

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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Do all that you
have been told
until the
Appearing of
the Lord.

1 Tim 6:11-16

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 6:1, 4-7

Psalms 145:7-10

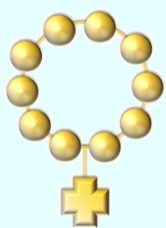
1 Tim 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-3

Sunday 28th September 2025 – 26th Sunday of the Year - Psalter Week II

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
Monday	29th Sept	St Jerome,			
Tuesday	30th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Francis	9:30am	Susan Mbabazi, Patricia Arua
			OLQP	3:10pm	College Community
Wednesday	1st Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus	St Mary	9:30am	Those in need of our prayers
Thursday	2nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels			
Friday	3rd Oct	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:30am	Thanksgiving for prayers answered
Saturday	4th Oct	Vigil: 27th Sunday of the Year	St Mary	5:00pm	Sr Eva McHale
Sunday	5th Oct	27th Sunday of the Year	St Richard	9:00am	Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	Dave & Mary Maitland RIP

OCTOBER: Month of the Holy Rosary



In the Rosary we pray with Our Lady as we meditate on the life and works of Jesus. The mediation is aided by a "Mantra" or repeating "Decades of the Rosary": *one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be*, while holding Rosary beads and using these to count the prayers one by one.

During each Decade, we recall a moment from Jesus' life. Five decades make up the 'Mysteries' – and there are four groups:

- ✠ The Joyful Mysteries
- ✠ The Luminous Mysteries
- ✠ The Sorrowful Mysteries
- ✠ and the Glorious Mysteries.

You could make this a special devotion in October to join in spirit with others in the parish to pray with Our Lady and reflect on the life and works of Jesus.

If the five decades of the Rosary feel like a lot for the first time – say one decade slowly.

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:

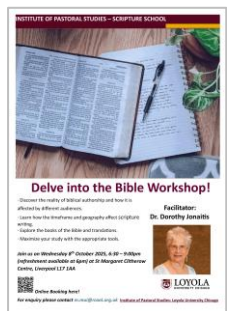
- The reality of biblical authorship and audiences
- How timeframe and geography affect scripture writing The books of the Bible and translations
- How to use the right tools to maximise your study.

Refreshments available from 6.00pm.

Scan the QR code to sign up.

For enquiries, email:

Moses Mui at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Ann Judge, Patricia Arua, Thomas Buckley, Bernard Sweeney, Teresa Ryan, Margaret Mary Gibson, Barbara La'Bert.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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

today: e-mail redbox@missiovorg.uk

or Tel: Theresa on 07593 544625



Mission Boxes:

St Edmund's and St Richard's red Mission Boxes are due to be emptied in October.

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>

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."



Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish:

21st September 2025: £752.16

Catholic Education: £25.43

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

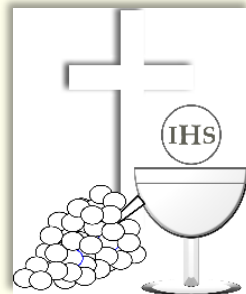
Stephen Donnelly, Nina Leigh, Debbie Martin, Sr Margaret Shutt, Bill Ware, Clare Ware, Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverley Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Babs Carroll, Gaynor Davies, Les Newman, Mandy Caldwell, Don Smith, Nick Sales, Turner family, Jennifer Walker, Stephen Philip Rochford, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Bernard Halsall, Collette Haynes, Mark Everest – *and all those who need our prayers.*

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 this 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.

- ☒ Letters and forms are available in Churches – and the Parish website:
- [First Communion Programme 2025/26](#)
- Please Complete the form and hand it into church when you are at Mass.
- ☒ **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



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.

Parish SVP: Turning Concern Into Action

The **Retiring Collection** this weekend **27th/28th September** is for the **Parish SVP.**

