

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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'Blessed are
you who
are poor.
Woe to you
who are rich.'

Luke 6:17, 20-26

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:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: 1:1-4, 6

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Sunday 16th February 2025 – 6th Sunday of the Year - Psalter Week II

Racial Justice Sunday: A video of the Archbishop's **Pastoral Letter** is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EM50QDeQrJY>. Links to the video and PDF version are on the Parish website

Saturday	15th Feb	Vigil: 6th Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Deceased of the Wareing Family
Sunday	16th Feb	6th Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	Vera & Joe McGuffie, Margaret Manion, Tony Wallace RIP Anv
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners, Geraldine Ferris
Monday	17th Feb	The Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary			<i>For those who need our prayers</i>
Tuesday	18th Feb	Week 6 Ordinary Time	St Francis	9:30am	Lancashire Infirm
Wednesday	19th Feb	Week 6 Ordinary Time	St Mary	9:30am	Bernard Reppion
Thursday	20th Feb	Week 6 Ordinary Time			<i>Pray quietly and calmly</i>
Friday	21st Feb	St Peter Damian (Opt)	St Richard	9:30am	Sr Marie-Hélène
Saturday	22nd Feb	Day: The Chair of St Peter Vigil: 7th Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners, Thank you for prayers offered fo Cath Segar
Sunday	23rd Feb	7th Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	Tony Muse RIP
			St Francis	11:00am	Vera McCoy (LD)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Mass at OLQP: every other Tuesday afternoon at 3:10pm. Parishioners are most welcome to attend these Masses. Tea and Coffee will be provided after Mass. Next dates: 25th February, 11th and 25th March.

Reconciliation Service and First Holy Communion Masses 2025

– Please see parish website for more information

The Reconciliation Service is on 12th April at 10.30am in St Marys church.

First Communion Masses this year are 10:30am on Saturdays: **May 10th** in St Francis Church

May 17th in St Richards Church

May 24th in St Marys Church



Mass celebrating

cure of Jack Traynor

The Mass to celebrate the cure of Jack Traynor will be at 7pm on **Tuesday 18th February** at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

A Coach

for those 18 parishioners only who have signed up to attend the Mass, will leave promptly at **5:30om** from **St Richard's** on **Tuesday 18th Feb.**

The coach will leave from the Cathedral at 9:00pm to return back to St Richard's.

Romero Mass

– 7pm Thursday 20th March

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at St Edmund of Canterbury, Waterloo, Liverpool.

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Mary Webster, Mary Kelly, Catherine Segar, Margaret Manion, Michael Scot, Betty Callighan, Brenda Hughes, Bernard Reppion, Ann Boydell, Ann Griffiths, Sr Marie- H el ene (2023, Benedictines, Craon), Catherine (Vera) McCoy, Marie McGee.

Veronica Theresa McGuinness, Requiem Mass, Thursday 6th March 2025 at 11am at St Mary's, onto St Helens 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

Don Smith, Tammy Hawkins, Marilyn Sutemire, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Collette Haynes, Stephen Donnelly, Sr Maureen (Holy Family), Nina Leigh, Debbie Martin, Sr Margaret Shutt, Dee Kelly, Bill Ware, Clare Ware, Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverley Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Babs Carroll, Gaynor Davies, Les Newman.

Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Rome in November

More places have become available for the Pilgrimage to Rome in November.

Dates are Friday 7th - Thursday 13th Nov.er. Please email Mpmmurphyat@aol.com for further details and booking forms.



LGBT+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next gathering will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2025 at All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG. Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Annual Civic Mass - Sunday 2 March, 11:00am (book tickets now)

The Dean of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, Monsignor Anthony O'Brien, has pleasure in inviting you and your partner/guest to attend the Annual Civic Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.

The Mass will be on **Sunday 2nd March 2025 at 11:00am**. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass. If you are able to attend please RSVP to c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk



Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting for the UCM is on Tuesday 18th February 1:30pm in the St John Rigby Centre. All welcome.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish. **9th February 2025: £764.33**

Feasts this week

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, Monday 17th February: C 13-14. These seven men were born at Florence and led lives as hermits on Monte Scenario, especially venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary. They then preached through the length and breadth of Tuscany and founded the Order of Servites, which in 1304 received the approval of the Holy See. They are venerated on this day which is said to be the day on which St Alexis Falconieri, one of the seven, died in the year 1310.

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Friday 21st February: 1007-1072. Born at Ravenna, Peter completed his studies and taught for a short while but then gave it up and became a hermit at Fonte Avellana. He was elected Prior of the community and strenuously promoted religious observance both there and in other parts of Italy. In the difficult times in which he lived, he helped the Roman Pontiffs by his writings and acted as legate to reform the Church. He was created a cardinal and Bishop of Ostia by Stephen Upon his death, he was immediately venerated as a saint.

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle, Saturday 22nd February: The feast of the See of St Peter has been kept at Rome on this day since the fourth century as a symbol of the unity of the Church founded on the Apostle St Peter. On this feast, as on 29 June, his ancient bronze statue in St Peter's Basilica is adorned with pontifical vestments in his honour.

Flame - 15 March (book 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 www.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

"Journey Through the Wilderness" Irenaeus Retreat

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 March. Moira Meeghan will be leading a silent retreat at the Irenaeus Centre. Residential and non-residential places are available. £95 Residential, Non-Residential with meals £70 and Non-Residential (self-catering) £30. To book and for more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Tel: 0151 949 1199. (See notice board and website).

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.

