

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



Parishes of:

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

14TH December 2025

Mass Readings are on Page 88 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection:

Life in God is incredible! The Lord tells us that John the Baptizer is greater than any other person in history, including David, Abraham, even Moses. Then Jesus says that we are greater even than John. Why? Because the least of us has been born into the kingdom of God, a spiritual kingdom whose ruler's birth we celebrate on Christmas.

What is the Kingdom of God? It is a fulfilment of Isaiah's Prophecy, a kingdom surpassing even the prophet's visions of healing. Yet even more wonderful than the signs of kingship is the king himself. Jesus is Saviour, King of kings, Lord of Lords. This passage may help us identify more fully with the poor who are healed by having the Good News, Jesus.

Yet we are constantly called forth, like John, from the desert of our desolation, from the prison of despair, to rejoice, to bloom, to be set free in the splendour of our God. He was, he is, and he is to come, because of him, we are also chosen, saved, will dwell in his kingdom forever.

Question: Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of Lords. How do I respond?

Prayer: Lord, help me to live in your kingdom, not the kingdom of the world. Give me the patience, the hope, the trust in you that I need. Help me to rest in you and to truly rejoice because you are who you are, Give me joy in your kingship! Amen

We Pray for the sick and housebound.

John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. Mary McVarnock. Joe Toth. James Nally and Vincent Foy.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently:

Danny and Winnie McDermott. John Reilly. James Lanigan. Simon Peter Ankeli. Mary Murtagh.

Memorial Anniversary: John Burke (4th) Annette Ryan (5th) Jimmy Coen. Chrissie Flanagan Sam Donaghy. John Brady. Chris McEntee. Maureen and Patrick Walkin. Lena Regan.

100th Birthday Remembrance: Mary Commons Hancock

(May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intentions: God's healing for Pat Dinan and Sister Edith

Joe and Theresa O'Donnell, Eric and Winifred Travis, Jennifer Hilton. Christina Shiels. Maggie O'Connor. Mary and John Lackin

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Thank you to everyone involved in organising the Christmas Fair and for all those who supported the fair by attending or donating items or money. The final total isn't available yet as we are waiting for some promised donations but at the moment the total is over £4000, so a huge THANK YOU. The final total will be documented as soon as possible.
2. All the raffle prizes have now been collected. TV pink ticket 406/410. £100 Blue ticket 276/280. Irish Hamper pink ticket 301/305. Football blue ticket 241/245. Whiskey pink ticket 616/620. Baileys orange ticket 76/80. M&S voucher orange ticket 56/60. Hair voucher yellow ticket 346/350. Toiletries blue ticket 566/570
3. **Funeral arrangements:**
John Reilly RIP Funeral Mass on 16th December at 10:30am at St Mary's.
James Lanigan RIP Funeral Mass on 18th December at 11am in St Richards.
4. **Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford**
In January, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration. Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.
The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026. More information will be shared soon.
5. **Please place any Mass offerings in the white box at the back of Church, for Masses over Christmas and New Year as soon as possible.**

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Friday, 19 th December 2025	Penitential Service (Confession)	6:00pm	St. Mary's
Wednesday, 24 th December 2025	Christmas Eve	5:00 pm 8:00 pm	St. Richard's St. Mary's
Thursday, 25 th December 2025	Christmas Day	9:00 am 10:30 am	St. Richard's St. Mary's
Friday, 26 th December 2025	Feast of St. Stephen	9:30 am	St. Mary's

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