate the suffering of our Covid-19-stricken brothers and sisters. The theme of 2021 World Mission Day – "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. Pope Francis' theme for 2024 World mission Sunday is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Let us join in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message!

The missionary Church: The Church, according to Vatican Council II, is "missionary" in her very nature because her founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son, Incarnate in Jesus, His Christ, into the world with a message of God's love and salvation. Thus, the evangelizing mission of the Church is essentially the announcement of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation, as these are revealed to mankind through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. How should we evangelize? There are three ways: 1) By living an exemplary and

transparent Christian life, 2) by prayer, and 3) by financial support. The first and most powerful means of preaching Christ is by living a truly Christian life.

— a life filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion, and a spirit of forgiveness and service. Prayer is the second means of missionary work. Jesus said: “Without Me you can do nothing.” Therefore, prayer is necessary for anyone who wishes to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Third, all missionary efforts also require financial support because the love of God can often be explained to the poor only by providing them with food, medicine, and a means of livelihood. Hence, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church’s missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers, and by generous donations.

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.

Patrick Doherty, William Kelly, Brid Gallagher, Mary Kelly, and John Kelly, Rita Moore

Memorial Anniversary:

Jim and Patsy Ward, Betty Keane (29th), Bridie Dinan (15th), John L. HicGlew, (May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intentions:

Months Mind for Patrick Smullen RIP

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. 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 7th 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.
2. There has been a very poor response to the CAFOD Family Fast Day. Therefore, if anyone wishes to give a donation to CAFOD they may do so by using the envelope at the back of Church and they will be forwarded to CAFOD at the end of the month.
3. Funeral at St Mary’s: Patrick Doherty RIP Friday 24th October 10:00am. No morning mass at St. Richards.
4. The Parish meeting to organise the Christmas Fair will take place in the Hall after 11am Mass today on Sunday 19th at 12:30. Anyone who can help in any way please try and attend.
5. Also raffle tickets will be available to buy before and after Sunday and weekday Masses, prizes will be included in the newsletter once confirmed.
6. **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.

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 – NO MASS THIS FRIDAY @ ST. RICHARD’S
Saturday – St. Mary’s	10:00am – 11:00am Exposition/Adoration & Mass
	10:15 – 10:45 am – Sacrament of Reconciliation