

# 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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Come Holy Spirit!



As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you:  
receive the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-23

## 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 2:1-11

Psalm: 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

Romans 8:8-17

John 14:14-16, 23b-26

## JUNE - Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Pentecost Sunday (Psalter week I)

|   |                             |  |            |         |                                  |
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| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>VIGIL: PENTCOST SUNDAY</b>                        | St Mary    | 5:00pm  | Rita Corrigan                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>                              | St Richard | 9:00am  | Mrs Clare Caffrey                |
|   |                             |  | St Francis | 11:00am | Parishioners                     |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Mary Mother of the Church</b>                     |            |         | <i>Rejoice, for He is Risen.</i> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b>                      | St Francis | 9:30am  | Fr John Dobson (Lancaster).      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>St Barnabas, Apostle</b>                          | St Mary    | 9:30am  | Rita Corrigan                    |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</b> |            |         |                                  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>St Anthony of Padua</b>                           | St Richard | 9:30am  | David Jamieson                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>VIGIL: The Most Holy Trinity</b>                  | St Mary    | 5:00pm  | Jean Moran                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>                         | St Richard | 9:00am  | Parishioners                     |
| <b>Bishop Tom Williams will Preside today at St Francis</b> |                             |  | St Francis | 11:00am | Philip Hyde                      |

## Thoughtful Prayer

When Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4; Matthew 6:9-13), as a model for prayer he said: "In your prayers do not babble as the pagans do, for they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard." Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit we are able to pray carefully, with love and devotion; and our prayer is clear and understood. With this love and devotion may we all call on the Holy Spirit to renew us, our church, and our world:

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful.

and kindle in them

the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who taught the hearts of the faithful

by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by

the gift of the same Spirit we may be truly wise

and ever rejoice in His consolations.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## Pilgrims of Hope to the Holy Land

As the suffering in Gaza continues, many Palestinian Christian communities in East Jerusalem and the West Bank are struggling silently. These are the oldest Christian communities in the world, yet their future has never been more uncertain.

Michael O'Brien, a parishioner at Bishop Eton, Liverpool, recently travelled to the Holy Land to witness the reality firsthand. Deeply moved by what he saw, he is now inviting others to join him in responding to a heartfelt plea from the local Church:

"Return to the Holy Land as Pilgrims of Hope and show solidarity with the Christian community. Come back! We're waiting for you, and we need you!"

— Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

The "Liverpool Pilgrims of Hope" initiative offers a way for local Christians to make a difference — not through politics or protest, but through pilgrimage: an act of faith, love, and visible solidarity. To learn more or express interest, please visit: [www.pilgrimsofhope.co.uk](http://www.pilgrimsofhope.co.uk)

Poster in church and on the parish website.



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## 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.

**John David Jamieson**, Requiem Mass, Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 10:30am and burial at St Richard.

*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, Stephen Philip Rochford, Jim Oats, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, Christopher Gregson.

## Eucharistic Ministers

The Liturgy Commission are seeking to expand the team of those who are offering formation for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. They are also seeking to develop an opportunity for a re-fresher for existing Ministers. Would you or someone you know be willing to get involved in the team offering this formation? Please get in touch with [chris@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:chris@irenaeus.co.uk)

## Men of St Joseph Meetings

Please note: The regular meetings at St Helen's Church, Crosby, L23 7TQ at 7pm have moved to **Tuesday evenings**. Learn more about Men of St Joseph at: [www.mosj.co.uk](http://www.mosj.co.uk)

## Cathedrals Pentecost Walk – Today 8<sup>th</sup> June - 3:00PM - 5:00PM

We come together as pilgrims of hope as we embark on the annual Pentecost walk between our city's two Cathedrals. All are welcome to attend. The celebrations will begin with a short act of worship at **Liverpool Cathedral** and include the story of Pentecost, a walk along Hope Street, hymns and stalls on the piazza of the **Metropolitan Cathedral**. The choirs of both cathedrals and a Salvation Army Band will be involved, and there will be giant family games at the end. <https://www.ctmr.org.uk> see Activities, Pentecost.



## Photographs from the Mass of Installation

from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May can be found on Flickr links on our website:

- [Mass of Installation Of John Sherrington As Tenth Archbishop of Liverpool](#)
- [Archbishop John Sherrington Mass of Installation](#)

## Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish:  
**25<sup>th</sup> May 2025: £926.28 Building Fund: £76.00**  
**World Communications: £55.50**

## St Francis of Assisi - Golden Anniversary 50th Celebrations

To share in our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations Bishop Tom Willimas will Preside at the 11am Mass at St Francis on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

## Please "Sign Up" This week for our 20<sup>th</sup> June Mass and Reception

**Our 50th Anniversary Mass**  
**is at 7:00pm on Friday 20th June 2025,**  
**at St Francis of Assisi Church,**  
**Beechtrees, Digmoor, Skelmersdale WN8 9EZ;**  
**followed by a Reception**  
**in St Francis of Assisi Primary School,**  
**Blakehall, Skelmersdale WN8 9AZ**

Please can all who will be attending the 50th Celebration Mass and or buffet on 20th June, sign up on the sheets available at the back of all three churches. This will ensure we are planning the event for the right numbers.

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU ALL JOINING US - BUT LET US KNOW PLEASE.

## And this is the last week to send in pictures for the "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 please email to the Parish Office: [strichard@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:strichard@rcaol.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:strichard@rcaol.org.uk)



## Parish SVP Meeting:

The next **Parish SVP** meeting will be on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm at St Francis church.** SVP Contact: 07470 351 042

