

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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He who  
fears the  
Lord  
respects his  
parents

Eccl 3:2-6. 12-14

**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:  
Eccl 3:2-6. 12-14  
Col 3:12-21  
Col 3:15. 16  
Matt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday 28th December 2025 –The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	27th Dec		St Mary	5.00pm	Mark Anthony
Sunday	28th Dec		St Richard	9.00am	
			St Mary	11.00am	Ella Crank LD, Alan Williams LD, Josh & Mia (safe travels)
Tuesday	30th Dec	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	NO MASS SERVICE
Wednesday	31st Dec	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	NO MASS SERVICE
Friday	2nd Jan		St Richard	9.30am	NO MASS SERVICE
Saturday	3rd Jan		St Mary	5.00pm	Special intention
Sunday	4th Jan		St Richard	9.00am	Parishioners
			St Mary	11.00am	

The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, show us what faith, love, and trust in God look like in everyday family life. From humble beginnings in Bethlehem to fleeing danger in Egypt and living quietly in Nazareth, they faced challenges like any family. Their feast, celebrated the Sunday after Christmas, reminds us that family holiness isn’t about being perfect. It’s about welcoming Christ into our homes, showing love, and reflecting God’s grace in our relationships, just as they did.



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

A message from Fr Kenny

As we welcome the new year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who brings life to our parish community. To all our volunteers, your dedication, generosity of time, and willingness to serve make our parish a place of welcome, faith, and joy. To those who contribute so generously, whether through gifts, donations, or acts of kindness, your support sustains our mission and enables us to reach out in love to those in need. I also want to recognise the schools and teachers who continue to partner with us, nurturing the faith of our young people and supporting parish life in countless ways. Each of you plays a vital role in building a community where faith is lived and shared. May this new year bring blessings of peace, hope, and joy to you and your families, and may we continue to grow together in love and service.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 21st December 2025:  
£871.96

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

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 – and all those who need our prayers*

Dates for your diary:

Parish book club- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January- 7pm- SJR

Parish International Mass-Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

SVP Meeting- Tuesday13th January- 1.30pm St Mary’s

UCM Meeting- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm- SJR

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



The Vatican has announced the appointment of Archbishop Richard Moth as the new Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who has served in the role since 2009. Archbishop Moth has spent the past decade as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton and previously served as Bishop to the Forces. In his new role, he will lead the Catholic Church in England and Wales during a time of both challenge and opportunity. We give thanks for the faithful service of Cardinal Nichols and keep Archbishop Moth in our prayers as he begins this important ministry.