

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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The
maiden is
with child.

Isa 7:10-14

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 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1: 23
Matt 1:18-24

Sunday 21st December 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) - Psalter Week IV

Saturday	20th Dec		St Mary	5.00pm	Damian Aindow, Brian Carr (4th Anniversary), Wordoff Family, Sarah Wareing
Sunday	21st Dec		St Richard	9.00am	Catherine Segar, Mark Allmark LD
			St Mary	11.00am	Ella Crank, Elizabeth McKeon
Tuesday	23rd Dec	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	Thomas & Michael Knox, Patricia Reeney
Wednesday	24th Dec	Weekday	St Mary	5.30pm(Carols) 6.00pm (Mass)	
			St Richard	Midnight	
Thursday	25th Dec	Nativity of the Lord	St Mary	10.00am	
Friday	26th Dec	St Stephen	St Richard	10.00am	
Saturday	27th Dec	St John, Apostle	St Mary	5.00pm	Mark Anthony Allmark LD
Sunday	28th Dec		St Richard	9.00am	
			St Mary	11.00am	Ella Crank LD, Alan Williams LD

The Fourth Sunday of Advent marks the final week of preparation before Christmas, focusing on Mary's acceptance of Jesus (the Magnificat) and God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises through Jesus's coming, highlighting themes of peace, love, and God's everlasting covenant, with readings often centered on prophetic fulfillment and Mary's role, leading directly to Christmas Day.



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, Ella Crank and Cathy Dewar

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.

If any parishioners would like to contribute to SVP by bank transfer or standing order
Our bank details are as follows:
Account name at Nat West Bank
D200519 SVP St Richards Skelmersdale
Sort code 60-60-04
Acct number 46087451

Parish Masses 29th December - 6th January

Father Kenny will be taking his annual break between Christmas and New Year.
During 29th December – 6th January then, there won’t be any weekday masses in the parish.
Weekend masses will go ahead as usual.

Parish Council

A postponed meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 17th December. Copies of the minutes are available to read on each of our church noticeboards.
Don’t forget that contact forms(white) are available at the back of church, for you to send in your suggestions, questions or to highlight any concerns you might have. All welcome.

Fun and Funds

There was a jolly evening at the SJRC last Saturday, during our Parish Christmas Party. Music, a bit of dancing and a particularly energetic rendition of the ‘Twelve Days of Christmas’, added to the fun.
A bonus for us all, was that a raffle raised over £60 for parish funds.
No doubt there’ll be more fun again next year!

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Nina Leigh, Debbie Martin, Sister Margaret Shutt, Jennifer Walker, Stephen Philip Rochford, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Bernard Halsall, Collette Haynes, Mark Everest , 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 – and all those who need our prayers

Advent Carol Service – music, spirit and mingling

It was a joyful and reflective evening at St Richard’s last Tuesday, when we had our Advent Carol Service.
Lit by a huge number of candles, the church looked beautiful for the nine readings and carols, which everybody sung at the top of their voices!
It was standing room only when many people came to the SJRC afterwards, for mulled wine, hot drinks and mince pies.
It seemed that true spirit of Christmas was present.

Parish Book Club. Our first meeting of 2026 will be on **Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7:00pm in the SJR Centre.** We will be discussing "The Fall and Rise of Sadie McQueen" by Juliet Ashton and picking up our first book of the New Year - "The Paris Library" by Janet Skeslien Charles. If your New Year's resolution was to become a bit more "intellectual" - then perhaps you should join Mensa!

If, however you are looking to read a dozen books in the year (all provided free by the library) and meet once a month to discuss the book as well as putting the world to right, then give it a try!



Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 14th December 2025:
£811.00

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