

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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For God so
loved the
world, that he
gave his only
begotten Son.

John 3:13-17

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:

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 77:1-2. 34-38
Philomon 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Sunday 14th September 2025 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Psalter Week IV

This feast replaces the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time when it falls on a Sunday.

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
Monday	15 th Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows			
Tuesday	16 th Sept	Ss Cornelius	St Francis	9:30am	Fr Henry Holden (Lancaster)
Wednesday	17 th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Mary	9:30am	Those in need of our prayers
Thursday	18 th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Friday	19 th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:30am	Lancashire Infirm
Saturday	20 th Sept	Vigil: 25 th Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Ann Moorcroft Thanks giving to the Holy Family
Sunday	21 st Sept	25 th Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	Margaret Gibson RIP

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:-

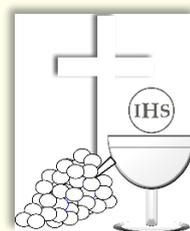
- Week 15th September letters and forms will be sent to schools and available in Churches - also available on our Parish website:
 - [First Communion Programme 2025/26](#) (Open the PDF file to print).
 - Please Complete the form and had it into church when you are at Mass.
- Weekend 20th / 21st September 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.



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.

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.

Stay Safer for Longer – Road Safety Event for Senior Road Users (60+)

Senior road users are invited to a **free road safety event** on **Thursday 23 October 2025, 10.00am–2.30pm** at the **Holiday Inn, Lime Street, Liverpool (L1 1NQ)**.

The event will feature expert speakers from *Liverpool's Road Safety Team, Merseyside Police, Arriva Buses, and Merseytravel*, with advice tailored for those aged 60+. There will also be information stalls, guidance, and support, plus **refreshments and a buffet lunch**.

Car parking is available at St John's Shopping Centre Car Park (L1 1NQ) with concessionary rates for Holiday Inn guests. **Booking & enquiries:**

E: roadsafety@liverpool.gov.uk T: 0151 351 1365



LGBT+ Catholics

Our next gathering will be on Sunday 21st September 2025 at All Saints, Oakfield, Anfield, L4 2QG. Mass will be at 2.00pm. This will also be the 4th anniversary of these gatherings.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish:

7th September 2025: £757.76 Building Fund: 120.50 Mill Hill Missions: £129.60

Fr Frank Downs MHN expressed his sincere thanks for the warm welcome he received last week, and for your kindness.

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**. **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/department/safeguarding/db-safe-recruitment

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.

Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting for the UCM is on Tuesday 16th September 1:30pm in the St John Rigby Centre. All welcome.



St Pius X Knanaya Catholic Mission – Parish Blessing & Inauguration

Saturday 20 September. All are warmly invited to the blessing and inauguration of the new St Pius X Knanaya Catholic Mission Parish at St Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Litherland, - on Saturday 20 September 2025.

9:45am: Reception, **10:00am:** Blessing and Holy Mass



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.

SVP Contact: 07470 351 042

