

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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You are Peter, and
I will give you the
keys of the
kingdom of
heaven.

Matt 16:13-19

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 12:1-11

Psalm: 3:2-9

2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

Matt 16:13-19

Sunday 29th June 2025 – Ss Peter & Paul Apostles (Week 13. Psalter week I)

Saturday	28th June	Ss Peter & Paul Apostles	St Mary	5:00pm	Ellen Greenwood RIP
Sunday	29th June	Ss Peter & Paul Apostles	St Richard	9:00am	Clara Caffrey, Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	Dylan Brasser (2nd Anniv)
Monday	30th June	Weekday of Ordinary Time			<i>Prayer for Peace</i>
Tuesday	1st July	St Oliver Plunket	St Francis	9:30am	Thanksgiving
			OLQP	3:10pm	College Community
Wednesday	2nd July	Weekday of Ordinary Time	St Mary	9:30am	David Jamieson
Thursday	3rd July	St Thomas, Apostle			<i>For those who need our prayers</i>
Friday	4th July	St Elizabeth of Portugal	St Richard	9:30am	David Jamieson
Saturday	5th July	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Mary	5:00pm	Freddie Carr RIP
Sunday	6th July	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	Gareth Ward (Anniv RIP)

Ss Peter & Paul

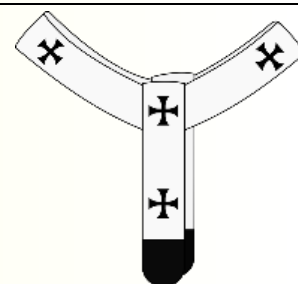
This solemnity is a holy day of obligation in large parts of the Latin Church, and falls on a Sunday this year. On this feast, newly created metropolitan archbishops receive from the Pope the primary symbol of their office, the Pallium.

St. Peter and Paul are both patron saints of Rome and considered cornerstones of the Church. St. Peter, one of the 12 apostles, as well as the first pope and founder of the Roman Church. He was martyred sometime around AD 64 in the circus of Nero. Since he was not a Roman citizen his death was crucifixion.

According to tradition, he requested to be crucified upside down because he did not consider himself worthy to die in the same way as Jesus. He was buried in the Vatican Necropolis which was next to the Circus. When the emperor Constantine converted to Christianity, he decided to build a church in the saint's honour above his grave. We all know this church today as St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City.

St. Paul, also Apostle. Although he never met Jesus, he is widely acclaimed as one of the most important apostles who spread the word of Jesus and the emerging Christianity. His Letters are an important part of the New Testament, giving us significant teaching about Jesus – we may even call the Gospel of St Paul.

During Nero's persecution of the Christians, Paul was martyred as well. Since he was a Roman citizen his death was the more lenient beheading. According to tradition, his head bounced three times, creating a spring of water with each bounce. Today you can still visit a monastery and drink the water from these springs! - *Ss Peter and Paul, pray for us. Amen.*



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.

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 – *and all those who need our prayers.*

Please note

Sick Lists and Mass Intentions

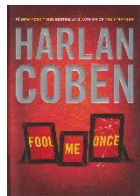
Guidelines have been provided regarding data protection and the publication of people's names for the sick lists and Mass intentions. A copy is available in church and on the parish website.

If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of **Those Who Need Our Prayers**, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact **Frank in the Parish Office from Tuesday 1st July.**

In a couple of weeks' time, the list will be restarted with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law. Thank you.

Parish Book Club:

Our July meeting will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 2nd July when we will be discussing our June book – "The New York Trilogy" by Paul Auster and collecting our July book - Harlan Coben's "Fool Me Once".



Reinstating our Parish Council

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

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish

St Francis of Assisi 50th

Old and new Photographs

The photographs shared by parishioners are available on the parish website. Please see links on the Welcome page.



Saints this week:

St Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr, Tuesday 1st July: 1629-1681. Born in County Meath, Ireland, Oliver studied in Rome and was ordained in 1654. Consecrated Bishop of Armagh in 1669, he began the task of restoring the Church, laid waste by continuous persecution. Arrested on a sham charge of complicity, Irish judges refused to convict him of treason because he propagated the Catholic faith. He was brought to London and on his second trial was found guilty of treason with little evidence. He was executed at Tyburn in 1681, the last to be martyred in England. His body rests at Downside.

St Thomas, Apostle, Thursday 3 July: Thomas called Didymus (meaning the twin) offered to die with Jesus on the way to Bethany, but dubious both about where Christ was going and the way there. He is remembered as the apostle who refused to believe in the risen Lord; an attitude for which the ancient Fathers both blamed him for his lack of faith and thanked him for his scepticism which was the occasion for reassuring future generations. Tradition places his missionary work after Pentecost in India where he said to have been martyred with a spear near Madras.

St Elizabeth of Portugal, Friday 4th July: Daughter of King Peter III of Aragon and grand-niece of Queen Elizabeth of Hungary, Elizabeth of Portugal was born in 1271. Known as "the peacemaker," her humble disposition, devotion to God and life of virtue, made her a widely respected figure of the court. At age 12 she married King Denis of Portugal and despite his religious indifference and infidelity, she was a devoted wife and mother to her son Alfonso and her daughter Constance. She was well-known for her charity to the poor, founding of a hospital and house of Poor Clares at Coimbra. She nursed her husband through a lengthy illness until his death in 1325, at which time it is said he repented of his life of vice. Accustomed to riding out into the battlefield to solve disputes between kingdoms, Elizabeth died July 4, 1336, on a peacemaking mission probably a result of her age and the great summer heat. She was buried in the Church of the Poor Clares she founded.



Parish SVP: Turning Concern Into Action

The **Retiring Collection** this weekend **28th/29th June** is for the **Parish SVP**. Contact: 07470 351 042.