

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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We shall
see God as
he really is.

1 John 3:1-3

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:

Rev 7:2-4,9-14

Psalms 2 3:1-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matt 5:1-12

Sunday 2nd November 2025 – Feast of All Saints - Psalter Week III

Saturday	1st Nov	Vigil: All Saints	St Mary	5:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	2nd Nov	All Saints	St Richard	9:00am	All Souls
			St Francis	11:00am	All Souls
Monday	3rd Nov	All Souls Day			
Tuesday	4th Nov	St Charles Borromeo	St Francis	9:30am	All Souls
			OLQP	15:10pm	College Community
Wednesday	5th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Mary	9:30am	All Souls
Thursday	6th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Friday	7th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:30am	All Souls
Saturday	8th Nov	Vigil: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St Mary	5:00pm	All Souls
Sunday	9th Nov	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St Richard	9:00am	All Souls, Parishioners
			St Francis	11:00am	All Souls

Housing Complex by St Mary's: St Mary's Watch for more news.

NOVEMBER: Month of the Holy Souls: Pious List envelopes are available.

Prayer for the Deceased

De profundis: Psalm 129 (Grail Psalms version)

A prayer of a sinner, trusting in the mercies of God. The sixth penitential psalm.

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!*

*O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.*

*If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?*

*But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.*

*My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.*

*My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.*

*Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.*

*Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.*

*Eternal rest give to them, O Lord. And let perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Let us pray. O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the soul of your departed servants the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Keep my soul
in peace
before you,
O Lord.

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.

Saints this Week



St Charles Borromeo, Monday 4th November: 1538-84. Charles was born of an aristocratic family. Aged 22 he gained his doctorate, by which time his uncle had become pope Pius IV and heaped honours on his nephew now living in some style in Rome. Charles desired to leave the papal court and perhaps become a monk but he was dissuaded from this. He became very influential in the final session of the Council of Trent particularly in drafting the He had considerable influence on the Counter-Reformation, in he was ordained priest and consecrated bishop and as papal legate for all Italy, he held a provincial council in Milan and set about reform. Famine struck Milan twice and each time he was prominent in aiding the hungry and nursing the plague-stricken, not only organising the relief work but taking a personal part in it.

St Faustina Kowalska, Tuesday 5th Nov



Sister Faustina (1905-1938) was a young, nun of simple education in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came

from a poor family that struggled during World War I. Sr. Faustina received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord, who asked her to record these experiences. She did this in notebooks, known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska - words of God's loving message of Divine Mercy.



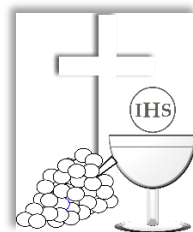
"Jesus, I trust in You"

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.*

First Communion Programme 2025/26

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. Children and parents attend one session a month to work on the programme. The sessions are held in church during Mass.



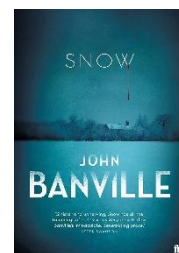
After Mass there is a short session for parents. Parents pick one church to attend. Dates will be given at the normal Masses.

Your commitment

Bring your child to Mass on the dates listed on the right. Stay behind after Mass for a few minutes to understand the session the children have followed. Afterwards talk to your child and help them fill in their booklet.

Parish Book Club

Our November meeting will take place at **7:00pm on Wednesday 5th November** when we will be discussing Robert Neill "Mist Over Pendle" and collecting John Banville "Snow".



Parish Administrator

A note from Leann

I'm delighted to be taking on the role of Parish Administrator and Finance Officer. I'm really looking forward to supporting the parish and helping to keep things running smoothly day to day. Everyone has already been so welcoming, and it's lovely to be part of such a warm and faith-filled community. I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you in the weeks ahead.

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