

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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We shall
see God
as he
really is.

1 John 3:1-2

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

SUNDAYS READINGS:

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm: 117
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Sunday 21st April 2024 – 4th Sunday of Easter (Year B) - Psalter Week 4

Saturday 20 th April		4 th Sunday of Easter
St Mary	5:00pm	Deceased Members of the Wareing Family
Sunday 21 st April		4 th Sunday of Easter
St Richard	9:00am	Celia & Harry Deboo
St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners
Monday 22 nd April		Weekday of Easter
No Mass		Glorify the Lord with me <i>Psalm 34</i>
Tuesday 23 rd April		Solemnity of St George, Martyr
St Francis	10:00am	Requiem Mass: Mary Whalley
Wednesday 24 th April		Weekday of Easter
St Mary	9:30am	Stephen Philip Rochford (int)
Thursday 25 th April		Feast of St Mark, Evangelist
OLQP	7:45am	For educators
Friday 26 th April		Weekday of Easter
St Richard	9:30am	Eric Holcroft
Saturday 27 th April		5 th Sunday of Easter
St Mary	5:00pm	Larry & Nell France (anniv RIP)
Sunday 28 th April		5 th Sunday of Easter
St Richard	9:00am	Parishioners
St Francis	11:00am	Thomas Flaherty Anniv

Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday

Our synodal journey reinforced our commitment to becoming a Church that values the vocation of all the baptised, but on the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide, we are reminded of the importance of praying in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This Good Shepherd Sunday we have much to celebrate because this academic year is a significant one for vocations to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. God willing, by the end of July 5 men will have been ordained to the priesthood for our Archdiocese.

Fr Hugh Donleavy was ordained to the priesthood on 1 December at St Alban's Church in Warrington and plans are underway for the ordination of Deacons James Finnegan and Martin Fyles (from the Venerable English College, Rome), Peter Ross (from St Mary's College, Oscott) and Lister Tonge, (a former Anglican Minister). If all goes to plan, they will be ordained together in the Cathedral on 13 July.

There are currently three other men in formation for our Archdiocese in the Beda College, Rome and Allen Hall, London and two candidates currently involved in the process of applying to begin seminary in September. Usually, on the first Saturday of each month a group of men gather together to reflect on the priesthood and to discern whether this is God's calling for them. The road to the priesthood is long and these men need your continued prayer and the support you give to the Priest Training Fund collection that takes place today.

Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday (cont)

There is no one type of man that God is calling and our seminarians and discerners come from different backgrounds, have had a wide range of life experiences and cover a range of ages. Perhaps God is calling you! If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest within our Archdiocese and are ready to explore this further and perhaps meet other men who are thinking about their vocation, please contact the Vocations' Director, either by telephoning the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More in Aigburth on 0151 727 2493 or email vocations@rcaol.org.uk

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

Bill Ware, Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverly Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Cathy Segar, Debbie Martin, Joyce and Bill Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Nick Sales, Nina Leigh, Babs Carroll.

Recently deceased: We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Christine Ann Bromley, Ellen Massey, Fred Shillto, Jimmy Greenall, May Phillips, Margaret Rose Shaw, Bruce Smith, Doug Scobie, Christina Farrell, Christine Saunders, Michael McNulty.

Mary Whalley – Requiem Mass at St Francis, Tuesday 23rd April, 10:00am, on to St Helen's Crematorium.
Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord. Amen.

Thank you to Eddie for Prayers in Lourdes



On behalf of the parish, Fr Kenny has sent a heartfelt thank you to Eddie from HCPT, for looking after the pilgrims; and for all the prayers. The names of the young pilgrims and of each parish that supported the pilgrimage are on the candle Eddie is holding.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish; and excellent donation to Survive-Miva.

14th April 2024: £779.93 **Building Fund:** £25.00 **Survive-Miva :** £461.54

Second Collection this weekend is for the Priest Training Fund.

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First Holy Communions and Confirmations

First Holy Communion Masses will take place 10.30am

St Francis - Saturday 11th May

St Richard - Saturday 18th May

St Mary - Saturday 25th May

Parish Confirmation Mass: at 11:00am

St Francis - Pentecost Sunday 19th May

Presided by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Parish Walsingham Pilgrimage

Sunday 9th – Tuesday 11th June 2024

Fr Kenny is planning a Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham to take place in June.



Please complete a 'pro forma' this week, so we know there are enough expressions of interest for a successful booking.

Please hand in you 'pro forma' at church or the parish office. Thank you.

- Two half-board nights staying at Elmham House in Walsingham. Leaving after Masses on Sunday 9th June; returning daytime on Tuesday 11th June.
- Please see poster and 'pro forma' for more details.
- www.walsingham.org.uk/accommodation

The Holy Family of Bordeaux Lay Members



We meeting every first Tuesday of the month (except August) in the Meeting Room at St Francis of Assisi Church at 7:00pm. The next meeting is the Tuesday 8th May, with refreshments following the Meeting. Any Parishioners wishing to join us are most welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



Parish SVP: Turning Concern Into Action

The **retiring collection** next weekend is for the SVP. We welcome donations of canned and dried food; toiletries and cleaning good. Contact: 07470 351 042.

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