

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 baptise you
with the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 3:10-18

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:

Zeph 3:14-18a
Psalm: Isa 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Phil 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Sunday 15th December 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) - Psalter Week III

Saturday	14th Dec	Day: St John of the Cross Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent	St Mary	5:00pm	Charlie Byrne, Joseph Hughes, Parishioners
Sunday	15th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent	St Richard	9:00am	Tony Russell (RIP), Charlie Byrne
			St Francis	11:00am	Anthony Ferris, George Fox Shirley Conley Family & Friends
Monday	16th Dec	Advent Day	No Mass		<i>Pray with Joy</i>
Tuesday	17th Dec	Advent Day	St Richard	9:30am	St Richard School Mass Yr 1-6
Wednesday	18th Dec	Advent Day	St Mary	9:30am	Tommy Manning
			St Richard	12:30pm	Funeral Service: Linda McCaffrey
Thursday	19th Dec	Advent Day	OLQP	7:45am	Collage Community
Friday	20th Dec	Advent Day	St Richard	9:30am	Cath Eglin, Andrew Hopkins (RIP)
Saturday	21st Dec	Day: St Peter Canisius Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent	St Mary	5:00pm	Brian Carr, Kerry
Sunday	22nd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	St Richard	9:00am	Carol & Joh Dunne, Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	Shirley Conley Family & Friends Marie & Norman Hall

Christmas Masses, Carols and Mass Intentions



Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

6:00pm St Marys - Carols
6:30pm St Marys
- Christmas Vigil Mass

Terence Nordoff
Many thanks for prayers answered
Tommy Manning
Cath Eglin
Joe Ludden
Terry France

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Midnight

11:30pm St Richards - Carols
Midnight St Richards
- Midnight Mass

People of the Parish
Peggy and James Dunne
Bert Suffield
Monica Nelson
Paul Swords
Charlie Byrne

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Morning

10:00am St Francis'
- Christmas Mass

Shirley Conley Family & Friends
Thomas Manning (RIP)
Philip Hyde
Marie & Norman Hall
Anthony Ferris
Ann Miller

Maran'atha! Our Lord has come! Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!

Pensioners' Party

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College is holding their Pensioners' Party on the **19th December 12:30pm- 3:00pm**. A sign-up form is available at the back of church.

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Terence Pearson, Irene Grady, Agnes Olive Chilstone, Mary O'Connell, Charlie Byrne, Ann Monaghan, Cath Eglin, Dennis Ball, Gerard Taubman, Monica Nelson, Edward Roberts, Bernard Sweeney.

Linda Maria McCaffrey, Funeral Service Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 12:30pm at St Richard's, onto St Helens Crematorium.

Mary Kelly, Requiem Mass, Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 10:30am at St Richard's, onto West Lancs Crematorium.

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

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, Don Smith, Tammy Hawkins.

Feasts this week:

Optional memorial: St Peter Canisius

Thursday 21st December: Peter was a Dutch Jesuit and associate of St Ignatius. Through his preaching and popular catechism he won back many lapsed and wavering Catholics to the Church during the Counter-Reformation. He died in 1597, he is acclaimed as the second apostle of Germany.

A Celebration of Christmas

- Saturday 14 December, 7pm

The Cathedral will be hosting a festive celebration with the Cathedral Choir and special guests performing beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites. Tickets are £10 each, or £18 for a family, and can be purchased here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral>

Animate's Youth Alive Advent Mass

- 15 December, 5pm

Animate's annual Advent Mass followed by Christmas Quiz and Christmas Jumper competition. All are welcome. Mass 5pm. Quiz at 6pm. End at 7:30pm.

Venue: Lowe House, St Helens, WA10 2BE.

Flame - 15 March 2025 (book tickets now)

Flame is the largest Catholic Youth Event in the country, with 10,000 young people attending the event at Wembley Arena. More details of the event can be found at cymfed.org.uk/flame.

A coach will leave from Lowe House and return on the same day. Tickets and travel £60.

Application forms or more information are available at admin@animateyouth.co.uk

A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

THROUGH ART and SCRIPTURE

A talk by Fleur Dorrell in St. Anne's Pastoral Centre, Ormskirk, **Tuesday 17th December 2024, 7.00pm**

In this meditative style talk, Fleur will illustrate how artists show us the truth of Christ's birth. Through some beautiful paintings, Fleur will explore how Scripture and art shed light and colour on our Advent journey.

Fleur is an author, Biblical Apostolate Manager for the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales and hosts the "God Who Speaks" website encouraging greater engagement with the Scriptures: www.godwhospeaks.uk

Toy Donations at the Irenaeus Centre

Have you got any new or nearly new toys that you can spare for families less fortunate than yourselves? If so, the Irenaeus Centre, 32, Great Georges Road L22 1RD, are looking for some. Please help, if you can.' Tel: 0151 949 1199. Email: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Postage Stamps Collection for RNIB

For several years used postage stamps have been donated to the RNIB. Please place your used postage stamps into the boxes situated at the back of churches. The boxes will be emptied after Christmas and sent to the RNIB.

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See differently

CAFOD's World Gifts for Christmas

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life-changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church. Please see the poster about World Gifts, and another poster advertising the **CAFOD Fun Run**.

Piety Shop: Christmas Cards on sale in all Piety shops.



The Retiring Collection this weekend 14th/15th is for the **Parish SVP**.

SVP Christmas Hampers Appeal: Christmas donation boxes available in all three churches - with suggested donations lists for the SVP Christmas Hamper Appeal.

