

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th February 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 136 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection:

When Jesus began his public ministry, it was soon obvious that he did not approve of many of the things that the religious leaders of his time both did and taught. On numerous occasions he joined issues with the chief priests, the scribes and the Pharisees on their interpretation of the Law and the Prophets. The Law (the first five books of the bible, known as the Pentateuch) and the Prophets (the books of the Prophets) constituted the Scriptures of the Jewish people, along with the Writings (the other books, including the Psalms, the Wisdom books and the historical books).

From the way Jesus was criticizing the interpretation of the Law and the Prophets by the religious leaders of his time, some people, his disciples in particular, might have begun to think that he came to do away with the Law and the Prophets altogether, to abolish them. But Jesus according to the gospel reading said he came to do no such thing but came to complete the Law and the Prophets; that is, he came to perfect them, to lift their observance to a new and higher level.

Jesus laid down a new order for his followers, including us. They were required to go above and beyond the level of virtue of the scribes and Pharisees. Even though the scribes and the Pharisee were the religious leaders of their time, people looked up to them for guidance and example on how best to live the Law and the Prophets, Jesus said that his own followers would have to go even further than them.

Christianity is a religion like no other. It takes what is good in the culture and tradition before it, and improve on it, making it so much better than it ever had been. That was what Jesus did with the religion of his forebears, the Jewish religion. It is what the Church has been doing to people's cultures and traditions wherever the gospel has been preached. It is what the church calls inculturation.

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.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

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

Mary Brennan. Nancy Lavin. Oneta Wilson, Gearoid Fox. Mary McCann. Agnes Gavin. Micheal Kane.

Memorial Anniversary: Francis Bwalya Pupe (2nd)

Birthday Remembrance: Jimmy O'Dowd and Margaret McDermott.

Special Intentions: Pam, Vanessa and Paul. Kavanagh Family. God's healing for baby Effia Hayes and for Mary Murray and Private intentions for a Parishioner

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

This Wednesday is ASH Wednesday, so the beginning of Lent. During lent we are supposed to grow closer to God before Easter. Lent is about prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: abstain from eating meat on the Fridays during Lent: almsgiving is not just about giving money you can give your time, attention, forgiveness or help someone, it all counts. Try and pray more during lent. God sees you and what you do, that is what matters!

1. **Mass times on Ash Wednesday 9:30 am St Richards, 6:30 pm St Marys. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.**
2. **Friday during Lent at 6pm is the parish Stations of the Cross at St Marys. Friday is traditionally dedicated to the remembrance of Christ's passion and death.**
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4. Funeral Mass for Oneta Wilson RIP is on Thursday 19th February at 11am in St Richards. Unfortunately, Oneta has no relatives around, we appeal to parishioners especially from St. Richards church where she worshipped and dedicated her life for the parish to kindly come and attend her funeral?
5. After 11am Mass every Sunday breakfast is available to buy in the Hall at St Mary's, tea/coffee, toast, bacon or sausage sandwich. Everyone is welcome.
6. 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.
7. There will be no Active Retirement Group gathering on Thursday 26th February as the Hall will be used as a Polling station.
8. 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.

Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses' Check the points in the newsletter for any changes to Mass times.

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: SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am

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