

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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'You also
must be
ready.'

Luke 12:32-48

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:

Wis 18:6-9

Psalm: 32: 1. 12. 18-20. 22

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

Sunday 10th August 2025 – 19th Sunday of the Year - Year C; Psalter Week III

Saturday	9th Aug	18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Mary	5:00pm	Ann Judge LD
Sunday	10th Aug	18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Andy Murphy
			St Francis	11:00am	Parishioners, Keith Platt
Monday	11th Aug	St Clare			<i>Prayer for Peace</i>
Tuesday	12th Aug	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Francis	9:30am	Keith Platt
Wednesday	13th Aug	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Mary	9:30am	Those in need of our prayers
Thursday	14th Aug	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	St Mary	10:30am	Requiem Mass: Ann Judge
Friday	15th Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Richard	9:30am	Ambrose Shere
Saturday	16th Aug	Vigil Mass: 19th Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners, Andy Murphy
Sunday	17th Aug	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Margaret & Richie Slater
			St Francis	11:00am	Joan Jenkins (LD)

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday 15th August.

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

This Friday 15th August is a Holy Day of obligation. We celebrate The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. This is the dogmatically revealed truth of the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

On this day we venerate and honour our Blessed Mother, full of grace.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Mary, Assumed into heaven, pray for us.*



The Hail Mary, a truly biblical prayer

When we say the 'Hail Mary' we recall two moments in Mary's life.

<i>Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.</i>	Luke 1:28 - the Angel Gabriel greets Mary
<i>Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.</i>	Luke 1:42-45 - her cousin Elizabeth greets Mary
<i>Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.</i>	And we pray

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2025

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from **Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August**, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025

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.*

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

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

Bernard Sweeney, Burial of Ashes 10:00am Saturday 23rd 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, Paul Dickinson – *and all those who need our prayers.*

JUBILEE 2025

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE WALK AND MASS, Sunday 24 August

A 4.5-mile circular route starting at 12noon from St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton-in-Makerfield (Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, WN4 9NP). Or for a shorter route you can join us at Our Lady's Church, Bryn. A celebration of Holy Mass & Veneration of Holy Hand will be offered. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact: c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk



ARCHDIOCESAN CARE FOR CREATION WALK AND MASS, Saturday 20 September

Starting at 11am at St Mary's Public Oratory, Aughton (Prescot Road, Aughton, L39 6TA) the 3.5-mile circular route will include 3 prayer stops and will conclude with a celebration of Mass at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact: c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish: **3rd August 2025: £1162.20 Building Fund: 167.85**

Parish Council

A little reminder that at the back of church are contact forms, which anybody is welcome to complete if they have suggestions, questions, concerns or comments they wish to put to the Parish Council. Just pop your completed form in the box; or you're welcome to give it to your PC representative if you prefer.

- **Note:** From this weekend the names and photos of the PC representatives, will be on our church notice boards.

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.

Thank you for completing the sign-up sheet.

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

During September the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and Wednesday 9:30am Mass will be held at St Richard's, Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale.

Cursillo Encounter Evening

– Love & Friendship

This week Pope Leo XIV in his Youth Jubilee address reminded us that Friendship can truly change the world. It is with this in mind that **Cursillo** warmly invites you to an evening of Prayer, Reflection and Friendship on:

Wednesday 20th August 7.00pm – 9.30pm

St Teresa's Catholic Church, Parish Hall, Upholland

All are welcome, please invite your friends & family.

To reserve your free place call Jenny on 07947271037 or email national@cursillouk.org

See: <https://cursillouk.org/about-cursillo/>



"Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. It promotes a spiritual revitalisation of our world. By living a fully Christian life, we bring Christ to others, including members of our family, school, workplace, etc. Cursillo develops a consciousness that we are called to be leaders in our everyday lives."

Quiz Night

We are holding a Quiz night at **St Teresa's church Upholland on Friday 15th August.**

St Teresa's Church Catholic Club, College Road, Upholland, WN8 0PY

Doors open at 7.30pm, quiz starts at 8pm

Entry: £2.00 per person.

Everyone is welcome to either come and join a team or come as a team.