

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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His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus
did not cling
to his equality
with God
but emptied himself...
and became as men are.

Phil 2:6-11

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; St John the Evangelist, Burscough.

SUNDAYS READINGS:

Isa 43:16-21
Psalm: 21:8-9...24
Phil 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday and Holy Week (C) - Psalter Week II

Saturday	12 th Apr	Vigil: PALM SUNDAY	St Mary	5:00pm	Ellie & Patrick Cunningham RIP
Sunday	13 th Apr	PALM SUNDAY	St Richard	9:00am	John & Mary Swift Elizabeth & Michael Myers
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners
Monday	14 th Apr	Monday of Holy Week			<i>For those who need our prayers</i>
Tuesday	15 th Apr	Tuesday of Holy Week	St Francis	9:30am	Brian Roper (Recovery)
			St Richard	2:20pm	Funeral Service: James Edward Farrell
Wednesday	16 th Apr	Wednesday of Holy Week	St Mary	9:30am	Bernard & May Murray
Thursday	17 th Apr	HOLY THURSAY	St Richard	7:00pm	Celia & Harry Deboo
Friday	18 th Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	St Francis	3:00pm	<i>We remember our Lord's love</i>
Saturday	19 th Apr	EASTER VIGIL	St Mary	8:00pm	Kathleen & Frederick Alger Anniv RIP
Sunday	20 th Apr	EASTER SUNDAY	St Richard	9:00am	Frances & Tommy Jones
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners

Announcement of New Archbishop



A warm welcome to
**Archbishop-elect
John Sherrington**
His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John Sherrington as Archbishop of Liverpool. Ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Nottingham on 13 June 1987, Bishop Sherrington has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of Hiltia since 14 September 2011. Archbishop-elect Sherrington will become the tenth Archbishop of Liverpool in succession to Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, who has been Archbishop of Liverpool since 2014. His Installation will take place in the **Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday, 27th May at 12 noon.**

Holy Week and Easter Services

- ✠ **PALM SUNDAY - 12th / 13th April**
St Mary 5:00pm Saturday
St Richard 9.00am Sunday
St Francis 11:00am Sunday
- ✠ **HOLY THURSAY - 17th April**
St Richard 7.00pm
- ✠ **GOOD FRIDAY - 18th April**
St Francis 3:00pm
- ✠ **EASTER VIGIL - Saturday 19th April**
St Mary 8:00pm
- ✠ **EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday 20th April**
St Richard 9.00am
St Francis 11:00am

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Catherine (Vera) McCoy, Marie McGee, Veronica Theresa McGuinness, Tammy Hawkins, Anne Therese Dillon, Anthony Rowland, Roy Anthony Morris, Robert Smith.

James Edward Farrell, Funeral Service, Tuesday 15th April at 2:30pm at St Richards, on to Greenacres Crematorium.

Wendy Connan, Funeral Service, Thursday 24th April at 10:30am at St Richards, on to St Helens Crematorium.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

Don Smith, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, Stephen Donnelly, Sr Maureen (Holy Family), Nina Leigh, Debbie Martin, Sr Margaret Shutt, Bill Ware, Clare Ware, Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverley Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Babs Carroll, Gaynor Davies, Les Newman, Don Smith, Nick Sales, Turner family, Jennifer Walker, David Jamison, Stephen Philip Rochford, Jim Oats.

Say a special prayer today

We pray for those who are preparing to receive the **Sacraments of Initiation** this Easter and in May. Candidates will be welcomed into the Church at the **Easter Vigil at St Mary's at 8:00pm on 19th April**, some to be Baptised, and to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. Also a large group of young people will receive First Holy Communion at three Masses in May.

May the Lord bless each one with abundant graces, as they journey in faith, and know the LORD'S holy presence. Amen.



Churches Together in Upholland Good Friday Service

The Churches Together in Upholland will be holding their Good Friday Service at 12:30pm on Friday 18th April at the Upholland War Memorial.



Jubilee Saturdays at St Anne & Blessed Dominic

As part of the Jubilee year, Jubilee church St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church in St Helens will be open

every Saturday afternoon from 12pm for private prayer and devotion at the Shrine of Blessed Dominic. Anyone is welcome to drop by. (See Poster).

Our Lady and All Saints Day Trip to Ampleforth Abbey

Our Lady and All Saints have 2/3 places available on the coach for their day trip to Ampleforth Abbey on Saturday 17 May. (Poster on our website). For more details please phone (01257) 463248 or email parbold@hotmail.com

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish and charities. **6th April 2025:** £848.67;
White Flower Appeal (SPUC): £81.45
CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: £183.55

St Francis of Assisi - Golden Anniversary 50th Celebrations

Cabaret Night 16th May 2025 – doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are now available at the back of our churches for The Cabaret Night being held in St Francis of Assisi School. Entry is by ticket only and there are only a limited number of tickets available – so please don't leave it too late to buy your tickets: £10 for adults and £5 for children. Bring your own food and drink and be prepared for a great night of entertainment!

Race Night 6th June. Put this date in your diary for joining us in St Francis of Assisi School for a Race Night – if you don't know what this is – there will be more details closer to the date – but it is a great fun night! Put 6th June in your diary!

Celebration Mass and Buffet 20th June. Our "big night" to celebrate 50 years of St Francis of Assisi Church here in Skelmersdale. Mass at the Church will be followed by a buffet reception in St Francis of Assisi School. More details will follow closer to the date.

"Wall of Fame" - Please don't forget to send us your pictures of events in the church for our "wall of fame."

Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting for the UCM is on Tuesday 15th April 1:30pm in the St John Rigby Centre. All welcome.



*** CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal ***

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster.

Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at

- <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/myanmar-earthquake-appeal>
- or by calling 0303 303 3030.
- You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.
- Or SCAN this QR code for CAFOD Earthquake Appeal



CHRISM MASS 2025: The Chrism Mass, takes place on Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral. (Usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year).

APF Missionary Boxes: St Edmund's and St Richard's Red Mission boxes are due for emptying.

Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) Appeal will take place weekend 26th / 27th April at all Masses.