

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 23th AUGUST 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 120 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Relection: Theme: "Who do you say that I am?"

Today's Gospel presents us with one of the most important questions Jesus ever asked His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus was not simply asking them what people were saying about Him. He wanted to know what they themselves believed.

Peter answered boldly: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This was a confession of faith. Peter recognized Jesus not merely as a prophet or teacher, but as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus then said to Peter: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona... You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."

1. Our faith must be personal

It is not enough to know what our parents, friends, priests or society say about Jesus. Each of us must personally answer the question: Who is Jesus to me? Is Jesus only someone we call upon when we have problems? Is He only the one we remember on Sundays? Or is He truly the Lord of our lives? Our Christian faith becomes stronger when we move from simply knowing about Jesus to personally knowing, trusting and following Him.

In the gospel account, Jesus entrusted Peter with a special responsibility: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

This reminds us that Christ did not leave His Church without leadership. He established a visible community, guided by the apostles and their successors.

As Catholics, we therefore pray for and remain united with the Pope, bishops, priests and the whole Church. The Church belongs to Christ, and Christ continues to guide her through the Holy Spirit.

The image of the keys in today's Gospel reminds us that authority is not given for personal glory. It is given for service.

Parents have authority in the family. Teachers have authority in the classroom. Priests have authority in the Church. Leaders have authority in society.

All authority must be exercised with humility, justice and love.

A Christian leader should not ask, "What can I gain?" but rather, "How can I serve?"

Jesus asks each one of us today:

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our answer not remain only on our lips. Let it be demonstrated by our lives.

If Jesus is truly the Son of God, then He must influence the way we speak, the way we treat others, the way we conduct our families, the way we work and the choices we make.

May our lives continually proclaim:

"Jesus, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Saviour."

We Pray for the sick and housebound. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. 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. JJ Coyne. Bernadette McLaughlin.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Christopher Joyce. Peter Harrison. John Collins

Memorial Anniversary: Frank and Mary Dolan. Micheal Naughton. John Cahill

Special Intention: For a parishioner

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **Funeral for Peter Harrison RIP will be on Monday 24th August at 11:30 in St Marys.**
2. **Become a CAFOD School Volunteer:** Do you have a passion for faith, justice, and inspiring young people? CAFOD is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission. Help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world.
Full training and support provided. For further information, please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk.
3. On Sunday September 13th there will be a **McMillan coffee morning** in the hall from 10am, everyone is welcome to attend.
4. **The Annual Cemetery Mass at Southern Cemetery** will take place on Monday 31st August at 12 noon outside the Catholic Chapel in the Cemetery. Please provide your own chair if you require one. If it's raining Mass will take place in St Ambrose Church.
5. We have just over three weeks left before MPs will vote at Second Reading of the **assisted suicide Bill** in the House of Commons on 11 September. Only 12 MPs need to switch for the assisted suicide Bill to be defeated on 11 September. A face-to-face meeting can make a real difference to how your MP votes. Right To Life UK's simple tool lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds and gives you everything you need to prepare, including a short video guide. **Please ask your MP today for a meeting and urge them to vote NO to assisted suicide:** <https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp>
6. **St Gregory's Annual Mass** for deceased former pupils, teachers and families of St Gregory's High School, will be celebrated at St Catherine's RC Church, School Lane, Didsbury on 5th September at 12noon. Celebrant Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSP. Contact Peter Ryan on 07980498431 or Dominic Mulcahy on 07545283334
7. **This is not an appeal for funds** but as it is holiday season if you have any foreign coins or find money that is no longer legal tender, don't throw it away. Please leave it in the basket at the back of Church and this money will be sent to the charity Marys Meals. Marys Meals use old and foreign currency to provide a daily meal for children in schools and live in poverty throughout the world. Any "odd" money from the weekly collection is saved and will be sent to this Charity. Thank you
8. **Bingo is held every Sunday at 8pm** in the lounge in the Hall, everyone is welcome to attend, bring your friends or come alone and make new friends. Line dancing takes place on a Sunday, Monday and Wednesday if anyone is interested. The times are on the poster in the porch. Every Tuesday Irish Community Care have an gathering.
9. The **Thursday Active Retirement Group** are next meeting on 3rd September.

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