

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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'Anyone who
does not
renounce all
that he has
cannot be my
disciple.'

Luke 14:25-33

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 Ormskirck; St Elizabeth Scarisbrick; St John the Evangelist, Burscough.

SUNDAYS READINGS:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm: 89: 3-6. 12-14. 17

Philomon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

Sunday 7th September 2025 – 23rd Sunday of the Year - Year C; Psalter Week III

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| Saturday | 6 th Sept | Vigil Mass: 23 rd Sunday | St Mary | 5:00pm | Deceased of the Wareing Family |
| Sunday | 7 th Sept | 23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | St Richard | 9:00am | Private Intention |
| | | | St Francis | 11:00am | Andy Murphy |
| Monday | 8 th Sept | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | St Francis | 10:00am | Requiem Mass: Margaret Mary Gibson |
| Tuesday | 9 th Sept | Weekday in Ordinary Time | St Francis | 9:30am | Philip Hyde |
| | | | OLQP | 3:10pm | College Community |
| Wednesday | 10 th Sept | Weekday in Ordinary Time | St Mary | 9:30am | Andy Murphy |
| | | | SFoA School | 10:30am | Mass to celebrate the school's 20 th Anniversary |
| Thursday | 11 th Sept | Weekday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Friday | 12 th Sept | Weekday in Ordinary Time | St Richard | 9:30am | Frances & Tommy Jones |
| Saturday | 13 th Sept | Exaltation of the Holy Cross | St Mary | 5:00pm | Eddie Kelly 2nd Aniv of death |
| Sunday | 14 th Sept | Exaltation of the Holy Cross | St Richard | 9:00am | Parishioners |
| | | | St Francis | 11:00am | Catherine Turner RIP |

Safeguarding: New Volunteers Registration and DBS Checks

URGENT REQUEST TO ANY NEW VOLUNTEERS in regulated roles to collect and complete your **Volunteer Registration and DBS application forms THIS WEEK.**

PACKS ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH AND THE OFFICE.

Eucharistic Ministers Home visits and support role of Volunteer Chaperone

We need to mention that Eucharistic Ministers who do **home visits** are now required to make visits in pairs and are not to make visits alone. Two Eucharistic Ministers can visit together.

To support this a new role of **Volunteer Chaperone** has been established. A Eucharist Minister can pair up with a Chaperone, who themselves does not need to be a Eucharistic Minister (but cannot be a family member).

- Please see the Volunteer Registration/DBS PACKS and the Archdiocese Safeguarding webpage:
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/safeguarding/db-safe-recruitment

The Safeguarding pages explain that for regulated roles "New volunteers in a role that requires a DBS certificate must complete the Safer Recruitment Process in full.... Some roles will be working directly with children, young people and vulnerable adults; and will therefore require volunteers to undergo a DBS check before they undertake that role."

New Catechists please

The Catechist team is looking for new Catechists to support the children's liturgy and First Holy Communion Programme.

Catechists are always in pairs with a group.

If you are interested, please speak to one of the Catechists, and pick up a Volunteer/DBS PACK today.

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.

Barbara La'Bert, Funeral Service 11:00am Wednesday 26th September at 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

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.*

Housing Complex by St Mary's

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

Mission Red Box - Thank you and Appeal

This weekend 6th/7th September we will have a Red Box Appeal. Welcome to Fr Frank Downs MHN will preside at the Masses 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.



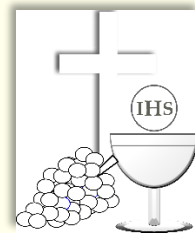
Our Lady's Birthday

We say a special prayer on Mondy as we celebrate Our Lady's birthday. *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish: **31st August 2025: £891.08**

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programme for 2025/26



The Catechists' team are pleased to announce that our new **Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion programme** for 2025/26 will begin on the weekend of **27th / 28th September 2025**.

The programme is open to all children who will be in Year 4 or above in September and who have been baptised.

Please see the Letter and Form for more details.

This year the programme will be:-

- ✓ Week 15th September letters and forms will be sent to schools and available in Churches - also available on our Parish website:
 - **First Communion Programme 2025/26** (Open the PDF file to print).
 - Please Complete the form and had it into church when you are at Mass.
- ✓ Weekend 20th / 21st September catechists will be available after Mass to answer any questions.
- ✓ **Weekend 27th / 28th September all children attend a Mass with parents to start the programme.**
- ✓ Children and parents attend one session a month to work on the programme. The sessions are held in church during Mass. After Mass there is a short session for parents. Parents pick one church to attend. Dates will be given at the normal Masses.
 - Saturday 5pm in St Marys
 - Sunday 9am in St Richards
 - Sunday 11am in St Francis

Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion will take place in May 2026. Dates will be announced at the monthly sessions.

Goodbye to Frank

This month we say farewell to Frank, as he leaves at the end of the month to take up his retirement. The Archdiocese will be advertising the post of Parish Administrator, and more details will be published soon.



Parish SVP:

Turning Concern Into Action

The Parish SVP is requesting donations of canned soup to support supplies in our food bank. Please bring your donations to church. Thank you for your support.

The next **Parish SVP** meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th September at 5pm at St Francis church.**

SVP Contact: 07470 351 042