

# The Catholic Parish of St Richard, Skelmersdale

Serving the Churches of St Mary Queen of Apostles, St Richard's and St Francis of Assisi.

## Mass times

Saturday 25th April	St Mary	5.00pm	Judith Champ
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April Forth Sunday of Easter	St Richard	9.00am	Frances & Tommy Jones
	St Francis	11.00am	College community
Tuesday 28th April	St Francis	9.30am	Special intention
Wednesday 29th April St Catherine of Siena	St Mary	9.30am	Anna Newton LD, Jim Peloe LD
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	St Richard	9.30am	Frank & Margaret Graham
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	St Mary	5.00pm	

## Dates for your diary

Sat	
25 April	Car Boot Sale, St Teresa's Club,
Sun	
26 April	St Francis re opening, Bishop Tom attending
Fri	
1 May	Live Concert, St Teresa's Club

## Remembering the sick in Prayer

Nina Leigh, Debbie Martin, Sister Margaret Shutt, Jennifer Walker, Stephen Philip Rochford, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, Mark Everest, Ronnie Jones, Joe Walke, 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, Mandy Caldwell, Maureen and Don Smith, baby Deliah Doherty, Eunice Mercer – and all those who need our prayers

## Recently Deceased

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Janette Gregg LD, Bernard Halsall LD, Anne Greenhaughs & Derek Crank.

## Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 collection £879.60  
The SVP collection will take place on the last weekend of the month.

Confession is available before or after any Mass on request; just speak to Father Kenny.

# Parish News • Engage • Serve • Celebrate

## St Francis reopening – Special mentions

After the long wait, the great news is that St Francis reopens this weekend, with 11a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Several people have been working away in the background over the past few months, helping us to get to this point and some thanks are due. In no particular order:

- Paul Rowan for being at St Francis throughout the work whenever the contractors were there, to let them in and lock up afterwards.
- Fr Kenny for 'keeping on' at the Archdiocese to get something done
- Alan Horridge for researching all the options, identifying suitable contractors and preparing the proposal for Fr Graeme Dunne (Archdiocesan Finance lead)
- Pauline Nordoff for keeping everything going during

## St Teresa's Club, Upholland – Upcoming Events (WN8 OPY)

Car Boot Sale

Saturday 25th April, 10.00am to 2.00pm  
Indoor and outdoor stalls available  
Come along to sell or pick up a bargain  
Stalls £10, indoor stalls £12

Live Concert – Richard Hart

Friday 1st May, 7.30pm  
Enjoy an evening with local singer Richard Hart  
Tickets £6  
For bookings or more information, please contact: 07566 264 954

## St John's Catholic Primary

We need your voice!

We are carrying out a short Market Research Questionnaire to better understand parental need for Early Years provision. Your feedback will help shape and develop our offer for families in our community.

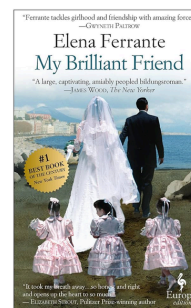
Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your views – it really will make a difference.

Thank you for your support!

<https://forms.office.com/e/e888iySMVx>

## Parish Book Club

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th May at 7:00pm in the SJR Centre. We will be discussing our April book - The Last House on Needless Street (that will be interesting!) and collecting our May book My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante.



## Your Parish Needs YOU!

A whole gang of folk offer their time quietly week in and week out, to keep our parish going. For example, garden maintenance, flowers on the altar, putting out hymn books and Newsletters, maintenance jobs inside our churches, cleaning, preparing candidates for sacraments. The list goes on. Without their help, where would we be?

This vital work and dedication maintains our parish but can't always increase and develop it further.

A few weeks ago, pink forms were put at the back of our churches, inviting parish members to 'sign-up' (without obligation) to say how or where they could offer their skills and/or time to support the work of the Parish.

Sadly, only one person has come forward. Since it was restarted last summer, the Parish Council has had many requests along the lines of: "It would be nice if..." and "Could we ...?"

Yes, we could, but we need more people to help.

We all want our parish to flourish and to grow further as a great place to be. Please consider being one of those who volunteers and helps to make it happen. Thank you.

## Sundays readings

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Time Year A : Psalter Week II-V

God made him both Lord and Christ

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 22:1-6 r. 1, 1 Pet 2:20b-25, John 10:14

John 10:1-10

## 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.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Kenny Hyde Deacon: Rev Anthony Callaghan

Tel: 01695 724476 (Fr Kenny)

Parish Administrator: Leann Downes Office Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri: 9am-2pm

Tel: 01695 720095

Website: [www.strichard-skelmersdale.org.uk](http://www.strichard-skelmersdale.org.uk) E-mail: [strichard@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:strichard@rcaol.org.uk)

St Richards Parish