

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



Parishes of:

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th JANUARY 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 127 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: Simon and Andrew, James and John were fishermen. They were gainfully employed. They were not “applicant” looking for employment. Then, a complete stranger comes along and asks them to leave everything: their nets, their boats, in the case of James and John, even their father, to follow him. Amazingly, those men complied. Why? Why did they leave a secure life, a life that they knew for an uncertain future? Definitely not because of what the stranger promised them because what he promised them did not make sense. He said he would make them fishers of men. What is that?

What was it that made them to drop everything and follow Jesus? We can never know what that thing was but, something must have told them that this man was worth following, more than catching fish in the lake and they did so promptly, without ever looking back. In doing so, they set a permanent example for all who would follow Jesus after them, all who would become disciples of Jesus down through the ages,

Every baptized Christians has been called to become a disciple of Jesus. The moment we were baptized, Jesus said to each of us, “Follow me...” We responded or our parents and Godparents responded on our behalf, and we became disciples. We made the response or others made it for us because Jesus is worth following. We promised that we would drop everything that was contrary to the following of Jesus, anything that would stand in the way of our following Jesus completely.

That was what we did when we said that we rejected Satan and all his works and all his empty promises. In a way, that was like Simon and Andrew, James and John leaving everything to follow Jesus. They never looked back. What about you? Have you looked back?

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, Delia Groarke and Joseph Sweeney.

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. Paddy and Carmel Devaney. Julienne and Gilbert Dzukou

Months Mind for Michael Thomas Kane

Memorial Anniversary: Liam Wilson. Tom Parsons (20th) John Sweeney (2nd) Brian O'Neill (8th)

Special Intentions: Gods healing for Pat Dinan. The Davis Family

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. All Parents and Children who have registered for the sacramental programme in the parish are required to attend a meeting with Fr Kris after 11am Mass on Sunday (25.01.26) in St Mary's.

Please if you are yet to register your child for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation class, kindly attend the meeting and complete relevant forms today. For RCIA programme, you can still register, the first meeting is 5.2.26 at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Ring the bell on the black door to the left of the Church.

2. Next Children's Liturgy Mass will be 11am on Sunday 1st February, please parents encourage your children to take part in the Mass.

3. Anyone interested in joining The Legion of Mary in the Parish, please speak to Fr Kris. If there are enough people interested more information will be shared as soon as possible.

4. After 11am Mass every Sunday there is breakfast served in the Hall at St Mary's, tea/coffee, bacon or sausage sandwich for a small charge. Everyone is welcome, families, couples, friends or you can go in alone and meet and chat with other parishioners.

5. Funeral Arrangements: Michael Kane RIP Evening Reception into St Mary's Monday 2nd February at 6:30pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 3rd February at 10am

6. 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. For more information and to view the schedule for the visits, please visit: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/relics-of-st-carlo-acutisto-visit-diocesan-churches/>

7. Pope Leo has announced from 10th January 2026 until 10th January 2027 will be a Franciscan Jubilee Year to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. The faithful can receive a plenary indulgence during this year for more information visit: Decree of the Franciscan Jubilee Year.

8. "The Pause for Peace" movement invites people from around the world to stop and pause for 1 minute's silence/reflection at 12 o'clock on the feast of St Brigid on 1st February next Sunday.

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 Third Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's
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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