

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 288 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Theme of our Reflection: THEME: THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The greatest gift that Jesus gave to his disciples was the Holy Spirit. The reason is that the Holy Spirit is God, the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus had promised that gift to his disciples before his passion. The full outpouring of the gift would be after his ascension, at Pentecost, ten days later. That is the feast we celebrate today. But in the evening of the very day that he rose from the dead, Jesus already anticipated Pentecost with what I would call an interim gift of the Holy Spirit that we again read about in our gospel reading of today. This was a specific gift of the Holy Spirit that would empower the Church to “forgive” and “retain” the sins of her members.

There is therefore no doubt that Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his Church. He did that on the day of his resurrection and at Pentecost. Since that time, the Holy Spirit has been in the Church and with the Church and will never depart from the Church since Jesus had promised that the Advocate (i.e the Holy Spirit) would be with his Church for ever (John 14:16). But Jesus does not only give the Holy Spirit to the Church as a body, he gives the Holy Spirit also to individual believers. That is what St. Paul says in the second reading of today’s liturgy. We believe that the moment when Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. Later, when we receive the sacrament of Confirmation, the gift of the Holy Spirit is confirmed in us. That is to say, the gift of the Holy Spirit in us reaches maturity.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in us empowers us to do many other things. It enables us to exercise a variety of gifts and services, as St. Paul also tells us in today’s second reading. All of us who have the Holy Spirit living in us are in a position to exercise those gifts and services. But they are not the same in all of us. No two person’s gifts or services are exactly identical. But they are all from the same Spirit. They are not given to us to show off or to feather our nest. They are given to us exclusively for the good of the Community of believers, the Church. We should use them for just that purpose and any other use of the gifts and services that the Holy Spirit gives us outside this would be fraudulent and an unwarranted abuse of those gifts and services.

Please make use of the gifts and services that the Holy Spirit gave you by volunteering in our parish community to exercise them in various ministries i.e. choir, readers, Eucharistic ministers, Ushers, Sacristan, and as Coordinator for parish youth ministry.

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. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Peggy Sweeney. Mary Rowe. JJ Coyne. Teresa Butler. Bernadette McLaughlin.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Mary Regan. John Deeney. Joe Toth. Teresa Devlin

Memorial Anniversary: John Cassidy (22nd) Sean Lyons. Bridie Ward

Special Intentions: Peg Stenson. Shirley

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. The Parish collection for The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) raised £1184.42, thank you so much for your generosity.
2. We are very much in need of volunteers to serve in various ministries in the parish. Parish ministry heavily depends on volunteers for both worship and services. Please assist and join as a reader, as a choir, ushers, Male Eucharistic minister, sacristan etc.
3. The Piety stall in St Mary's requires helpers after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If you can help, please speak to Mrs Mulligan or Fr Kris. If no one comes forward to help, unfortunately the piety stall will have to close.
4. Congratulations to the children in both our primary schools who received their First Holy communion recently. We pray for them, their parents and their families and also encourage them to make time to attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis and register their children for our parish children liturgy.
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5. Salford Diocesan Mission Mass will be held at Salford temporary Cathedral, great George St, Salford M3 6EH on Saturday 30th May at 2pm. There will be light refreshments after Mass. To assist with planning if you would like to attend, please email redbox@missio.org.uk or tel 02078219755.
6. Open day at St Ambrose College Hale Barns is on Saturday 27th June from 9:30am – 12:30pm. This is a state funded Catholic 11 -18 years boys grammar school. Tel 0161-980-2711 or www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

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
12:00 pm First and 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: SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am
Sacrament of reconciliation: @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am***