

# 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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'The things you  
have prepared,  
whose  
will they be?'

Luke 12:13-21

## 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:

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23  
Psalm: 94: 1-2, 6-9  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - Year C; Psalter Week II

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Mary	5:00pm	Andy Murphy, Parishioners
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Christine Webster LD
			St Francis	11:00am	Diogo Jota, André Silva RIP
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St John Mary Vianney			Prayer for Peace
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	St Francis	9:30am	Private Intention
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord	St Richard	11:00am	Requiem: Andrew Murphy
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Weekday of Ordinary Time			
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St Dominic	St Richard	9:30am	Fr Henry Holden (Lancaster)
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Vigil Mass: 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Ann Judge LD
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Andy Murphy
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners

### Transfiguration of the Lord - 6<sup>th</sup> August:

"And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!'" Lk 9:28-36

#### Prayer for the feast:

O God,  
who in the glorious Transfiguration  
of your Only Begotten Son  
confirmed the mysteries of faith  
by the witness of the Fathers  
and wonderfully prefigured  
our full adoption to sonship,  
grant, we pray, to your servants,  
that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son,  
we may merit to become coheirs with him.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer: Excerpt from the English translation and chants of The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.

'As Jesus was  
praying, the  
appearance  
of his face  
was altered.'

### Saints this week:

#### Saint John Vianney, Priest, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Born at Lyons in the year 1786. After overcoming tremendous difficulties he was finally ordained a priest. He was given charge of the parish of Ars in the diocese of Belley, and his forthright preaching, personal mortification, prayer and charity renewed it and increased it in a wonderful way. His help to those who came to the sacrament of confession was renowned and people flocked to him from all sides to obtain his advice. He died in the year 1859.

**Dedication of St Mary Major, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August:** The doctrine of Mary, Mother of God, was solemnly proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431) and afterwards Pope Sixtus III (432-440) erected a basilica at Rome on the Esquiline Hill in honour of the Holy Mother of God, later to be known as St Mary Major. This is the oldest church in the west dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Pope Francis** chose to be buried in St Mary Major. It had been a spiritual anchor throughout his papacy; a place that accompanied him in prayer.

## Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: *Roy Anthony Morris, Robert Smith, James Edward Farrell, Wendy Connan, Olive Marie Waite, Pope Francis, Clara Theresa Caffrey, John David Jamieson, Breda Parr, Ambrose Shere, Robert Johnson, Lesley Jones.*

**Andy Murphy**, Requiem Mass 11:00am

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at St Richard's, with burial at St Richard's.

**Ann Judge**, Requiem Mass 10:30am Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at St Mary's, on to Greenacre Crematorium.

**Thomas Buckley**, Funeral Service 12:45pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at St Mary's, on to West Lancs Crematorium.

**Bernard Sweeney**, Burial of Ashes 10:00am Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at St Richard's.

*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

Stephen Donnelly, 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, Mandy Caldwell, Don Smith, Nick Sales, Turner family, Jennifer Walker, Stephen Philip Rochford, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Bernard Halsall, Collette Haynes, Mark Everest – *and all those who need our prayers.*

## more Saints this week:

**St Dominic, Thursday 7th August:** Born at Calaruega in Spain about the year 1170. He studied theology at Palencia and became a canon of Osma Cathedral. He preached against the Albigensian heresy and because of the example of his own life this bore great fruit. In order to carry on and increase this work he gathered around him a group of companions and formed the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), becoming one of the four great orders of mendicant friars, along with nuns, sisters and lay associates. He died on 6 August 1221 at Bologna.

**Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Sat 9<sup>th</sup> August** (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe, 1891 -1942. Edith Stein, a Jewish philosopher from Wroclaw in Poland who converted to Catholicism, became a Discalced Carmelite nun and was martyred at Auschwitz during World War II. Her feast celebrates her intellectual brilliance, deep spirituality, and courage in facing death for her faith and heritage. She is a symbol of reconciliation between faith and reason and a patron of Europe, advocating for peace and understanding.

## St Richard's Revived Parish Council

### Inaugural Meeting 24/7/25

The first meeting of our revived Parish Council took place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at the St John Rigby Centre, located at St Richard's Church.

Volunteers from all three of our churches have come forward and so we are lucky to have a balance of council representatives across the Parish.

The first meeting was an opportunity for:

- Members of the new Council to get to know each other
- The Council to explore how members would work together and make some initial agreements
- A first step in discussing the task(s) ahead and how the whole parish congregation can be engaged in the discussion

### Next meeting (To be confirmed)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the St John Rigby Centre, St Richard's Church, Liverpool Road WN8 8 BX

## Housing Complex by St Mary's

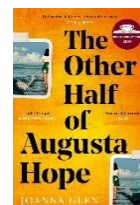
The building of a new housing complex on the land adjacent to St Mary's will commence in September.

**During September St Mary's will be closed** while a new drain system is put in along the road next to St Mary's.

To gauge if we are to have Mass at Richard's at 5:00pm on Saturdays in September, please put your name on the **sign-up sheet** if you would like to attend 5:00pm Mass at St Richard's church.

## Parish Book Club:

Our August meeting will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August when we will be discussing Harlan Coben's "Fool Me Once" and collecting Joanna Glen's "The Other Half of Augusta Hope".



## Pilgrim Walk at St Mary's Shrine, Ormskirk [Time Changed]

Please note that the pilgrim walk taking place at **St Mary's Shrine in Aughton, Ormskirk L39 6TA** will be taking place at **11am Saturday 20th September 2025**. Mass will be celebrated at **1:30pm**. All are welcome. Please sign up [here](#) (See Parish website).

## Next week:

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

- Mass will be 9:30am St Richard's

## Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish:

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2025: £560.95 Priest Retirement: £24.60**