

# 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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'A new  
commandment  
I give to you,  
that you  
love one another.'

*John 13:31-35*

## 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 14:21-27

Psalm: 144:8 .... 13

Apoc 21:1-5a

John 13:31-35

## MAY: The Month of Mary Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C) (Psalter week I)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	<b>St Richard</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
		<b>VIGIL: 5th Sunday of Easter</b>	St Mary	5:00pm	Robert Smith (LD)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	St Richard	9:00am	Albie Faulkner Francis & Tommy Jones
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>			<i>Rejoice, for He is Risen.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	St Francis	9:30am	Ron Riding
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	St Mary	9:30am	Brian Roper (Get Well)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>			
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	St Richard	9:30am	Private Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
		<b>VIGIL: 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	St Richard	9:00am	Margaret & Frank Graham Sid Muse (Anniv RIP)
			St Francis	11:00am	Ann Richards (Int)

## Statement on the announcement of Pope Leo XIV from the Archdiocese of Liverpool - 8 May 2025

**Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP,  
Apostolic Administrator of Liverpool  
said:**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
It is with a profound sense of joy and thanksgiving to God that we welcome the news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as the **Holy Father Pope Leo XIV**, the 267th successor of St Peter.

The Cardinal Electors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have chosen a gifted and prayerful pastor to walk in the shoes of the fisherman to be a focus of unity for the Church today.

After the call and legacy of the late Pope Francis calling the Church to be missionary disciples and proclaim the joy of the Gospel, we as the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Liverpool pledge our closeness in prayer and our support to Our Holy Father the Pope.



I invite all the faithful of the archdiocese, and men and women of good will to pray with me at this time.

*O God pastor and ruler of all the faithful, look with mercy upon Pope Leo XIV who you have appointed to shepherd the Universal Church. Renew deep within him the spirit of Holiness to be the shepherd, the guide of the Church for the needs of the world today in 2025.*

*Through Christ our Lord Amen.*

*Holy Mary, mother of the Church, pray for us!*

*Saints Peter and Paul, apostles of Rome. Pray for us!*

**Archbishop-elect John Sherrington added:**

I unite my prayer with Archbishop Malcolm and the people and clergy of the Archdiocese of Liverpool for Pope Leo XIV as the successor of St Peter and the shepherd of the Universal Church.

We rejoice in his election!

## Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Roy Anthony Morris, Robert Smith, James Edward Farrell, Wendy Connan, Olive Marie Waite, Pope Francis, Clare Caffery.

*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

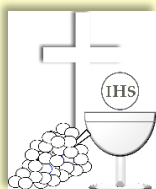
Don Smith, Stephen Donnelly, Sr Maureen (Holy Family), Nina Leigh, Debbie Martin, Sr Margaret Shutt, Bill Ware, Clare Ware, Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverley Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Babs Carroll, Gaynor Davies, Les Newman, Don Smith, Nick Sales, Turner family, Jennifer Walker, David Jamison, Stephen Philip Rochford, Jim Oats, Brian Roper, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, Christopher Gregson.

## First Holy Communion

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

- **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.*



## Parish Readers' Evening

There will be a **Readers' Evening** for all parish Readers on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 6:30pm** at St Richards.

## Consultation – St Edmund's RC Primary School

Please see the letter on our notice board regarding a Consultation on proposed changes to St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School with effect from September 2025.



The school wishes to advise you of their intention to extend the provision to include 2-year olds from September 2025. <https://stedmundswestlancs.co.uk/>

## YOUTH MINISTRY JOB OPPORTUNITY

Castlerigg Manor a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District is run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish:

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2025: £1078.95**

**Priest Training Fund: £96.83**

**Building Fund: £22.00**

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

**"Sign Up"** - At the back of each of our churches is a **"sign up" sheet** for the 50th celebration Mass in St Francis of Assisi Church and buffet in St Francis of Assisi School on Friday June 20th. If you are attending either or both of these can you please let us know by adding your name to the sheets. We need to know the numbers so we can make appropriate catering provisions. Thanks!

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

**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 special pictures of church occasions? If so can we borrow them? Hand in a physical photograph to either the office or to one of our greeters in Church – 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**



## Tickets for Archbishop-elect John Sherrington - Installation Mass

The Installation of Archbishop-elect John Sherrington as the tenth Archbishop of Liverpool will be in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Tuesday 27 May at 12 noon.**

There are still some spaces available for people to attend the Mass, **but everyone attending will need a ticket.** If you would like a ticket, please email Claire Hanlon on [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) ASAP.

## Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting for the UCM is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1:30pm in the St John Rigby Centre. All welcome.

