

The Catholic Parish of St Richard, Skelmersdale

Serving the Churches of
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'You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.'

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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:

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm: 103
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday 12th January 2025 – Baptism of the Lord - Year C; Psalter Week I

Saturday	11th Jan	Day: Saturday after Epiphany Vigil: Baptism of the Lord	St Mary	5:00pm	Elaine Keegan (LD)
Sunday	12th Jan	Baptism of the Lord	St Richard	9:00am	Peggy and James Dunne, Cath Eglin
<i>This concludes the Christmas Season</i>			St Francis	11:00am	Maureen & Charlie Donnelly, Jack Taylor (LD), Parishioners
Monday	13th Jan	Week 1 Ordinary Time or St Hilary, Bishop	No Mass		<i>Glorify the Lord with me Ps 34</i>
Tuesday	14th Jan	St Kentigern, Bishop	St Francis	9:30am	The Price Family
Wednesday	15th Jan	Week 1 Ordinary Time	St Mary	9:30am	Tommy Manning
Thursday	16th Jan	Week 1 Ordinary Time	OLQP	7:45am	
Friday	17th Jan	St Anthony, Abbot	St Francis	10:30am	Requiem Mass: Brenda Hughes
Saturday	18th Jan	2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners, Charlie Byrne
Sunday	19th Jan	2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Monica Nelson Vera & Joe McGuffie
			St Francis	11:00am	Sue & Jim Oates, 50 th Wedding Anniv



The Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Lord's baptism, which falls on the Sunday after the Epiphany.

Today Christ accepts his mission as the redeemer when he receives St John the Baptist's baptism of conversion and repentance. He sets out from the waters of the Jordan, identified as God's own son by the Father's voice that resounded from the opened sky, and inaugurates his saving work as the long-awaited Messiah come to free us of our sins.

The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the
whole cosmos in the sure
expectation of a new heaven and a
new earth, when, with the powers
of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven. May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.*

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, Mary Davenport, Jack Taylor, Elaine Keegan, Mary Webster, Mary Kelly, Catherine Segar, Margaret Manion, Michael Scot, Betty Callighan.

Brenda Hughes, Requiem Mass, Friday 17th January 2025 at 10:30am at St Francis', 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, 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, Marilyn Sutemire, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes.

The 2025 Jubilee Year: How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

'The Faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage – See Jubilee bulletin for more details.



Marriage and Family Life Mass

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate the Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King (L3 5TQ) on **Sunday 9th February 2025 at 11.00am**. For more information, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Marriage Preparation For Engaged Couples

The Archdiocese is now recruiting and training **volunteer facilitators** to join the marriage preparation team. The **facilitator** training will be held at St Helen's Church, Alexandra Road, Crosby L23 7TQ and consists of 5 sessions:

- Monday 27 January 2025 (7.00pm – 8.30pm)
- Monday 3 February 2025 (7.00pm – 8.30pm)
- Monday 10 February 2025 (7.00pm – 8.30pm)
- Monday 17 February 2025 (7.00pm – 8.30pm)
- Saturday 1 March 2025 (10.00am – 2.00pm)

This new team will be asked to offer marriage preparation course for couples twice in 2025. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

"I encourage Christian communities to recognise the great benefit that they themselves receive from supporting engaged couples as they grow in love." (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* 207).

Feasts this week

St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, Monday 13th

January: c310-367. Born in Poitiers, Hilary was elected bishop of that City in the Year 350. He combated the Arians relentlessly, for which reason he was exiled by the Emperor Constantine. To strengthening the Catholic faith and interpreting sacred scripture, he published works which are outstanding in their wisdom and learning.

Saint Kentigern, Bishop, Tuesday 14th January:

Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese, c516-c603. Kentigern, also called Mungo, was a missionary to the Britons in Strathclyde and was consecrated their bishop, where he vigorously defended the Church against Pelagianism. Driven out by persecution, he preached in north-west England and Wales, but eventually returned to Scotland and was buried in Glasgow.

St Anthony, Abbot – Friday 17th January: c251-356.

This outstanding father of all monks was born in Egypt. After the death of his parents, he gave his worldly goods to the poor and went into the desert to live a life of penance. Many became his followers. He worked for the Church, supporting the confessors of the faith in their suffering during the persecution of Diocletian, and St Athanasius in his struggle against the Arians.



The Holy Family of Bordeaux Lay Members

There will be no meeting of The Holy Family Lay Members in January 2025.

Parish SVP:

The next **Parish SVP** meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th January at 5pm in St Francis**.



The **Parish SVP** would like to thank you for your generous donations to our Christmas Appeal, many families had a better Christmas due to your support. You will be remembered in our society prayers.

Save the date

Archdiocesan celebration of the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor, Tuesday 18th February, 7:00pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Come and See: January 25 10:30am - 4:00pm

The first Come and See of 2025 at the Irenaeus Project will feature a talk from Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp on The Wonder of God. All are welcome to attend. You are asked to bring a packed lunch, and a suggested donation is £10. For more information, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 949 1199.

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