

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

7TH December, 2025

Mass Readings are on Page 85 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection:

The Psalm is thought to have been a blessing for a king on his coronation day. It portrays an eternal king who is as welcome as “rain coming down on the meadow, like showers watering the earth.” God’s justice, mercy, and peace will comfort those most in need – the poor, the afflicted, the hopeless. To the Jews, a blessing conveyed the gift of life: from God. Jesus brings this blessing to completion in a kingship both anointed and anointing as he gives his life both to and for us.

During Advent we follow his example, giving our lives to him and living for him, committing ourselves to him as he has committed himself to us. Advent is an opportune time to work to bring Justice and peace to God’s kingdom on earth.

In the gospel reading of today, we are introduced to the person of John the Baptist as coming forth from the desert (symbolizing a special consecration to God), one who preaches repentance, a necessary part of preparation for Advent. John the Baptist envisions *metanoia*, *a conversion experience*, *a radical turning to God coupled with inner renewal*.

Point to Ponder: How can this Advent aid my *metanoia*, my turning to God and my inner renewal? What particular area of my life do I need to turn over to God?

Prayer: I humbly ask you, Holy Spirit, to fill me completely with yourself. Help me to love with your love, to change as you wish me to change and to rest in your peace. Help me to be part of the reign of God now and forever. 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. Winifred McDonagh. Kathleen Curtin

Memorial Anniversary: Christine Geraghty (3rd) Margaret Towey (5th) Michael Hough (1st) Paul Redmond. Mary O’Rourke.

Months Mind: Mary Miskell

Birthday Remembrance: Frances Maher
(May their souls rest in peace)

Special Intentions: God's healing for Joe Toth, Kerian, John Collins.
Kathleen and Family, David Collins. Collette Jordan

Birthday Anniversary for Michael Brennan – 88yrs And Mary Brennan – 86yrs.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be at St. Mary's at 6:00pm
2. **Parish Christmas Fair, today** Sunday 7th December, immediately after mass at the St. Mary's Parish Hall.
3. The **Parish Carol Service** will be held in St Mary's Church at 6pm on December 11th. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Refreshments in the Hall after the Carol Service.
4. **Funeral arrangements:**
Winnie and Danny McDermott RIP Funeral Mass on 12th December at 11:30 am at St Marys
John Reilly RIP Funeral Mass on 16th December at 10:30am at St Mary's.
5. **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.
6. Please consider volunteering in the Parish. Sacristans, Children Liturgy coordinator, Catechist and Male Eucharistic Ministers. Kindly call the parish office or see Fr. Kris. There is a list at the back of Church at St Marys for the "welcomers" please add your name to the list if you wish to remain/become a "welcomer" A new weekly list will be organised.

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR CHRISTMAS.

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