

# 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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'Be merciful,  
even as  
your Father  
is merciful.'

Luke 6:27-38

## 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:

1 Sam 26:2... 23

Psalm: 102:1...13

1 Cor 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C) - Psalter Week III

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Day: The Chair of St Peter Vigil: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners, Thank you for prayers offered fo Cath Segar
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	St Richard	9:00am	Tony Muse RIP
			St Francis	11:00am	Vera McCoy (LD)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Week 7 Ordinary Time</b>			<i>For those who need our prayers</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Week 7 Ordinary Time</b>	St Francis	9:30am	Margarate Manion LD
			OLQP	15:10pm	College Community
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Week 7 Ordinary Time</b>	St Mary	9:30am	Cath Eglin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Week 7 Ordinary Time Or St Gregory of Narek (Opt)</b>			<i>Pray quietly and calmly</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Week 7 Ordinary Time</b>	St Richard	9:30am	Sr Marie- Hélène
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Day: St David, Patron of Wales Vigil: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	St Mary	5:00pm	Many Many thanks for prayers answered to the Holy Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	St Richard	9:00am	Frank & Margaret Graham, Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	Eileen Snow RIP Anniv Pat Cushion (Birthday Memorial)

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary Queen of Apostles on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 25<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>** in St Francis Church

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** in St Richards Church

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** in St Marys Church



### 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.

### Romero Mass – 7pm Thursday 20th March

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

### Second Collection 1/2 March:

HCPT is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to



Lourdes in the south of France, for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk)

## 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- Hélène (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, 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.**

Please email [Mpmmurphyat@aol.com](mailto:Mpmmurphyat@aol.com) for further details and booking forms.



## 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 McMahan OP.

The Mass will be on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

## Work Experience Opportunity for Young Adults

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22nd - 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April.

See poster. For any queries, please contact:

[KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

## Feasts this week

### St Polycarp – (23rd February in other years)

(C.69-C.155) A disciple of the apostle John and bishop of Smyrna, as well as a friend of Ignatius of Antioch. As a boy Irenaeus knew Polycarp and praised his gravity, holiness, and majesty of countenance. Polycarp suffered martyrdom in the city stadium. When asked to renounce Christ he said:

'I have been a servant of Christ for eighty-six years and no evil has come near me; how can I now speak against my king who has saved me?' Polycarp is a most important link between the time of the Apostles and the earliest Christian Fathers..

### Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March (d. 601 or 589)

A monk of the 6th century. From the 12th century he has been regarded as the patron of Wales. The oldest written evidence about him comes from Ireland in the Catalogue of Saints (c.800). On this firm basis is built later information, such as his nickname Aquaticus as the leader of reformed monks who drank neither wine nor beer but only water. He is said to have travelled to Brittany and Cornwall after the plague of 547. He is also said to have founded ten monasteries, among them Menevia and Glastonbury, where the monks lived in extreme hardship, imitating the monks of Egypt in their regime of heavy manual labour and study. His cult was approved by Callistus 11. David is usually depicted in episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share in the Synod of Brevi.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) Tel: 0151 949 1199. (See notice board and website).

**Sunday Collections:** Thank you for your kindness to the parish. **16<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** £842.91

