

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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May
they be
completely
one.

John 17:20-26

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 7:55-60

Psalm: 96:1-2, 6-7, 9

Apoc 2:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

JUNE - Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday 1st June 2025 – 7th Sunday of Easter (C) (Psalter week III)

Saturday	31st May	DAY: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
		VIGIL: 7th Sunday of Easter	St Mary	5:00pm	Paul Burton
Sunday	1st June	7th Sunday of Easter	St Richard	9:00am	Parishioners, Private Intention
			St Francis	11:00am	Catherine Wharton RIP
Monday	2nd June	Weekday of Easter			<i>Rejoice, for He is Risen.</i>
Tuesday	3rd June	Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions	St Francis	9:30am	George Richards (Sick)
			OLQP	3:10pm	College Community
Wednesday	4th June	Weekday of Easter	St Mary	9:30am	Thanksgiving, answered prayers
Thursday	5th June	St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr	St Mary	1:45pm	Funeral Service: Clara Caffrey
Friday	6th June	Weekday of Easter	St Richard	9:30am	Parishioners' Intentions
Saturday	7th June	VIGIL: PENTECOST SUNDAY	St Mary	5:00pm	Rita Corrigan
Sunday	8th June	PENTECOST SUNDAY	St Richard	9:00am	Mrs Clare Caffrey
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners

JUNE: Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion emphasizes the love and compassion of Jesus, as symbolized by His pierced heart.

The tradition of honouring the Sacred Heart is rooted in the 17th-century revelations experienced by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun.

The month is marked by various devotional practices, such as prayer, reflection, and acts of charity, all aimed at deepening the relationship with Jesus' Sacred Heart. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday 27th June, (the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost).

Sacred Heart statue at St Richard's.



Reinstating our Parish Council

Before lockdown, our Parish Council was made up of parishioners from St Francis', St Mary's and St Richard's. The council provided a forum:

- to discern the needs of the parish community,
- identify how we could all work to help our parish grow
- support the various groups in our parish to work in a more collaborative way
- and through a variety of events, enhance the feeling of being one parish community across our three churches.

The Council worked under the banner "*Together in Christ, for Christ*".

Would you like to be a Parish Council member and contribute to supporting the growth and development of our parish? Please call Parish Administrator Frank on: 01695 720095 to leave your contact details; or email: strichard@rcaol.org.uk



Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Roy Anthony Morris, Robert Smith, James Edward Farrell, Wendy Connan, Olive Marie Waite, Pope Francis.

Clara Theresa Caffrey, Funeral Service, Thursday 5th June 2025 at 1:45pm at St Mary's, on to West Lancs 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, 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, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, Christopher Gregson.

World Communications Day – 1st June

The special collection this weekend is for **World Communications Day** - The theme this year is: Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16)

Pope Francis *"I dream of a communication that does not peddle illusions of fears but is able to give reasons of hope."* Pope Leo XIV *"News media should foster peace and disarm words."*

*O God, whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times
through word and image.
Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain
and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*



Parish SVP: *Turning Concern Into Action*
The **Retiring Collection** this weekend
31st May/1st June is for the **Parish SVP**.
Contact: 07470 351 042.

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish:
25th May 2025: £946.12
Priest Training Fund: £7.00

St Francis of Assisi - Golden Anniversary 50th Celebrations

"Sign Up"

Can all who will be attending the 50th Celebration Mass and or buffet on 20th June PLEASE sign up on the sheets available at the back of all three churches. We need to make sure we are planning the event for the right numbers - and only you can tell us that!
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU ALL JOINING US - BUT LET US KNOW PLEASE.

Race Night (Cancelled) – We are sorry to advise that unfortunately, we have had to cancel our plans to have a Race Night on Friday 6th June.

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.

Wall of fame. Do you have special pictures of church occasions? If so can we borrow them? Hand in a physical photograph to either the office or to one of our greeters in Church – any 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.

Welcome

to our new Archbishop

The **Most Reverend John Sherrington** has been installed as the tenth Archbishop of Liverpool during a Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. It was announced in April, just a few weeks before his death, that Pope Francis had elected Archbishop Sherrington as the successor of Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP who is retiring after 11 years as Archbishop.

Thousands of Catholics of all ages from across the archdiocese gathered at the cathedral for the celebration which included Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, bishops and clergy from across England and Wales and civic leaders and representatives from other faiths.

Parish Book Club

Our June meeting takes place in the SJR Centre on Wednesday 4th June at 7:00pm. We will be discussing our current book "The Offing" by Benjamin Myers and getting our June book, "The New York Trilogy" by Paul Auster.

