

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 12th JULY 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 102 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: THEME: “THE SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW...”

The terrain of Palestine during the time of Jesus was not anything like present-day Israel. Then it was very rough indeed, but today's Israelis are often credited with having performed a miracle of sorts, in that they have credited fertile land out of vast tracts of what used to be arid land. During that time, farmers devised a unique way of cultivation, they did not first prepare the land by ploughing it or going over it with hoes before putting in seed. Rather what they did was to just scatter the seed all over the land. They then did whatever they could to cover the seed with soil. Since the land was very bad, a lot of seed fell by the roadside, on rocky ground and among thorns. Some seed, however, fell on whatever fertile soil it could find. As was expected all the seeds that fell on infertile soil failed – it did not produce any fruit and since the fertile soil also of diverse qualities, the yield from it varied from one fertile soil to another: thirty-fold, sixty-fold and a hundred-fold.

According to Jesus in our gospel passage today, a similar situation obtains with the proclamation of the word of God. The one proclaiming the word is the same person: the Son of Man, that is, Jesus himself. The word being proclaimed is the same: it is the Good News or the Gospel. But the responses that it evokes from those who hear it are vastly different. That does not depend on Jesus the proclaimer nor on the Good News that is proclaimed. It rather depends on the dispositions, the attitudes of the recipients.

Some people respond to the proclamation of the word of God well enough, some people are simply not interested, they turn a complete deaf ear on the word of God and others would have paid attention, but they have other preoccupations: various concerns and worries on their minds that simply obstruct the word of God from sinking in. yet, others are disposed to listen but their disposition is at varying levels while some are totally available to take in the word of God, others are only partially disposed to do so.

It's obvious what Jesus's preference is – He wants all his followers including you and I to be totally disposed to receive his word; that is, hundred per cent so that they will yield a hundredfold of spiritual fruit.

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. JJ Coyne. 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: Frances Langdon .

Memorial Anniversary: Michael O'Dowd. Yvonne Brown (2nd) Clare Dolan (9th)

Birthday Memorial Remembrance: Nellie O'Dowd, RIP & Kathleen Hamilton, RIP & Bernard Daley, RIP

Month's Mind – Bridie White RIP

Special Intention: Bernadette 90th Birthday. God's healing for Martin O'Keeffe

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **Thank you for your donations for the Parish Gift to mark Fr Aherns' Diamond Jubilee of his ordination. The collection is still open if you wish to give. Please put your donation in an envelope marked Fr Ahern.** Fr Ahern will celebrate Mass at St Marys on Saturday 18th July at 6:30pm. Followed by refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
2. The Funeral Mass for the late Stephen Rodgers RIP will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 14th July at 11 am
3. **PLEASE WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS FOR OUR PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENT. KINDLY SEE FR. KRIS OR JACK AFTER MASS. TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AFTER MASS AT BOTH CHURCHES.** **KINDY GET YOURS**



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