

The Catholic Parish of St Richard, Skelmersdale

The Churches of St Mary Queen of Apostles, St Richard and St Francis of Assisi, Skelmersdale.

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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, St

Anne's Ormskirk, St Elizabeth Scarisbrick

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Kenny Hyde P P

Deacon

Rev. Anthony Callaghan

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday	14 th May	FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
St Mary	5:00pm	Terence France (19th anniversary)
Sunday	15 th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
St Richard	9:00am	Brian Carr
St Francis	11:00am	Evan Doyle (ill)
Monday	15 th May	Weekday of Easter
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Tuesday	16 th May	Weekday of Easter
St Francis	9:30am	Special Intention for St Francis Church
Wednesday	17 th May	Weekday of Easter
St Mary	9:30am	Agnes Henwood
Thursday	18 th May	Weekday of Easter
Our Lady Queen of Peace School	7:50am	Pupils, staff and governors of the school
Friday	19 th May	Weekday of Easter
St Richard	9:30am	Billy Conlon
Saturday	20 th May	
St Mary	5:00pm	Sheila O'Connell
Sunday	21 st May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
St Richard	9:00am	Sid Muse
St Francis	11:00am	Anthony Reaney (LD)

A Message from the Archdiocese

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed.

The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Further details: -

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2513>

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

Geraldine Ferris, Hilda Wenham,
Theresa Parker, Val Taylor, Nick Sales,
Maureen Walsh, Jayne Williams,
Catherine Turner, Bill Ware,
Colin Mason, Dawn Haines, Sick Teenager,
Siobhan Miller, Paul Gray

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A Friendly Reminder

The Prayers for those in need (sick list), will shortly be reviewed, looking at different ways of praying for our sick. However, for now it will remain as it is, so can we remind you that the names will only stay on the list for six weeks then they will be removed. A paper request with permission from the family or the person themselves is required before the name can be added to the list.

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A Prayer for the sick

Almighty God, as we ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill, we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may we help all people to live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Meeting on Tues 17th May at
John Rigbv Catechetical Centre

SOCIAL EVENTS

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We are planning a celebration evening on **Friday 3rd June (from 5:00pm to 9:00pm)** in the orchard at St Richard's. This is second of the two days Bank Holidays that week to mark 70 years since the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. We'll be digging out the bunting and flags and hosting our own Royal Variety Show to mark this unique occasion. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather! Bring your own food and drink for this **free to enter** event (a blanket to sit on would be good as well!). The best of our local talent will be there to entertain us! Bring along a couple of spare sovereigns for a raffle or two!

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Walsingham Pilgrimage 2022.

We leave St Francis church 8:00am Friday 10th June returning Sunday 12th approximately 8:00pm. There are a few places left. Standard room cost is £190 and ensuite is £220 per person. All meals included except lunch on Friday and Saturday.

Could all money be paid by 13th May please.

For more information contact Chris Wise Telephone:-
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