

# 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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Jesus said:

'I give  
eternal life  
to my sheep.'

*John 10:27-30*

## 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:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm: 99:1-3, 5

Apoc 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

## MAY: The Month of Mary

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C) (Psalter week IV)

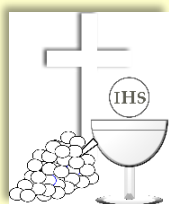
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	St Francis	10:30am	First Holy Communion Mass
		VIGIL: 4th Sunday of Easter	St Mary	5:00pm	Terry France
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	4th Sunday of Easter	St Richard	9:00am	Neil Faulkner
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter			<i>Rejoice, for He is Risen.</i>
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of Fatima	St Francis	9:30am	John Stanley RIP
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	St Matthias, Apostle	St Mary	9:30am	Holy Father, and Pope Francis
			OLQP	3:10pm	Staff Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter			
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	St Richard	9:30am	Private Intention
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	St Richard	10:30am	First Holy Communion Mass
		VIGIL: 5th Sunday of Easter	St Mary	5:00pm	Robert Smith (LD)
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> May	5th Sunday of Easter	St Richard	9:00am	Albie Faulkner Francis & Tommy Jones
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners

## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Masses will take place at 10:30am at:

- St Francis - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May
- St Richard - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- St Mary - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Please pray for the young people who will take this next special step in their Christian Initiation, to grow ever more closely in their knowledge and relationship with the Risen Lord and his Body, the Church.



## MAY: The Month of Mary

This month is traditionally a time when we focus on the Rosary and Marian devotions. In some songs Our Lady is described as the Queen of May.

We join in prayer alone and together to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, and ask for her help and protection.

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,*

*our life, our sweetness and our hope, to thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up  
our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears;  
turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of  
mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us  
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!*

*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made  
worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.*

## 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, Robert Smith, James Edward Farrell, Wendy Connan, Olive Marie Waite, Pope Francis.*

*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, 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, Jim Oats, Brian Roper, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, Christopher Gregson.

## Prayer for the Holy Father

We continue to pray, as he asked, for Pope Francis asking the Lord to receive him into the kingdom of heaven. *May he rest in peace.*

At the time of printing this newsletter, we pray too for the College of Cardinals, who will have gathered on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Conclave to elect the successor to Pope Francis; and we may have a new Pope by this weekend. *May the Holy Spirit guide the Church and our new Holy Father. Amen.*

## Liverpool Archdiocesan Young Adult Group:

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#### Praying with the Holy Spirit 6:30PM - 8:00PM

The next Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meeting will take place at the Pauline Book Centre on **Tuesday 13th May**. Starts at 18.30pm and refreshments will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to attend. Please contact Moses at: [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

## Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2025

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from **Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August**, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: [youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025](http://youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025).



**Sunday Collections:** Thank you for your kindness to the parish: **4<sup>th</sup> May 2025: £843.99. Building: £62.30**  
**The Second Collection** this weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May is for the **Priest Training Fund**.

## St Francis of Assisi - Golden Anniversary 50th Celebrations

Our 50th anniversary is getting closer! We are raising funds to pay for a great reception buffet which will take place after our celebration Mass on the evening of the 20th June. Here's how you can help:-

**Please see the Poster for more details:**

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

**Race Night 6th June** – doors open at 7:00pm.

**Raffle prizes.** Do you have any suitable prizes you can donate? If so please hand them to the greeters at your church or pass them into the Parish Office.

**The big night! 20th June.** This is our big celebration night – a celebration Mass in the church followed by a celebration buffet in St Francis school hall.

**Wall of fame.** Do you have pictures of Weddings, Baptisms, First Holy Communions? If so can we borrow them? Hand in a physical photograph to either the office or to one of our greeters in Church – and if you do this please make sure you put your name on the back of the photo so we can return it to you – any electronic image can you email it to the Parish Office: [strichard@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:strichard@rcaol.org.uk)

Please let us have as much detail of the photo as you can: dates, names etc.

## Missionaries of Charity May Procession - Saturday 31st May

Missionaries of Charity's May Procession will begin at **2pm, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at St Peter's Square.**

The procession starts at St Peters square (off Seel Street) and continue via Seel Street, Berry Street, Bold Street, Church Street, Whitechapel to Queens Square finishing at the Shrine. To join in or for more information, please contact Mr Jim Ross either via email: [jimmy.ross7@gmail.com](mailto:jimmy.ross7@gmail.com) or via phone: **07766 706 766**

## Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s)

**Discerning God's Call in your life 23rd - 25th May, Liverpool 'Come and See'**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. **Please see the poster for more details.**

For information contact Sr Lynne fcj at:

[fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

To register: <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>



## Parish SVP Meeting:

The next **Parish SVP** meeting will be on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm at St Francis church.** SVP Contact: 07470 351 042

