

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 cannot be
the slave both
of God and of
money.

Luke 16:1-13

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:

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 112: 1-2, 4-8

1 Tim 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday 21st September 2025 – 25th Sunday of the Year - Psalter Week I

Saturday	20th Sept	Vigil: 25th Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Ann Moorcroft Thanks giving to the Holy Family
Sunday	21st Sept	25th Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	Margaret Gibson RIP
Monday	22nd Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Tuesday	23rd Sept	St Pio of Pietrelcina	St Francis	9:30am	Josie Clintworth
Wednesday	24th Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	St Mary	9:30am	Lancashire Infirm
Thursday	25th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Friday	26th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:30am	Fr Henry Holden (Lancaster)
			OLQP	10:30am	Yr 7 Welcome Mass
Saturday	27th Sept	Vigil: 26th Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	28th Sept	26th Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	Private Intention
			St Francis	11:00am	Mary & Norman Hall

Housing Complex by St Mary's: St Mary's will remain open in September and through to the end of October with Masses as usual. Watch for more news.

Lourdes

Youth Pilgrimage 2026

The Pilgrimage runs from
22nd July 2026
until the 31st July 2026.

At 22nd July 2026, you need to be between 15-22 years old (inclusive) to travel on a youth coach. If you're in year 10 but under 15.

We are asking that young people apply through the website:

www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk

Please complete this form fully and pay your deposit (either online or by cash/cheque).

We are moving the opening of applications earlier this year to allow for a 50th anniversary of the youth pilgrimage 'early bird' special.



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youth

Those who apply before the 20th October are eligible for the early bird discount of a '50 years - £50 reduction' in the total cost of the pilgrimage.

In addition, those who completed the FIA award Gold award last year - and that we have a record of here - are also eligible for a £100 reduction (this can be combined with the early bird discount as well).

There are promotional videos available on the Animate You Tube channel.

The deposit will be £100. Please do encourage young people in your parish or local school to join the pilgrimage in our anniversary year.

Tots and Carers: drop-in play sessions

There are drop-in play sessions in **St Teresa's hall, Upholland** every **Tuesday from 8.45 to 11 am.**

Toys and Songs. Drinks provided. No charge. Everyone welcome.

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.*

Delve into the Bible . Workshop

– Wednesday 8 October

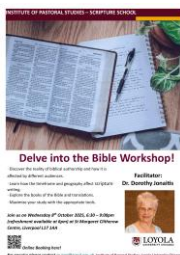
All are invited to a Bible workshop led by Dr Dorothy Jonaitis (Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago) on **Wednesday 8 October 2025, 6.30–9.00pm** at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool (L17 1AA).

The evening will explore:

- The reality of biblical authorship and audiences
- How timeframe and geography affect scripture writing
- The books of the Bible and translations
- How to use the right tools to maximise your study.



Refreshments available from 6.00pm. Scan the QR code on the poster to sign up. For enquiries, email: Moses Mui at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



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

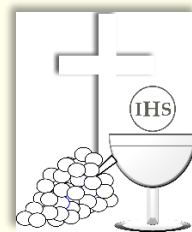
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Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programme for 2025/26

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:-

- ☒ Letters and forms sent to schools and available in Churches - also available on our Parish website:
 - [First Communion Programme 2025/26](#)
 - 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

Parish Book Club

Our October meeting will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 1st October when we will be discussing Robert Neill "Mist Over Pendle" and collecting Jessica Brockmole "Letters From Skye."



Goodbye to Frank

We say farewell to Frank this week, as he leaves to take up his retirement.

Parish Administrator

The Archdiocese has advertised the post of Parish Administrator: An opportunity is available for an experienced Parish Administrator to work within the offices of St Richard, Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale, WN8 8BX with Reverend Kenneth Hyde.

Closing date: October 1, 2025

For more details and to apply see:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

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

14th September 2025: £621.26

Building Fund: 27.20

Catholic Education: £124.21