



ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 6TH SEPT 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 125 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: Theme: Jesus teaches us how to correct one another

Jesus gives us a beautiful procedure for dealing with someone who has offended or done wrong. He says: "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone."

Notice what Jesus says "when the two of you are alone." He did not say: tell everybody. He did not say: announce it on social media. He did not say: gather people together and disgrace the person.

Jesus teaches us to approach the person privately and peacefully.

This is an important lesson for our families, communities and churches. Many relationships are destroyed because we talk about people instead of talking to them. We should learn to say: "My brother, my sister, what happened? Can we talk about this?"

Correction is an act of love

Sometimes we are afraid to correct people because we don't want to offend them. At other times, we correct them harshly because we are angry.

Jesus gives us the right balance.

Correction without love becomes condemnation. Love without correction can become indifference.

If we truly love someone, we should desire what is good for that person. But when we correct, we must remember that we too are imperfect and in need of God's mercy.

Before correcting another person, we should ask ourselves:

"Am I correcting this person because I love him or her, or because I want to prove that I am right?"

That question can save many relationships. Remember, "Love does no wrong to a neighbour."

Christian love is therefore not merely a feeling. It is a decision to seek the good of another person. There will always be misunderstandings in families, marriages, friendships and communities. People will offend us. We will also offend others.

The Christian response should not be revenge, gossip or hatred. It should be dialogue, forgiveness and reconciliation. Sometimes the greatest Christian virtue is simply saying: "I am sorry." And sometimes it is saying: "I forgive you."

Jesus concludes today's Gospel with these comforting words:

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

This reminds us that Jesus is present when Christians come together in love, prayer and unity. Our families should therefore become places where Christ is present.

Our parish should be a place where Christ is present. Our communities should be places where Christ is present.

But Christ cannot truly be at the centre of our gatherings if there is hatred, gossip, division and unforgiveness among us.

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 McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall. Jim McGlynn. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Bernadette McLaughlin.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: John Collins. Monica Lee. Fiko Bondov.

Rose McNally.

Memorial Anniversary: Joseph Blain (50th) Betty Costigan (1st) Vera Hogan (7th)

Special Intention: In Thanksgiving

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Funeral Mass for Roderick Mannion RIP will be on Thursday 10th September in St Marys at 10am.
There will be no 9:30 Mass on Thursday 10th.
Funeral service for Robert Norris RIP will be on Friday 11th September at 11am in St Richards.
2. Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon?
If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to the next 'Come and See' event. There will be opportunities to talk to some of our deacons and find out more about their journey and the ministry without committing to anything further. For more information, please email diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
3. Next Sunday September 13th there will be a **McMillan coffee morning** in the hall from 10am, everyone is welcome to attend.
4. ***Urgent: Stop assisted suicide - postcards available at the back of Church***
The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September.
Not Dead Yet UK have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.
Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!
5. **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
6. Thank you for the money left so far for Marys Meals. Any foreign money or old money that cannot be used can be placed in the basket at the back of Church and this money will be sent to the charity Marys Meals. Marys Meals use this money to provide a daily meal for children in schools who live in poverty throughout the world. Any "odd" money from the weekly collection is saved and will be sent to this Charity. Thank you

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