

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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'All this is from
God, who
through Christ
reconciled us
to himself.'

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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:

Josh 5:9-12

Psalm: 33:2-7

2 Cor 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 30th March – 4th Sunday of Lent (C) - Psalter Week IV

Saturday	29th Mar	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent	St Mary	5:00pm	Tom Hughes Anniv, Tony Spencer
Sunday	30th Mar	4th Sunday of Lent	St Richard	9:00am	Peloe, Powell, O'Connor
			St Francis	11:00am	Cath Eglin, Parishioners
Monday	31st Mar	Weekday of Lent			<i>For those who need our prayers</i>
Tuesday	1st Apr	Weekday of Lent	St Francis	9:30am	Private Intention
Wednesday	2nd Apr	Weekday of Lent	St Mary	9:30am	Sister Marie Malloy
Thursday	3rd Apr	Weekday of Lent			<i>For the Lord's presence</i>
Friday	4th Apr	Weekday of Lent	St Richard	9:30am	St Richard's children, attending
Saturday	5th Apr	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent	St Mary	5:00pm	Murphy & O'Connor Families
Sunday	6th Apr	5th Sunday of Lent	St Richard	9:00am	Maureen & Charlie Donnelly
			St Francis	11:00am	Jimmy Finnagan, Parishioners

Lenten Prayer and Reflection

You are invited to share in our **Lenten Prayer and Reflection**. Visit St Richard's any time Friday mornings in Lent:

- ✕ 9.30am Mass, followed by:
- ✕ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ✕ Stations of the Cross
- ✕ Benediction
- ✕ Sacrament of the Sick
- ✕ and Confession available.

*We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.*

*Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.*



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary Queen of Apostles on the 1st Saturday of each month at 3:45pm-4:45pm. All welcome.

First Communions

First Holy Communion

Pupils in Our Lady Queen of Peace who wish to make their First Communion in May, are invited to come to 11am Mass in St Francis on April 6th.



The Reconciliation Service

The Reconciliation Service for 1st Communion children is on 12th April at 10.30am in St Marys church. Please note *your child cannot make their first Communion if they have not attended this session.*

First Holy Communion Masses 2025

– Please see parish website for more information

First Communion Masses this year are 10:30am on Saturdays:

May 10th in St Francis Church,

May 17th in St Richards Church

May 24th in St Marys Church

Mass at OLQP: every other Tuesday afternoon at 3:10pm. Parishioners are most welcome to attend these Masses. Tea and Coffee will be provided after Mass. Next date: 8th April.



Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Catherine (Vera) McCoy, Marie McGee, Veronica Theresa McGuinness, Tammy Hawkins, Anne Therese Dillon, Anthony Rowland, Roy Anthony Morris. *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, Marilyn Sutmire, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, 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, David Jamison, Stephen Philip Rochford.

The Catenian Association

Looking to make new friends?
Interested? Considering joining



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us? Find out about your local Catenian Association and discover new friendships via monthly meet-ups to connect, relax, gain support and enjoy being with others with common interests. - Your local group meet socially on the second Wednesday of each month for prayer, meeting, meal and a chat at Ormskirk Cricket Club, Brook Lane, Ormskirk L39 4RG. **See our display in church.** Visit www.thecatenians.uk and/or contact Tony 07749837952

White Flower Appeal 2025

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend**.



SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers. Thank you.

Parish Book Club

Our next book club will be held on **Tuesday 1st April** (not our usual first Wednesday for this month). We will be discussing "A Witch Hunt in Whitby" by Helen Cox and collecting "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.



Weekly Planned Giving – Gift Aid: New Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year are available this weekend. Please collect your box of Envelopes from Church.

- Please advise if you are no longer a taxpayer, as you will no longer need the gift aid envelopes.
- Please sign up for Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer and do not already use the Planned Giving Envelopes. Forms available at the back of church. Thank you. **See:** www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish. **23rd March 2025:** £913.36; **Building Fund** £14.00

Retiring Collection this weekend: **White Flower Appeal**

St Francis of Assisi - Golden Anniversary 50th Celebrations

Cabaret Night 16th May 2025 – doors open at 7:00pm.

Tickets are now available at the back of our churches for The Cabaret Night being held in St Francis of Assisi School. Entry is by ticket only and there are only a limited number of tickets available – so please don't leave it too late to buy your tickets: £10 for adults and £5 for children. Bring your own food and drink and be prepared for a great night of entertainment!

Race Night 6th June. Put this date in your diary for joining us in St Francis of Assisi School for a Race Night – if you don't know what this is – there will be more details closer to the date – but it is a great fun night! Put 6th June in your diary!

Celebration Mass and Buffet 20th June. Our "big night" to celebrate 50 years of St Francis of Assisi Church here in Skelmersdale. Mass at the Church will be followed by a buffet reception in St Francis of Assisi School. More details will follow closer to the date.

"Wall of Fame" - Please don't forget to send us your pictures of events in the church for our "wall of fame."

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Adults aged 18+ who wish to be received into the RC Church or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Easter are invited to attend a series of four RCIA meetings on Wednesdays, and one Thursday in Lent.

Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend, and for the details please speak with Fr Kenny at the first meeting on Wednesday 19th March at the St John Rigby Centre at St Richard's.

Candidates will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church, on Saturday 19th April.

Next meetings are at 7:00pm

3rd Session: Thursday 3rd April at St Mary's Church

4th Session: Wednesday 9th April at the SJR Centre

Cathedral Walk: Saturday 12 April 2025, 10:15am.

Jesus Youth "Way of the Cross" Procession through Liverpool City Centre, Saturday 12 April 2025, 1pm. *See our website. More next week.*