

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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Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord
is Risen
Alleluia!

John 20: 1-9

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:

Acts 10: 34. 37-43
Psalm: 117: 1...23
Col 3: 1-4
John 20: 1-9

Sunday 20th April – EASTER SUNDAY (C)

Saturday	19th Apr	EASTER VIGIL	St Mary	8:00pm	Kathleen & Frederick Alger Anniv RIP
Sunday	20th Apr	EASTER SUNDAY	St Richard	9:00am	Frances & Tommy Jones
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners
Monday	21st Apr	Easter Monday			<i>Rejoice, for He is Risen.</i>
Tuesday	22nd Apr	Easter Tuesday			<i>Join in prayer with the pilgrims at Lourdes.</i>
Wednesday	23rd Apr	Easter Wednesday			<i>Pray that all may believe</i>
Thursday	24th Apr	Easter Thursday	St Richard	10:30am	Funeral Service: Wendy Connan
Friday	25th Apr	Easter Friday			<i>May the departed rejoice with the Risen Lord</i>

Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (C)

Saturday	26th Apr	VIGIL: 2nd Sunday of Easter	St Mary	5:00pm	Peter Murray
Sunday	27th Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter	St Richard	9:00am	Christopher Blundell
			St Francis	11:00am	Tom Flaherty

EASTER JOY

Fr Kenny wishes you all and your families
Easter Joy, and the blessings and graces of the
Easter Season.

✠
Jesus is Lord,
He is Risen from the dead,
and he is Lord!

EASTER MASSES

✠ **EASTER VIGIL - Saturday 19th April**

St Mary **8:00pm**

✠ **EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday 20th April**

St Richard 9.00am

St Francis 11:00am

Thank you to all the parish teams who have
prepared the liturgy and each church, helping
us rejoice and celebrate at our Holy Week and
Easter masses.

Welcome and congratulations

Welcome and congratulations the RCIA Candidates,
received into the church at the Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm
at St Mary's Church, on Saturday 19th April.

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

We Pray with Fr Kenny and those on the **HCPT
pilgrimage in Lourdes**. We can make a spiritual
communion each day with Fr Kenny and the pilgrims.

There are no Masses during the week; there is a Funeral
Service on Thursday 24th April.

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.

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

Olive Marie Waite, Funeral Service, Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 1:45pm at St Francis, 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, Brian Roper.

Archbishop Malcolm's Easter Message

Happy Easter! Archbishop Malcolm has written a short Easter message. There is a text version on our website and a copy in church, or a video version on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/S_vXyeW-KH0

*** CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal ***

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.

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

Talk on Eucharistic Miracles – Monday 28 April, 6.30pm

St Mary's, Chorley (PR7 2SR) welcomes guest speaker **Mike Pietrzyk** from Michigan, USA, for a talk on **Eucharistic Miracles**. Taking place the day after the canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis, this promises to be a powerful evening of reflection. Refreshments available afterwards. Parking available on council car parks beside the church



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).

St Francis of Assisi - Golden Anniversary 50th Celebrations

Cabaret Night 16th May 2025 – doors open at 7:00pm.

Race Night 6th June.

Celebration Mass and Buffet 20th June.

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

More information in future newsletters.

The Chosen Season 5 – The Last Supper – In Cinemas:

Odeon Cinemas are showing Season 5 of The Chosen, which tells the story of The Last Supper! You can book tickets here: intl.thechosenlastsupper.com/tickets

Guild of St Stephen Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Guild of St Stephen's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently **accepting bookings**. The pilgrimage will take place **Sunday 26th October – Saturday 1st November 2025**. For more information, please contact **Rose Curry** on 07932 729896

Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) Appeal



will take place next weekend **26th/27th April**, when **Fr Geoffrey Mbindyo CSSp** will preside at our masses.

Founded in 1703, The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation dedicated to sharing hope and love worldwide. For over 300 years, our mission has been clear: to evangelize the

poor and the needy, pursue justice, foster peace, care for creation, inspired by Luke 4:18 and advance God's kingdom here on earth.

Today, more than 3,000 Spiritans from all continents bring this mission to life in over 60 countries, serving where the need is greatest—hospitals, parishes, prisons, schools, and refugee communities. We also support integral development for young people and work for justice globally. As Pope Francis reminded us in May 2023, we serve "in simplicity of life, respecting peoples and cultures," embracing the most abandoned with fraternity and prayer. Your support and prayers keep our mission alive. Together, we carry the Spiritan light to the world's darkest corners.



Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish and charities. **13th April 2025:** £932.34;
CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: £143.90 (Total so far £327.45)