

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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Our
salvation is
near at
hand

Rom 13:11-14

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:
Isa 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Ps 84:8
Matt 24:37-44

Sunday 30th November 2025 – First Sunday of Advent (Year A) - Psalter Week I

Saturday	29th Nov	Vigil	St Mary	5.00pm	All Souls
Sunday	30th Nov	1st Sunday of Advent	St Richard	9.00am	All Souls
			St Francis	11.00am	Parishioners
Tuesday	2nd Dec	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	Joan Rimmer(RIP)
Wednesday	3rd Dec	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	Pray for peace
Friday	5th Dec		St Richard	9.30am	Special Intention
Saturday	6th Dec	Vigil	St Mary	5.00pm	Damian Dindow
Sunday	7th Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent	St Richard	9.00am	Susan Reevey, Kathleen Burke
			St Mary	11.00am	George Fox, Mary Kelly

Counting the Advent candles each week, and listening to the Word of God, we await and prepare to greet and celebrate the Lord’s coming at Christmas

From Monday, all services normally held at St Francis will take place at St Marys until the boiler repair is completed. If you can offer lifts or if you need a lift on a Sunday, please add your name and phone number to the sign up sheet, this is for office use only.

On behalf of Liverpool Archdiocese, St John’s Catholic Primary School is consulting on admissions arrangements for 2027-28.
Please follow the link to view a copy of the policy on the website;
<https://stjohnss.sites.schooljotter2.com/adding-pages/latest-parent-survey>
Any comments can be emailed to bursar@st-johnsrc.lancs.sch.uk

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died:
Ming Wah Chan, Joan Rimmer, Margaret Fishwick, Angela Aspinall and Ella Crank

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.

Keep my soul
in peace,
before you,
O Lord.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will celebrate his silver jubilee of Episcopal (Bishop) ordination in the coming weeks. He will celebrate Holy Mass at 12noon on Saturday 6th December at the Metropolitan Cathedral - all are welcome.

Parish Council
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm in the St John Rigby Centre (SJRC). All welcome to come along.

Advent Carol Service 16th December- 7pm- St Richard’s.
We're looking for readers, singers, musicians and helpers for refreshments.
If you can lend a hand, please let Leann in the office know so your name can be added to the list.
Fr Kenny will be in touch afterwards to confirm roles.

Jubilee Year – there’s still time to celebrate!
If you haven’t had a chance yet to visit any of the Holy Doors across the Archdiocese, there’s still time! Including the Cathedral, there seven Jubilee churches that can be visited on a “Jubilee Pilgrimage” Those visiting the churches can be granted a plenary indulgence.
A Pilgrimage Passport can be collected from the welcome desk at the cathedral or downloaded via this link <https://tinyurl.com/4jh2hcj3> where you’ll also find all the information you’ll need to help plan any visits

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

Dates for your diary:
Parish Council meeting Tuesday 2nd December, 7pm in St John Rigby Centre

Parish Book club Wednesday 3rd Dec 7.30pm in the SJR, We will be discussing "Snow" by John Banville and collecting our December book "The Fall and Rise of Sadie McQueen" by Juliet Ashton.



Parish Christmas Party Saturday 13th December 7.30pm in the SJR _please bring your own food and drinks
Parish International Mass Sunday 11th January 2026
OLQP Pensioners Christmas Party 16th December 12.30pm
Please note there are only 15 places available.

The Parish Lottery - a reminder.
You’ll have read over the past couple of weeks or so about the hope to reintroduce the Parish Lottery, and the need for volunteers at each of our churches to sell tickets.
Unfortunately, so far no-one has come forward. Would you be willing to be an agent for your church, so we can get this fun and really worthwhile initiative off the ground?
Detailed guidance is available about how it works, all it needs is for people to volunteer. Please speak to your PC representatives.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 23rd November 2025:
£940.00

Remember that confession is available before or after any Mass on request; just speak to Father Kenny.