

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11TH JANUARY 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 118 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection:

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern Churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission:

- a) To experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honouring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.
- b) To live as the children of God in thought, word and action.
- c) To lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred.
- d) To accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness.
- e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's 'Good News' by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

We Pray for the sick and housebound.

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

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

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

Alice Egan, John Francis Gaughan. Michael Thomas Kane. Liz Beatty. Billy Yates

Memorial Anniversary: Hughie Muldowney (11th) Padraic O'Connor (26th) Mary McDermott Paul McDermott (1st) Hugh Caulfield (9th) Philomena Johnson (2nd). Maura O'Dea (10th) Tess Conroy (10th)

Birthday Remembrance: Edward Sheehan

Special Intentions: Pat Dinan. Winnie and Paddy McDermott. Happy Birthday to Reena Rodrigues.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. All sacramental programmes in the parish will resume this January. We hope to send emails and give a call out to all those concerned to inform them of the actual date of resumption. Please if you are yet to register your children for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation class, kindly do so today. For RCIA programme, you can still register also.
2. Next Sunday is known as Peace Sunday and there will be second collection for the work of Pax Christi. “The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice” There are some envelopes at the back of Church if you wish to put money in them for the collection.
3. Funeral Arrangements:
Alice Egan RIP Funeral Mass at St Mary’s on Wednesday 21st January at 12 noon
John Francis Gaughan RIP Funeral Mass at St Mary’s Thursday 22nd January at 11:30 am
Michael Kane RIP Evening Reception into St Mary’s Monday 2nd February at 6:30pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 3rd February at 10am
4. If you are leaving a message on the office answer machine and require a response, please leave a contact number!
5. The relics of St Carlos Acutis 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. Salford diocese will welcome anyone who wishes to venerate the relics.

Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses*

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm @ St. Richard's 6:30pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday Masses: 9:30am @ St. Richard's 11:00am @ St. Mary's

Baptism: 12:30pm First and Last Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's

12:00 pm Third Saturday of the month @ St. Richard's

Weekday Masses: *St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday*
St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday

EXPOSITION/ADORATION: @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am

Sacrament of reconciliation: @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am