

# **The Catholic Parishes of St Richard, Skelmersdale and Our Lady's, Parbold**

The Churches of St Mary Queen of Apostles, St Richard & St Francis of Assisi, Skelmersdale and Our Lady's and All Saints, Parbold

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## **Pastoral Area 13 Under the patronage of St John Rigby**

**St Richard, St Mary & St Francis Skelmersdale; St. Teresa Upholland;  
St Marie of the Annunciation; Standish & St Bernadette Shevington;  
St Joseph Wrightington; St James Orrell; Our Lady & All Saints Parbold.**

## **PARISH PRIEST**

**Rev. Fr. Michael Thompson V. F.**

## **Deacon**

**Rev. Anthony Callaghan**

## **This week's news – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

### **Live streaming – this Sunday from the Cathedral**

Log on to our Keep Calm and Carry On page (under Parish News) for a link to this Sunday's Palm Sunday Mass from the Cathedral led by Archbishop Malcolm. Let's see if we can have a huge number of us following the Mass (the newsletter Mass Readings link has this week's printed newsletter with the readings and other Mass parts) – I'm sure many of you will have palms that can be reused! Why don't we make it an occasion to get a bit more dressed up for? You don't need to go all high fashion – just dress as you would if you were actually going to Mass at the Cathedral. Might sound daft – but trust me it will lift the spirits even more.

### **The Sewing Room**

Maureen Fazal is still working (albeit from home!) with the Sewing Room and they are certainly doing their bit in the current situation. They are receiving specialist materials which they are making up into NHS scrubs and face masks for the front line workers. Well done to them – keep up the good work. And, if that wasn't enough, Maureen has just taken in two rescue cats, Dennis and Larry!

### **The SVP**

A big thank you to all - we had a great response from parishioners with food and donations before the lockdown. What wonderful people we have. There is a lot of pressure on people at present and we know they still want to help us to provide, we think we are ok for about two weeks so if people could just pick up an item with their shopping and we can arrange to pick up or drop off any tin or packet but we do use a lot of coffee uht milk, tinned meat and veg. Please do not stress The Holy Spirit St Vincent, Blessed Fredrick Ozanam are on our side . We are following all advised guidelines to stay safe.

### **Prayers**

Please remember all of those key workers, on the front line with the NHS and in the support key areas providing the necessities of our locked down lives. They are all heroes.

Also, please pray for the following:-

Bill Ware, Brenda Lockhart, Lorna Gill, Sr Eva McHale, Pauline Perry, George Johnstone, Arthur Davis, Joan Johnson, Ryszard (Richard) Urbanski, Dorothy Halsall, Joyce & Sheila Rainford, Lorraine Hobson-Taylor, A Sick Teenager, Harry Woods, Ann Molyneux, Debbie Martin, Jennifer Walker, James Gresty, Terry Naylor

**(Latest news – James Gresty is getting better – he appears to be over the worst and is now, slowly, on the road to recovery.)**