

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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Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,

John 1:29-34

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 49: 3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
John 1:14.12
John 1:29-34

Sunday 18th January 2026 –Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C; Psalter Week III

Saturday	17th Jan		St Mary	5.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	18th Jan	Peace Sunday	St Richard	9.00am	Maureen & Charlie Donnelly, Mark Allmark, Stephen Muse RIP
			St Mary	11.00am	Cathy Dewar LD
Tuesday	20th Jan	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	Frank Kearney
Wednesday	21st Jan	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	Simon Crossley LD
Friday	23rd Jan		St Richard	9.30am	Simon Crossley LD
Saturday	24th Jan		St Mary	5.00pm	Joseph Stockton
Sunday	25th Jan		St Richard	9.00am	The Owens Family
			St Mary	11.00am	Cathy Dewar, Paul McGauley LD

Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture – Sunday 18 January
The Archdiocese of Liverpool’s Justice & Peace Commission invites you to this year’s Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture. In light of Pope Leo XIV’s recent World Peace Day Message, Dr Joanna Frew will speak on "Towards an 'Unarmed and Disarming Peace': Seeking Sustainable Security for an Unstable World.” This will take place on Peace Sunday: **January 18th at 2pm, at St Vincent de Paul, L1 5JN.** All those who wish to deepen their understanding of Pope Leo’s message, and reflect on what it means for us today, are warmly welcome to join us for this lecture. Please sign-up using the following link: Peace Sunday Lecture: Peace be with you all- Towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace. – Fill in form

Civic Mass – Sunday 15 February
The Dean of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, Monsignor Anthony O’Brien, has pleasure in inviting you to attend the Annual Civic Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Sherrington. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk. We hope very much that you will be able to attend, and we look forward to welcoming you and your guest to the Civic Mass to celebrate all that is good in our City.

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: 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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Each year Christians around the world come together to pray for unity in the Church. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a chance to remember that, while we may worship in different traditions, we share one faith in Christ and one calling to love and serve one another. During this week we are invited to pray for deeper understanding, respect, and friendship between all Christian communities. It is also a time to reflect on how we can live out Christ’s prayer that we may all be one, not just in words, but in how we treat one another in our daily lives. Please keep this intention in your personal prayers throughout the week, asking God to guide us towards greater unity, peace, and faithfulness.

Bidding Prayer

“As we just enter a week of prayer for Christian unity, let us pray that all Christians might express our shared love of Christ in charity towards the most vulnerable, including the sick, the poor, and the unborn. Lord hear us”.



Congratulations to Diana on receiving her Guild of St Stephen silver medal to mark 10 years of faithful service at the altar. She was presented it at mass on Sunday at St Richard's by Fr Kenny.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish.
11th January 2026: £832.34 Building fund £25.00

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



Do you fancy a weekend of silence? Why not book into the Silent Retreat being held at the Irenaeanus Project on 20th – 22nd February? To book in contact Jenny on jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

The family of Cathy Dewar would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, kind messages, cards, and Masses offered following Cathy’s death. Your love and support have brought great comfort during a very difficult time, and we are deeply grateful for the care and kindness shown to Cathy and to all of us. Please continue to keep Cathy in your prayers as we entrust her to God’s loving mercy.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE ONLINE ALPHA COURSE

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is hosting an 11-week online Alpha course for anyone curious about life, faith, and meaning. It’s a chance to meet new people and explore the Catholic faith in a friendly, open environment - no pressure, no judgement. Sessions run every Thursday at 18:45, from 15 January to 26 March. Each week we tackle big questions about life and faith, sparking great conversations. Sign up today! Scan the QR code or follow the link to sign up. For more information, please email pd@rcaol.org.uk

REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE ALPHA COURSE

