



SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 11TH October 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 140 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: Theme: THE LORD INVITES US TO HIS BANQUET

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of a wonderful feast that God will prepare for all peoples. It is a feast of joy, abundance and salvation. The prophet tells us that God will wipe away every tear and destroy death forever. This is God's desire for us: that we should share in His joy and live with Him forever.

In today's Gospel, Jesus develops this image through the parable of the wedding feast. A king prepares a magnificent banquet for the wedding of his son and invites his guests. But surprisingly, many of those invited refuse to come. Some are too busy with their farms; others are occupied with their businesses. They allow the things of this world to become more important than the invitation of the king.

This is a warning for us. Sometimes our "farm" may be our work. Our "business" may be our money, career, possessions or personal ambitions. None of these things is bad in itself. The problem comes when they become so important that we no longer have time for God. We no longer go to church. ***We can be so busy making a living that we forget to live.*** We can have time for our phones, television, social media, business meetings and entertainment, but say that we have no time for prayer, Mass, confession or helping someone in need.

Every Sunday, Christ invites us to His table. He gives us not merely food, but Himself - the Eucharist itself is a foretaste of this heavenly banquet. The Lord invites everyone, but He also asks us to prepare our hearts for the banquet. These final words of Jesus should make us examine ourselves. God's invitation is universal. He calls every person to salvation. But we must respond freely and sincerely.

The question today is not: **"Is God calling me?"** The real question is: **"How am I responding to God's call?"** Perhaps God is calling us to return to prayer, to forgive someone, calling us to return to church and to the sacrament of reconciliation, to volunteer and serve the church, to reconcile with a family member. Remember, God's invitation may come quietly, but we must not ignore it.

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, Bernadette McLaughlin.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Rose Rogers. Kevin and Neil Milmoie, Delia Groarke. Joyce Procter.

Memorial Anniversary: Vincent White (19th) Gabriel Murphy (20th) James Walls. Michael Connors (2nd)

Special Intention: In thanksgiving for another birthday. Happy Birthday to J.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. On Wednesday 14th October at 6:30pm A Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. Fr would like the following members to attend: The Parish Pastoral Council, The Building Committee, The Finance Committee, representatives from the choir, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, cleaners, people who manage the collections, and the group involved serving in the hall. Also, any parishioner from St Richards or St Marys who would like to attend will be most welcome.
2. October is the month of the Holy Rosary so 25 minutes before Mass we will pray the Rosary, please try to be in Church to join in the Rosary.
3. Thank you for the donations to CAFOD a cheque for £410.87 was posted this week from the Parish.
4. **Registration to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion is open for any child who is not attending a Catholic School. Application forms are available from the Sacristy.**
5. It is the wish and expectation of Bishop John that all Roman Catholic schools in Salford Diocese will convert to become an academy in a strong Catholic Academy Trust (CAT). St Richard's RC Primary School is currently in the process of converting to become a primary academy in the Emmaus CAT. This is not likely to make any significant difference to the day-to-day operation of our school from the perspective of parents, pupils or the parish community. More information is currently available on the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/academy-trusts-strategy/> . If you do have any comments or questions, please use the email address
6. **SPUC Pro-Life Chain – Saturday 24th October**
Please join us for a peaceful act of public witness for the unborn, and for the women and families hurt by abortion. We stand quietly at the roadside holding placards – placards are provided, just bring yourself. All welcome. **When?** Saturday 24th October, 11am – 1pm **Where?** Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA (meet at the Stanley Mount bus stop just before 11am)
Any queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032
7. If you know someone who cannot attend Mass due to illness, inability to leave their home or they live in a Nursing Home and would like Fr Kris to visit, please contact the office with the necessary details and Fr will include them on his visits.
8. World Mission Sunday is on 18th October; the new autumn booklet from Missio is available at the back of Church. Please take one and read it. A second collection will be taken for World Mission on 17th/18th October.

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