

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 19th JULY 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 105 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: THEME: “THE WHEAT AND THE DARNEL”

One of the most ancient heresies in history went by the name of *Ditheism*. In fact, it existed before the birth of the biblical nation of Israel. Its doctrine was that the world was created by two rival gods, one good, the other evil. The good created all the good things in the world, including all the good people, while his rival, the evil god, created all the bad things, including all the bad people. The Creation story in Genesis 1 was meant, in part, to debunk that doctrine, when it stated that “in the beginning God (one God) created heaven and earth” (Genesis 1:1), and that “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31). Care must be taken not to slip into the error of *Ditheism* in interpreting the parable of the wheat (the good seed) and the darnel in our Gospel reading today.

There is an easy temptation to say that some people in our world today – the good people – are from God, while some others – the bad people – are from the devil. There is no doubt that there are people in our world today, even here in our country, who are so bad, so evil that they give every impression of coming straight from the devil. But if Genesis 1 must be believed, then all human beings come from God. None come from the devil. And when they come from God they are all “very good”. After they have been created “very good” by God, any number of forces can combine to make them become bad, even very bad. One of such forces is indeed the devil, Satan himself. Another is the society, that is, the physical and social environment in which they grow up, the people that they are influenced by the groups that they interact with, and so on.

Some people in the society who consider themselves to be “good” are like the owner’s servants in the parable. They would like to root all bad people out of existence, kill them all, if necessary, throw them out of the Church. But the owner, God, prefer to give them a long rope, plenty of time to repent and become good people. History is full of examples bad people who did precisely that. Some of the Saints that we venerate in the Church today were bad people who repented and became good, very good. Indeed, Scripture tells us that “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (Luke 15:7).

Only those bad people (sinners) who fail to take advantage of the time given them by God for repentance will eventually be excluded from the kingdom of God.

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: Thomas Hegarty (1st) Phelim Clerkin (23rd).

Special Intention: Fr John Ahern. Kathleen McDonagh. Christina Callaghan. For a Happy Birthday

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. On behalf of the Parish Administrator, Parish Pastoral Council and the entire parishioners of St. Marys of the Angels and St. Clare including St. Richard's, we congratulate Fr. John Ahern on his 60th priestly ordination Anniversary and wish him well. We also thank you, those who helped organise this golden jubilee, all those who donated and sponsored one item or the other and those who worked behind the scene. Thank you all and may God also reward and bless you.
2. The Funeral Mass for the late Frances Langdon RIP will be at St Richard's on Wednesday 29th July at 12 noon.
3. The Annual Cemetery Mass will take place on Monday 31st August at 12 noon outside the Catholic Chapel in Southern Cemetery. Please provide your own chair if you require one. If its raining Mass will take place in St Ambrose Church.
4. **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. KINDLY GET YOU**
5. 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
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