

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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He will gather
his chosen
from
the four winds.

Mark 13:24-32

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:

Dan 12:1-3
Psalm: 15:5. 8-11
Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

Sunday 17th November 2024 – 33rd Week of Ordinary Time (Year B) - Psalter Week I

Saturday	16th Nov	Vigil: 33rd Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	All Souls
Sunday	17th Nov	33rd Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	All Souls, Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	All Souls
Monday	18th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass		<i>Say the De profundis</i>
Tuesday	19th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Edmunds	9:30am	St Edmunds School Mass - Feast Day
			St Mary	12:30pm	Requiem Mass: Cath Eglin
Wednesday	20th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Mary	9:30am	All Souls
Thursday	21st Nov	Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary	OLQP	7:45am	All Souls
Friday	22nd Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	St Richard	9:30am	All Souls
Saturday	23rd Nov	Vigil: Feast of Christ the King	St Mary	5:00pm	All Souls
Sunday	24th Nov	Feast of Christ the King	St Richard	9:00am	All Souls
			St Francis	11:00am	All Souls, Parishioners

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe: Next Sunday 24th November we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday and week of the Church's liturgical year.

The Second Collection next weekend is for Youth Sunday. Designated as **World Youth Sunday**.

Sunday Collection: Thank you for your kindness to the parish.

30th November 2024: £873,17 Building Fund: £25.76

Youth Sunday – 24th November:

Celebrating Young People in the Life of the Church: A Time of Prayer

To mark Youth Sunday there is a time of prayer, reflection and celebration at Lowe House (North Rd, St Helens, WA10 2BE) at **5pm on the 24th November**. It is hoped the evening will be an uplifting event at which we can pray for young people and those that work with them, whilst listening to different speakers offer thoughts and reflections on their work with young people. The service will end with a social time. All are welcome. Please come along to pray for our young people and hear what opportunities we offer young people across the diocese.

St. James' Catholic Primary School Cake and Coffee Morning

You are invited to a cake and coffee morning at 10:15am on Wednesday 11th December, at St James School. The children will perform a few of their Nativity and Christmas songs followed by coffee/tea, mince-pies and cake.

Carol Service: St James' School will hold their Carol Service for parents and families at 6:30pm at St Mary's on Wednesday 11th December 2024.

Christingle Service: The St James' School Christingle Service will be at 10:00am at St Mary's on Thursday 12th December 2024. All are welcome.



NOVEMBER: Month of the Holy Souls:

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Jimmy Fearn, Irene Kathleen Martin, Roy Gibson, Thomas Neilson, Ann Patricia Miller, Keith Platt, Alan Wainwright, Mgr Michael McKenna, Paul Swords, Philip Flanders, Terence Pearson, Irene Grady, Agnes Olive Chilstone, Mary O'Connell, Charlie Byrne, Ann Monaghan.

Cath Eglin, Requiem Mass, Tuesday 19th Nov.
12:30pm at St Mary's, onto West Lancs Crem.

Gerard Taubman, Funeral Service Tuesday 26th Nov.
at 11.00am West Lancs Crem Chapel.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Almighty Father, we commend to your eternal love our loved ones who have died. Embrace them, Lord, and keep them safe in your care. May they know your divine light and glorify you for all eternity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep my soul
in peace
before you,
O Lord.

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

Rita Almark, Jennifer Walker, Sr Margaret Schutt, Cathy & Tommy Segar, Dee Kelly, Jan Mercer, Nick Sales, Jean Turner, Catherine Turner, Debbie Martin, Mark Everest, Josh Byrne (aged 12), Paul Burton, Bill Ware, Clare Ware, Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverly Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Babs Carroll, Nina Leigh, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall.

Pope Francis Prayer for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents
who mourn the loss of a son or daughter
find support in their community and
receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Bereavement Support

Two linked agencies that offer bereavement support for parents, siblings and other family members who mourn the loss of a child of any age, are:

The Alder Centre, based at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. The Alder Centre is "a place like no other, providing bereavement care and education for anyone affected by the death of a child of any age":

Tel: 0151 252 5391

www.alderhey.nhs.uk/services/alder-centre

And **The Child Death Helpline**: a telephone only service offering emotional support to anybody affected by the death of a child. All the volunteers who take calls are bereaved parents. Call free: 0800 282 986

www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk

Parish Christmas do!

Make a note in your diaries for Saturday 7th December from 7:30pm when we will be having our annual Christmas knees up in the SJR Centre. More details closer to the time.

Piety Shop:

Christmas Cards on sale in all Piety shops.



UCM

Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting for the UCM is on Tuesday 19th November 1:30pm in the St John Rigby Centre. All welcome.

Parish SVP:

Turning Concern Into Action

The **retiring collection** next week is for the SVP at Masses next weekend 23/24th.



SVP Christmas Hampers Appeal:

Christmas donation boxes available in all three churches - with suggested donations listed on them for the SVP Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Feasts this week:

St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr: Wednesday 22nd

Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the *Passion of Saint Cecilia*, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. She is thought to have converted her husband and his brother to Christianity, and they were martyred before her. She is the patron saint of musicians.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Thursday 21st November:

We celebrate this feast in unity with Eastern Christianity, and commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary, built next to the Temple at Jerusalem. This feast celebrates Mary's "dedication" of herself to God from her infancy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, whose grace had filled her ever since her immaculate conception.

Eternal father, we honour the holiness and glory of the Virgin Mary. May her prayers bring us the fullness of your life and love. Amen.

St Clement 1, Saturday 23rd November: Pope Clement 1, also known as Saint Clement of Rome, is listed by Irenaeus and Tertullian as Bishop of Rome, holding office from 88 to his death in 99. He is considered to be the first Apostolic Father of the Church.

St Columbanus, Saturday 23rd November: (543- 615). Well educated and desiring to be a "pilgrim of God". Columban travelled France and founded several monasteries as centres of religion and culture. On his return to Ireland, a shipwreck directed him towards Rome and to the founding of his final monastery at Bobbio in Italy.