

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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'People will come
from east and
west, and recline
at table in the
kingdom of God.'

Luke 12:49-53

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:

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: 116

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

Sunday 24th August 2025 – 21st Sunday of the Year - Year C; Psalter Week I

Saturday	23 rd Aug	Vigil Mass: 21 st Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Rosa Taylor, Parishioners
Sunday	24 th Aug	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Alan Wainwright
			St Francis	11:00am	Thomas Nielson
Monday	25 th Aug	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Prayer for Peace
Tuesday	26 th Aug	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Francis	9:30am	Maureen Hoyles
Wednesday	27 th Aug	St Monica	St Mary	9:30am	Andy Murphy
Thursday	28 th Aug	St Augustine			
Friday	29 th Aug	Passion of St John the Baptist	St Richard	9:30am	Ann Judge
Saturday	30 th Aug		St Richard	2:00pm	Wedding Service
		Vigil Mass: 22 nd Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	31 st Aug	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Margaret & Richie Slater
			St Francis	11:00am	Ambrose Shere

Congratulations! Our Lady Queen of Peace celebrates positive GCSE and vocational results

Year 11 students from [Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic College](#), were jumping for joy as they received their GCSE and vocational results on Thursday morning, 21 August. (<https://cpmmmedia.com>)

The secondary school, located on Glenburn Road, has continued to build on its success this year with improvements in student outcomes. Highlights of this year's achievements include:

- A rise in the number of students achieving grades 9–5 in both English and mathematics, reflecting the school's commitment to academic outcomes.
- Seven exceptional students securing grade 9s in religious education, alongside many others who achieved clusters of grade 9s across a range of subjects, including English, geography, maths, biology, history and photography.
- Outstanding results in separate sciences, with an impressive 89 per cent of students achieving grades 9–4 in biology, chemistry and physics.
- Excellent vocational outcomes, with 40 per cent of students achieving the top grades of Distinction or Distinction* in sports studies, and an outstanding 83 per cent of students securing a Level 2 pass or higher in health & social care.

These results highlight the hard work, determination, and ambition of both students and staff, and the school is proud to celebrate the success of its learners as they move forward to the next stage of their education.



Our Lady Queen of Peace
Catholic Engineering College

Mary's Meals

STOP child hunger for just 10p  =  

Join us to celebrate the work of Mary's Meals

Archbishop John Sherrington will be presiding at a special Mass of celebration for the work of global feeding charity Mary's Meals. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass.

Sunday 21st September at 3 pm
St Teresa's Catholic Church,
23 College Road, Upholland, WN8 0PY

marysmeals.org.uk 

All are invited to a special **Mass of celebration for the work of Mary's Meals**, the global charity providing school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities.

Archbishop John Sherrington will preside at the Mass on **Sunday 21 September at 3.00pm** at **St Teresa's Catholic Church, Church Road, Upholland, Wigan (WN8 0PY)**. Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass.

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Clara Theresa Caffrey, John David Jamieson, Breda Parr, Ambrose Shere, Robert Johnson, Lesley Jones, Andy Murphy, Ann Judge, Patricia Arua, Thomas Buckley, Bernard Sweeney.

Teresa Ryan, Funeral Service 10:00am Thursday 28th August at St Helens Crematorium.

Margaret Mary Gibson, Requiem Mass 10:00am Monday 8th September at St Francis', on to West Lancs Crematorium. Fr Christopher Cunningham will preside.

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.*

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.

Parish Book Club:

Our September meeting will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 3rd September when we will be discussing Joanna Glen's "The Other Half of Augusta Hope" and collecting Robert Neill "Mist Over Pendle".



Kindly Note

We apologise that we are not able to display or store items left in church. This is a kindly note to ask please do not leave items at the back of church e.g. statues, books etc. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish:

17th August 2025: £746.42 Building Fund: £3

Wedding Service

With great delight we announce the Weddings of:

Joel William Miller and
Jessica Emily MacGuire,

who will marry on Saturday 30th August in St Richard Church at 2:00pm.



Housing Complex by St Mary's

We have been advised that the work on the new drains will now commence late October.

Therefore, St Mary's will remain open in September with Masses as usual.

Updates will be published as we have them.

Mission Red Box - Thank you and Appeal

On the weekend 6th/7th September we will have a Red Box Appeal.

Fr Frank Downs MHN will preside at the Masses that weekend and give the appeal.

Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit. <https://missio.org.uk>

The Pontifical Mission Societies in England & Wales changed their name to 'Missio' in 2009. Missio continues the work of the four Pontifical societies.



Cathedral Newsletter

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King now has it's own newsletter, bringing you all their events in one place - to sign up, please visit the link here:

<https://liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/sign-up>

Benediction and Evening Prayers for Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

at St Stephen's Church, Warrington – 7 September

You are invited to Benediction & Evening Prayers to celebrate the canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon, at 3pm on Sunday 7 September at St Stephen's Church, Sandy Lane, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9HS.

There will also be an exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles designed by Bl. Carlo Acutis on display in the church. All are welcome.



Parish SVP: Turning Concern Into Action

The **Retiring Collection** this weekend **23rd/24th August** is for the **Parish SVP**.