

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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West Lancashire Pastoral Area

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

He is the sacrifice
that takes
our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the
whole world's.

1 John 2:1-5a

SUNDAYS READINGS:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm: Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

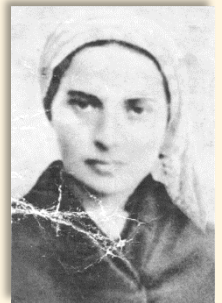
Sunday 14th April 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B) - Psalter Week 3

Saturday 13 th April		3 rd Sunday of Easter
St Mary	5:00pm	John & Elsie Philbin
Sunday 14 th April		3 rd Sunday of Easter
St Richard	9:00am	Mary & John Swift
St Francis	11:00am	Jimmy Greenall, Robert Nicholas Stubbert
Monday 15 th April		Weekday of Easter
No Mass		Say: Peace be with you.
Tuesday 16 th April		Weekday of Easter St Bernadette
St Francis	9:30am	Susan Lydon RIP
Wednesday 17 th April		Weekday of Easter
St Mary	9:30am	Fred Shillto LD
Thursday 18 th April		Weekday of Easter
OLQP	7:45am	Prayer for all studying
St Richard	10:30am	Years 1 + 4 School Mass
Friday 19 th April		Weekday of Easter
St Richard	9:30am	Recently Deceased
Saturday 20 th April		4 th Sunday of Easter
St Mary	5:00pm	Deceased Members of the Wareing Family
Sunday 21 st April		4 th Sunday of Easter
St Richard	9:00am	Celia & Harry Deboo
St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners

St Bernadette

Tuesday 16th April

As we celebrate St Bernadette's feast we give thanks for the wonderful HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes during Easter week.
St Bernadette, pray for us.



Born in 1844, the daughter of Francis and Louise Soubirous, Bernadette was a severe asthma sufferer, lived in abject poverty. On February 11, 1858, she saw a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in a cave on the banks of the Gave River. She was placed in considerable jeopardy when she reported the vision, and crowds gathered when she had further visions, from February 18 - March 4. The civil authorities tried to frighten Bernadette into recanting, but she remained faithful to the vision. On February 25, a spring emerged from the cave and the waters were discovered to be capable of healing the sick. On March 25, Bernadette announced that the vision stated that she was the "Immaculate Conception", and that a church should be built on the site. Many authorities tried to shut down the spring and delay the construction of the chapel, but news reached Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III, and construction continued. In 1866, Bernadette was sent to the Sisters of Notre Dame in Nevers. As a member of the community, she endured harsh treatment from the mistress of novices. This ended when it was discovered that she suffered from an incurable illness. She died in 1879. Lourdes became one of the major pilgrimage destinations in the world, and the spring has produced 27,000 gallons of water each week since emerging during Bernadette's visions.

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

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: Christine Ann Bromley, Ellen Massey, Fred Shillto, Jimmy Greenall, May Phillips, Margaret Rose Shaw, Bruce Smith, Doug Scobie, Christina Farrell, Christine Saunders.

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.

An Introduction to Vatican II

Saturday 27 April at 10am - 3pm

Light of Truth, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be hosting a study day introducing the basics of Vatican II. This is the perfect opportunity to learn the basic concepts covered in Vatican II for anyone new to the document. This will take place in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral. To sign up for this free event, visit this page:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdjxs>

Visit by Fr Gabriel

Parish Priest at Holy Family in Gaza

Fr Gabriel Romanelli, the parish priest of Holy Family Parish, Gaza, has accepted an invitation from the Catholic Bishops to visit the UK at the end of April. During the visit, Fr Gabriel will meet the Bishops to thank them for their continued support; he will speak to MPs and Lords in Parliament before a brief visit to Glasgow. He will spend a few days in English Martyrs parish, Litherland, before returning to the Holy Land.

On Sunday, 28 April, he will join the parish for Mass at 10.30; Bishop Tom Neylon will be the principal celebrant and Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre will also attend. All are welcome.

APF Missionary Boxes:

St Edmund's and St Richard's missionary boxes are to be opened during April.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish.

7th April 2024: £883.87 **Standing Order donations for March:** £548.00 **Building Fund:** £129.82

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

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.

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



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.

Union of Catholic Mothers



The next meeting for the UCM is Tuesday 16th 1:30pm April in the St John Rigby Centre. We meet once a month.

If you have not been before you are most welcome to join us for cake and tea. All welcome.

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.

Survive-Miva is a Catholic Lay Association, providing essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas and for the Church's pastoral care in places difficult to access. www.survive-miva.org



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