



St. John Rigby Pastoral Area 13 Newsletter

The Churches of: Our Lady and All Saints Parbold, St Bernadette Shevington, St James' Orrell, St Marie

Of The Annunciation Standish, St Joseph's Wrightington, St Richard's Skelmersdale, St Teresa's Upholland

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LORD, LEAD, GUIDE AND DIRECT US BEYOND SAFE HARBOURS INTO NEW AND SACRED WATERS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

Pastoral Area Social Events

Thursday 29th April at the UNITY CLUB, Standish, a music group called LEMONAID are putting on a show featuring Sixties music such as performed by Roy Orbison and the Everly brothers. Proceeds will go to Visionaid and parish projects. Contact Tommy Dickens 01257 404038.

Friday 29th October there will be a concert in the church featuring Parkside MV choir. Details available at a later date!!!

Friday 16th April there will be a quiz night at St Maries parish hall, proceeds to VISIONAID OVERSEAS Contact Jim Burns on 01257 251674. A team from each parish would be good

Medieval (K)night!!! Friday 23rd April at St Francis School. Unlike most countries in the world, we have largely ignored our own patron saint (St George if you needed reminding!!). Entertainment (old jokes?) and Medieval Dancing! And, we'd like you to come dressed the part – as a knight, or a peasant or a princess (prizes for the best dressed)! Full details later.

Tom Alan Band live @ St Teresa's Club on 17th April @ 7:30pm in aid of Asylum Link Merseyside. Tickets: £4 Adults, £2 children & £10 Family. Available from 01695 723239 or on the door. Bar Available but bring your own food.

Catechetical Events

Membership of the Knights of St Columba is open to any catholic men.

Meetings take place once a month in St Maries presbytery on the second

Monday, start at 8-00pm and last not usually more than an hour and a half.

Children's Church An out-door Mass to be held 13th June 2010. This will be held in the grounds of St Teresa's weather permitting. Hopefully the weather will be nice. Fr Michael Thompson will be the celebrant.

Pastoral Area Working Group (PAWG) have met and agreed to review each plant. They have read the Development Plan for 'Leaving Safe Harbours' and have accepted its findings and will move forward with its suggestions. Each parish will be consulted throughout the process.

Forth Coming Pastoral Area Events

Archbishop Autumn Visit

SEPTEMBER		
Sat 4 th	St Marie's/ Bernadette's	
Sun 5 th	St Joseph's	
?	St John Rigby	
?	St Peter's High School	
Wed 8 th	Don Orione	
Sun 12 th	St Marie's/ Bernadette's	
Sat / Sun 25 th / 26 th	St James'	
Tue 29 th	2pm Mass for Sick	All Churches at St Teresa's
OCTOBER		
Fri 1 st	8.30 Carmel	School Harvest?
Sat 2 nd	St Teresa's Thanksgiving	25 th Anniversary Club
Sun 3 rd	Carmel & St Teresa's	12 noon Baps?
Wed 6 th	7.30pm PAWG at Skem.	
NOVEMBER		
Tue 2 nd	7pm Mass for the Dead	All Churches at St Teresa's
Sat / Sun 6 th / 7 th	Our Lady's	
Sat / Sun 27 th / 28 th	Skelmersdale	
Sat 27 th ????	? Marriage / Family pre-Advent	Arch after 5pm Mass Skem?
DECEMBER		
Wed 1 st	7pm Reconciliation Service	All Churches at St Teresa's
Sat / Sun 11 th / 12 th	Skelmersdale	

The RCIA, our way of supporting and receiving new Catholics among us, is linked up across the parishes in various ways. One of them is we all pray during Holy Week for the people across the Pastoral Area being received or baptised at Easter.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2010 Friday 4th June to Sunday 6th June. **Cost £98**. This cost will reduce if the few places that are still available can be filled. If you are interested please contact **Christine Wise 01695 726316**

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 5th September - 11th September 2010 No over-night travel, staying in Lourdes at the America's Hotel. Cost £400 £50 deposit. Fr John Causey will be the Spiritual Director. **For further details please ring Cathy Dewar on 01695 724774 or Mary Jeffers on 01695 725814.**

St Richard's Walking Group will be meet Saturday 17th April at the Black Bull Pub in Mawdsley, leaving at 10:30am. Distance approx 5 miles. Bring a packed lunch or eat at the Black Bull. The walk is free just come and join us.

ADMINISTRATION

Please forward correspondence to St Richard's office.

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Achievements to Date

Children's Liturgy 'Open Air Mass' planned

Decided to name the Pastoral Area St. John Rigby

The St John Rigby Centre Skelmersdale is now up and running

PAWG meetings = 6 times a year

Priests meeting = 6 times a year

Ministry team meetings to be arranged

Parishes in clusters:

St Joseph's, St Marie's & St Bernadette's
Carmel, St Teresa's, St James'
Three Churches of Skelmersdale

Benedictine willing to help in emergency

Decided PAL to visit/swap parishes for weekends: (St Teresa's has done this)

Mass times discussed: agreed no blueprint to be drawn up - deal with as arises

Newsletter planned for 4 times a year

St Joseph's Wrightington to invite others to St John Rigby's annual Mass

The planned pilgrimage in February was successful

RCIA: agreed start date and prayers, Skelmersdale and St Teresa's link after Easter.

Baptism Prep: Skelmersdale offered to receive people from other parishes

Leadership Teams: St Marie's & St Bernadette's, St James' and St Teresa's met up once with facilitator.

Safeguarding Parish Reps met once, planned to meet again 17th April

Marriage Prep: day course at St Teresa's open to all.

Three evenings of training and support for parishioners helping young people at Confirmation time were laid on by John Biggins from the Animate team. This was one outcome from the announcement to the PAWG of the School Mission in June at St Peter's High School. Catechists from the different parishes who celebrate Confirmation with teenagers met up, and are hoping to plan some things together long term.

Living Faith The course was led by Fr John McLoughlin. It was well attended and very successful