

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 83 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: Today is the feast of the Eucharist, the Eucharist is the life of the church. Last month about Forty-six children from our schools (St. Mary's and St. Richard's) made their first Holy Communion. It was indeed a joyful moment for both their parents and the parish community. Referring to the children's first reception of this sacrament brings home to us that 'communion' is at the heart of what we understand by Eucharist. The earliest reference to the Eucharist in the New Testament is in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the passage that was our second reading this morning. There Paul refers to the Eucharist as a communion with the blood of Christ and a communion with the body of Christ. Paul shows us that the early church understood their celebration of the Eucharist as a time when they entered into communion in a very special way with the risen Christ.

Paul and the early church were also aware that the celebration of the Eucharist was a time of communion in another sense. In entering into communion with the body and blood of Christ we are, at the same time, entering into communion with each other, as Paul states in that second reading, 'the fact that there is one bread means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all share in this one bread'. Every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we are entering into communion with the body and blood of Christ and with everyone who has gathered for that celebration. The body of Christ is on the altar, or the Eucharistic table, and the body of Christ is gathered around that altar, that table. In that sense to speak of Eucharist as Holy Communion is very appropriate.

When we come to Mass, we don't choose the people that we gather with. We just gather with whoever happens to come along. Yet, there is already a very real communion among us before we begin Mass, in virtue of our baptism. We gather as those who have been baptized into the body of Christ. That communion is deepened through our sharing in the one bread, through our communion with the body of Christ. As we leave Mass, we are called to give expression to that deepened communion among us by our care and concern for each other, by our attentiveness to each other, our willingness to give of ourselves in some way to each other. That is why, at the end of Mass, we are invited to go in peace and to love and serve the Lord. We love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another.

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 McNenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Peggy Sweeney. Mary Rowe. JJ Coyne. Teresa Butler. Bernadette McLaughlin. Dr Peter Harrison. **May God grant them good health of mind and body.**

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Mary Todd. Bridie White. Hugie McColgan. Bridget Hogan

Memorial Anniversary: John Owens K/A Corky (1st) Peter Connolly (19th) Catherine and Brian Groarke

Special Intention: Margaret Tunnery. Karina Chapman. Margaret and Liam. John

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Funeral Mass for Mary Todd RIP will be in St Richards on June 11th at 12:30 pm.
Funeral Mass for Bridie White RIP will be in St Richards on June 12th at 11:30 am
2. If you are willing to help, 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, in the choir, welcomer, Male Eucharistic minister, sacristan etc.
3. **Fr Ahern** will celebrate 60 years in the priesthood in June, so on Saturday 18th July he will celebrate Mass at 6:30pm in St Marys. Everyone is welcome to attend and join him for light refreshments in the Hall after Mass. If you wish to give a donation towards a Parish gift for Fr Ahern, please put your donation in an envelope with his name on, and place it in any collection. Or the first weekend in July we will have a second collection which will go towards a gift for Fr Ahern.
4. **You can now pay your donations to Church by using the card machine at the back of Church or by scanning this QR code on your phone. You then follow the simple instructions.**



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