

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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In Galilee of
the nations
the people
have seen a
great light.

Isa 8:23b–9:3

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:

Isa 8:23b–9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Matt 4:23
Matt 4:12-17

Sunday 25th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C; Psalter Week III

Saturday	24th Jan	St Francis de Sale	St Mary’s	5.00pm	Joseph Stockton, Alan Faye LD
Sunday	25th Jan		St Richard	9.00am	Cathy Dewar, Paul McGauley LD
			St Mary’s	11.00am	Janette Gregg LD
Tuesday	27th Jan	Weekday	St Mary’s	9.30am	Mr Pat Dennehy RIP
Wednesday	28th Jan	St Thomas Aquinas	St Mary’s	9.30am	Mrs June Shimmin
Friday	30thJan		St Richard’s	9.30am	Parishioners
Saturday	31st Jan		St Mary’s	5.00pm	Lancashire infirm
Sunday	1st Feb		St Richard’s	9.00am	College community
			St Mary’s	11.00am	Janette Gregg LD, Members & RIP members of St Richards UCM foundation

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the
souls of all who have recently died:
Angela Aspinall, Ella Crank,
Cathy Dewar, Collette Givnan and
James Morgan

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.

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

Adventurous Accompaniment

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you ever thought about how can you can become an Adventurous
Accompanier?
Adventurous Accompaniment focuses on walking alongside people in their
faith journey. It emphasises listening, presence, and empowering individuals to
discover their own path, rather than directing them.
Through the journey of a 6-week programme including 3 full-day workshops,
you will not only explore the core principles of accompaniment but also going
in-depth to embed those principles in practice.
All costs of the programme will be covered by the archdiocese. Please register
online if you are interested. Sign up here
<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/accompaniment>
For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at
m.mui@rcaol.org.uk
You will choose either one workshop for each weekend when you sign up

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You can choose either workshop for each weekend when you sign up.

• Saturday 7 February
• Saturday 28 February
• Saturday 21 March

10am – 2pm
@ St Margaret Clitherow Centre,
Liverpool, L17 1AA

or

• Sunday 8 February
• Sunday 1 March
• Sunday 22 March

12pm – 4pm
@ St Joseph’s Church, Penketh,
Warrington, WA5 2BB

All costs of the programme will be covered by the archdiocese.

For more information contact
Moses Mui, Training Coordinator
m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

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 Council 2026

Our first Parish Council meeting of the year will take
place on Tuesday 3rd February. Before then does
anyone have a comment, suggestion or question for
us? There are "contact forms" available at the back of
church - please complete one and hand it to a PC
representative or put it in the PC post box. There are
also some (blue) database sign up forms. If you
complete one of these we will use the details you give
us to keep in touch with you about our Parish.

Meet Your Archbishop

Wednesday , 28 January, 5:00pm

The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted
to start the New Year with an evening with Archbishop
John Sherrington.
It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd
Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of
wine. There will be an opportunity to meet Archbishop
John and share with him his ambitions and plans for our
Archdiocese. The cost is £30.00 per person which will
include a hot pot supper, wine and a donation to the
Friends.
Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at
c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance and
details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited
so sign up fast!

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish. Sunday 18th January: £965.19
Second collection next week for SVP, many thanks in advance.

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

Parish Book Club

Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday 4th of February at
7:00pm - but at The White Lion
for our Christmas party! Not
sure if we are two months
behind the rest of the world or
ten months ahead. We will (as
well as drinking and eating) be
discussing: The Paris Library and
picking up A Murder Inside by
Frances Brody.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd February- Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 4th February-Parish Book Club

Tuesday 10th February- SVP meeting

Tuesday 17th February- UCM meeting