

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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Jesus came and
stood among
them and said to
them, 'Peace be
with you.'

John 20:19-31

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 5:12-16

Psalm: 117:2...24

Apoc 1:9...19

John 20:19-31

Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday (C)

Saturday	26 th Apr	VIGIL: 2nd Sunday of Easter	St Mary	5:00pm	Peter Murray
Sunday	27 th Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter	St Richard	9:00am	Christopher Blundell
			St Francis	11:00am	Tom Flaherty
Monday	28 th Apr	St George			<i>Rejoice, for He is Risen.</i>
Tuesday	29 th Apr	St Catherine of Siena	St Francis	9:30am	For family of Georgia Citrine, LD
			OLQP	3:10pm	<i>The college community</i>
Wednesday	30 th Apr	Weekday of Easter	St Mary	9:30am	<i>Pray that all may believe</i>
			St Francis	1:45pm	Funeral Service: Olive Marie Waite
Thursday	1 st May	St Joseph the Worker			<i>For workers everywhere</i>
Friday	2 nd May	St Athanasius, Bishop	St Richard	9:30am	Bernard Reppion RIP
Saturday	3 rd May	VIGIL: 3rd Sunday of Easter	St Mary	5:00pm	Brian Roper (Get Well)
Sunday	4 th May	3rd Sunday of Easter	St Richard	9:00am	Maria Brigid McCann RIP Anniv 50 Yrs
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners



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

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Brother and sisters. It is with a sense of deep sadness with thanksgiving to God for a life lived in the Lord's service, that we have learned of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis. From the first moments of his pontificate, as a bishop from the peripheries on 13 March 2013, he has impacted the minds and hearts of many in the world seeking that we should all be "fratelli tutti" - brothers and sisters together, in this our common home.

The Catholic Church has lost its universal Pastor, and so today we pray for his eternal rest, we thank God for the much good he has done, and we pray for the Cardinals as they move to elect another successor of Saint Peter to continue to guide and lead the Church in 2025.

I have many fond memories of meeting him, most recently in January at the first general audience of the Jubilee Year. I will remember him as a kind and welcoming priest and bishop. Francis asked everyone who met him to never to forget to pray for him - let us assure him of our prayers that he would finally meet the good shepherd and gentle judge he so zealously served. With my prayers for you all, *Archbishop Malcolm McMahon*

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.

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.

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".



Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) Appeal



will take place this weekend **26th/27th April**, when **Fr Geoffrey Mbindyo CSSp** will preside at our masses. 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; and support integral development for young people and work for justice globally.

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish and charities.

20th April 2025: £1453.31

Holy Places: £273.25

St Francis of Assisi - Golden Anniversary 50th Celebrations

Our 50th anniversary is getting closer! Here's a few things you need to know!

We are raising funds to pay for a great reception buffet which will take place after our celebration Mass on the evening of the 20th June. Here's how you can help:-

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 – doors open at 7:00pm. 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!

Raffle prizes. At the two evening events shown above we will be having raffles and even a quick game of Irish bingo – and we need prizes to give out. Do you have any suitable prizes you can donate? If so please hand them to the greeters at your church or pass them into the Parish Office.

Wall of fame. We are looking to set up a "wall of fame" with any pictures you might have of special occasions at the church. Do you have pictures of Weddings, Baptisms, First Holy Communions? If so can we borrow them? All you need to do is either hand in a physical photograph to either the office or to one of our greeters in Church – and if you do this please make sure you put your name on the back of the photo so we can make sure you get it back – or if it's an electronic image can you email it to the Parish Office:

strichard@rcaol.org.uk

Please let us have as much detail of the photo as you can: dates, names etc.

The big night! 20th June. This is our big celebration night – a celebration Mass in the church followed by a celebration buffet in St Francis school hall. We will be putting a list into each of our churches in a week or two asking people to let us know if they intend to attend the Mass and the buffet – we just need to get an indication of numbers. There are no "tickets" for either of these events – everyone is welcome – but we would like some indication of numbers to help in our planning.



Parish SVP: Turning Concern Into Action

The **Retiring Collection** next weekend **3rd/4th May** is for the **Parish SVP**.

Contact: 07470 351 042.