

The Catholic Parish of St Richard, Skelmersdale

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St Mary Queen of Apostles, St Richard's and St Francis of Assisi.
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'This, the first
of his signs,
Jesus did
at Cana
in Galilee.'

John 2:1-11

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 62:1-5
Psalm: 95:1-3, 7-10
1 Cor 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Sunday 19th January 2025 – 2nd Sunday of the Year - Year C; Psalter Week II

Saturday	18th Jan	Day: Week 1 Ordinary Time Vigil: 2nd Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Elaine Keegan (LD), Parishioners, Charlie Byrne
Sunday	19th Jan	2nd Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	Monica Nelson Vera & Joe McGuffie
			St Francis	11:00am	Sue & Jim Oates, 50 th Wedding Ann Maureen & Charlie Donnelly, Jack Taylor (LD)
Monday	20th Jan	Week 2 Ordinary Time or St Sebastian	No Mass		<i>Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples. Ps 95.</i>
Tuesday	21st Jan	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	St Francis	9:30am	Thomas Knox Mary Webster (LD)
Wednesday	22nd Jan	Week 2 Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr	St Mary	9:30am	Cath Eglin
Thursday	23rd Jan	Week 2 Ordinary Time	OLQP	7:45am	Fr John Dobson (Lancaster)
Friday	24th Jan	St Francis de Sales	St Richard	9:30am	St Edmund's children attending
Saturday	25th Jan	Day: Conversion of St Paul Vigil: 3rd Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Many Many thanks for prayers answered to the Holy Family
Sunday	26th Jan	3rd Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	John Gallaway, Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	The Owens Family



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 and parish website for more details.'

2025 Jubilee Calendar

Please see the notice board for the Jubilee 2025 events calendar: e.g. **Rome Pilgrimage** will take place 7-13 November

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, Bernard Reppion.

Ann Boydell, Funeral Service, Monday 20th 2025 at 3:00pm at Wigan Crematorium.

Ann Griffiths, Funeral Service, Friday 31st January 2025 at 11:00am at 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.

HCPT Black Tie Dinner

There is a HCPT **Black Tie Dinner / Fund Raiser** on Saturday 15th March 2025, at the Racket Club, Liverpool, £60 per person. This special dinner will raise funds for this year's HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please see Fr Kenny to book a place. Please support us. Thank you.



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.

The Irenaeus Project, Liverpool, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD

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

Save the date

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

Feasts this week

St Sebastian, Martyr: Optional, Monday 20th January, - a martyr in Rome c.300. He was a soldier who enlisted at Rome around 283. Diocletian who did not know he was a Christian made him a Captain of the Praetorian guards. He supported many martyrs.

St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, Tuesday 21st 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.

St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial: Friday 24th January: Born in 1567 he was Bishop of Geneva. Educated privately and at Paris University becoming a Doctor of Law, he was ordained priest in 1593 and was a skilled preacher as well as being well known for his famous writings including The Introduction to the Devout Life. He died at the age of 55 in 1622.

The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, feast: Saturday 25th January - The Conversion of Paul the Apostle, was, according to the New Testament, an event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus. It is normally dated by researchers to AD 33-36.



Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting for the UCM is on Tuesday 21st January 1:30pm in the St John Rigby Centre. All welcome.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Adults aged 18+ who wish to be received into the RC Church or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Easter are invited to attend a series of four RCIA meetings starting in Lent:

Meetings are at 7:00pm

at St Richard's in the St John Rigby Centre:

Wednesday 12th March (in the SJR Centre)

Wednesday 19th March (in the SJR Centre)

Wednesday 26th March (at St Mary's church, Ashurst Road, Maryvale, WN8 6DY)

Wednesday 2nd April (in the SJR Centre)

Candidates will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church, on Saturday 19th April.

Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend, and for the details please speak with Fr Kenny at the first meeting on Wednesday 12th March.