

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday	21 st May	
St Mary	5:00pm	Sheila O'Connell
Sunday	22 nd May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
St Richard	9:00am	Sid Muse
St Francis	11:00am	Anthony Reaney (LD)
Monday	23 rd May	Weekday of Easter
	NO MASS	
Tuesday	24 th May	Weekday of Easter
St Francis	9:30am	Sandra Wilkinson
Wednesday	25 th May	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor
St Mary	9:30am	Brian Carr
Thursday	26 th May	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
	NO MASS	
Friday	27 th May	FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP
St Richard	9:30am	Martin Quinn
Saturday	28 th May	
St Mary	5:00pm	Michael and Veronica Clifford
Sunday	29 th May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
St Richard	9:00am	John Lawrence
St Francis	11:00am	Norman Hall

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

Hilda Wenham, Geraldine Ferris, Theresa Parker, Val Taylor, Nick Sales, Maureen Walsh, Jayne Williams, Catherine Turner, Bill Ware, Colin Mason, Dawn Haines, Sick Teenager, Siobhan Miller, Paul Gray, Sr Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Brenda Martin, Ellen Murphy, Adaleine Houghton, Pauline Perry, Catherine Turner.

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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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Lately Dead

Ellen Speakman

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SVP

There will be a collection next weekend, 28th / 29th May for the SVP. Many thanks for your continued support.

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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Polish Mass

There will be a Mass at St Richard's on 29th May 2022 at 11:00am. The Mass will be said in Polish by a visiting Polish priest. We hope our Polish community will come along celebrate this Mass.

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St Teresa's

We will be holding a May Procession on Sunday May 29th at 3pm at St Teresa's College Road, Upholland WN8 0PY. It will be held round the grounds of the Church weather permitting concluding with the crowning of Our Lady in the Church.

We will be saying the Glorious Mystery as we process round the grounds.

All are welcome.

Thank you, Father Philip Kehoe,