

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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Everyone who
exalts himself will
be humble, and
the man who
humbles himself
will be exalted.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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:

Ecc1 3:17-20. 28-29

Psalm: 67:4-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday 31st August 2025 – 22nd Sunday of the Year - Year C; Psalter Week II

Saturday	30th Aug	Vigil Mass: 22nd Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	31st Aug	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Margaret & Richie Slater
			St Francis	11:00am	Ambrose Shere
Monday	1st Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time			<i>Prayer for Peace</i>
Tuesday	2nd Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Francis	9:30am	Pupils at school begins
			OLQP	2:15pm	College Community
Wednesday	3rd Sept	St Gregory the Great	St Mary	9:30am	Parishioners
Thursday	4th Sept	St. Cuthbert			<i>Prayer for a good heart</i>
Friday	5th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time			<i>Prayer for newly married</i>
Saturday	6th Sept	Vigil Mass: 23rd Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Deceased of the Wareing Family
Sunday	7th Sept	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Private Intention
			St Francis	11:00am	Andy Murphy

Pope's prayer intention for September:

For our relationship with all of creation

*Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis,
we might experience our interdependence
with all creatures who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect.*

Pope Leo XIV

"We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine, but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach what it means to know Jesus Christ and to bear witness to our closeness to the Lord. This comes first: to communicate the beauty of the faith, the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus. It means that we ourselves are living it and sharing this experience." Pope Leo XIV

We live in a society that thirsts for meaning, that is, we live in a society that thirsts for spirituality. And we live in a society where people are very lonely. What does the Church have to offer this society?

We can offer meaning, we can offer God, and we can offer community experience; this is what the Church does best.

SAINTS this week

St Gregory the Great, Wednesday 3rd September:

Born in 540 he is called Apostle of the English. He entered the civil service but in 573 he sold his enormous properties, founding seven monasteries and giving generously to the poor. After entering St Andrew's Abbey, Benedict I called him to become one of the seven deacons of Rome. He had hoped to lead some missionaries to bring the Gospel to the Anglo-Saxons having been impressed by some Anglo-Saxon slaves on sale in the Forum, but he was elected pope which he accepted reluctantly.

Later he sent Augustine to England. His role in Roman Liturgy was considerable and he is associated with Gregorian Chant.

St. Cuthbert, Thursday 4th September: Saint Cuthbert was born in 634 AD, at Dunbar. He was a saint of the early Northumbrian church in the Celtic tradition. He was a monk, bishop and hermit, associated with the monasteries of Melrose and Lindisfarne. He died on March 20, 687 AD, at the Farne Islands.

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.

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

Update from meeting Thursday 28th August

The latest meeting of our new PC took place last Thursday. The summary of the meeting and outcomes can be found on the Parish Council page of the Parish website:(see link there).

www.strichard-skelmersdale.org.uk

There is also a copy of the summary on the church notice board if you'd like to read it there.

Don't forget, if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns, you can talk to any of the PC members or complete one of the contact forms at the back of church.

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: **24th August 2025: £762.12**

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.



Celebrating Missionaries of Hope

You, and the Red Box supporters, are cordially invited to the **Liverpool Archdiocesan Mission Mass Sunday, 28th September 2025 at 3.00 pm** with Bishop Thomas Neylon at Our Lady & All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane, Parbold, Wigan WN8 7HS

Please join us for tea/coffee & biscuits/cake after Mass
To assist us with planning, if possible, please RSVP by 19th Sept: e-mail redbox@missio.org.uk or tel. Theresa on 07593 544625

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

Thank you for your continued support for the Parish SVP.