

The Catholic Parish of St Richard, Skelmersdale

Serving the Churches of
St Mary Queen of Apostles, St Richard's and St Francis of Assisi.
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Anyone who has
been begotten
by God
has already
overcome
the world.

West Lancashire Pastoral Area

St Richard, St Mary & St Francis Skelmersdale, St Teresa Upholland, Skelmersdale,
St Marie of the Annunciation, Standish and St Bernadete Shevington;
St Joseph Wrightington; St James Orrell; Our Lady & All Saints Parbold;
St Anne Ormskirk; St Elizabeth Scarisbrick

SUNDAYS READINGS:

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms: 117

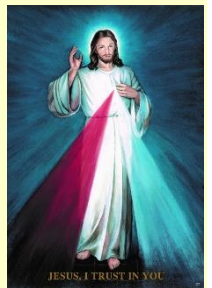
1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Sunday 7th April 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Year B) - Psalter Week 2

Saturday 6 th April		2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
St Mary	5:00pm	Eucharistic Service
Sunday 7 th April		2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
St Richard	9:00am	Celia & Harry Deboo
St Francis	11:00am	Patricia Cushion John and Kath Holden, 65th Wedding Anniversary
Monday 8 th April		Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
No Mass		A prayer to say Mary's 'Yes'
Tuesday 9 th April		Weekday of Easter
St Francis	9:30am	Delia Nolan
St Richard	2:15pm	Funeral Service: Christina Farrell
Wednesday 10 th April		Weekday of Easter
St Mary	9:30am	Special Intention
Thursday 11 th April		St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr
No Mass		Prayer for all studying
Friday 12 th April		Weekday of Easter
St Richard	9:30am	May Phillips
Saturday 13 th April		Third Sunday of Easter
St Mary	5:00pm	John & Elsie Philbin
Sunday 14 th April		Third Sunday of Easter
St Richard	9:00am	Mary & John Swift
St Francis	11:00am	Jimmy Greenall

Divine Mercy Sunday Jesus, I trust in you



On 5th May 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter, would be Divine Mercy Sunday, after he canonized Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart. She wrote in her diary that He said:

"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it... My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy".

Annunciation of the Lord: 8th April

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit

The feast is transferred from 25th March which fell during the Easter celebrations.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

Sr Margaret Shutt, Denny McGee, Connors and Doherty families, Jennifer Walker, Philip Hyde, Bernadette Galligan, Dee Kelly, Bill Ware, Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverly Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Cathy Segar, Debbie Martin, Joyce and Bill Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Nick Sales, Nina Leigh, Babs Carroll.

Recently deceased: We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: *Caroline Burton, Dorothy Robertson, Sadie Thompson, Hubert Davis, Dorothy Joan Furnival, Margaret Sutcliffe, Mercella Varey, Joanne Lisa Tomlinson, Henry John Codling, Christine Ann Bromley, Ellen Massey, Fred Shillto, Jimmy Greenall, May Phillips, Margaret Rose Shaw, Bruce Smith, Doug Scobie.*

Christina Farrell – Funeral Service at St Richard's, Tuesday 9th April, 2.15pm, onto Greenacres Rainford for 3:30pm.

Mary Whalley – Requiem Mass at St Francis, Tuesday 23rd April, 10:00am, on to St Helen's Crematorium. *Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord. Amen.*

St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr Thursday 11th April

Born of noble parents on July 26th at Szczepanow near Cracow, he was educated at Gnesen and was ordained there. Noted for his preaching, he became a much sought after spiritual adviser. He was successful in his reforming efforts, and in 1072 was named Bishop of Cracow. He incurred the enmity of King Boleslaus the Bold when he denounced the King's cruelties and injustices and especially his kidnapping of the beautiful wife of a nobleman. When Stanislaus excommunicated the King and stopped services at the Cathedral when Boleslaus entered, Boleslaus himself killed Stanislaus while the Bishop was saying Mass in a chapel outside the city on April 11th. Stanislaus has long been the symbol of Polish nationhood. Canonised by Pope Innocent IV in 1253. Principle patron of Cracow.

Blessed Milo or Miles Gerard of Ince, Wigan: 13th April

Born about 1550 at Wigan; executed at Rochester 13 (30?) April, 1590. In 1579 he went to the seminaries of Douai and Reims, where he was ordained 7 April, 1583, and then stayed on as professor until 31 August, 1589. Bound for London but driven off course into Dover harbour, examined and arrested on suspicion. After many tortures he was condemned and hanged drawn and quartered. Miles Gerard was beatified in 1929.

Second Collection weekend 20/21 April is for the Priest Training Fund.

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Archdiocese of Liverpool - A charitable incorporated organisation (registered charity number 1199714)

First Holy Communions and Confirmations

First Holy Communion Masses will take place 10.30am

St Francis - Saturday 11th May

St Richard - Saturday 18th May

St Mary - Saturday 25th May

Parish Confirmation Mass: at 11:00am

St Francis - Pentecost Sunday 19th May

Presided by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Parish Walsingham Pilgrimage

Sunday 9th – Tuesday 11th June 2024

Fr Kenny is planning a Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham to take place in June.

Expressions of interest are invited to help confirm numbers for a successful booking.

If you wish to join this year's pilgrimage, please complete a 'pro forma' and hand it at church or the parish office.

- Two half-board nights staying at Elmham House in Walsingham. Leaving after Masses on Sunday 9th June; returning daytime on Tuesday 11th June.
- Please see poster and 'pro forma' for more details.
- www.walsingham.org.uk/accommodation



Parish SVP: Turning Concern Into Action



Next parish SVP meeting is 7.00pm

Tuesday 9th April at St Francis' Church.

The SVP welcome donations of canned and dried food; toiletries and cleaning goods. Contact: 07470 351 042.

Survive-Miva: Julie from Survive-Miva will make an appeal about the work of the charity at Masses on Sat 13/ Sun 14 April. The second collection will be to support their work. www.survive-miva.org



APF Missionary Boxes: St Edmund's and St Richard's missionary boxes are to be opened during April.

Weekly Planned Giving – Gift Aid

New Planned Giving Envelopes for the weekly collections are available for the new tax year.

Please collect your box of Envelopes from Church.

– Many donate each month and weekly by Standing Order; ask for a form if this appeals to you.

Building Fund: The retiring collection this week is for the Building Fund.

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