

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 your  
midst I will  
leave a  
humble and  
a lowly  
people.,

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

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.

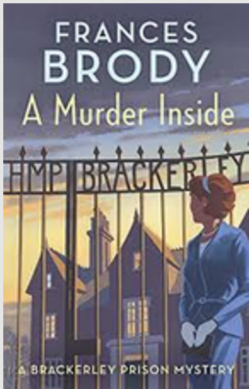
SUNDAYS READINGS:  
Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13  
Ps 145:7-10 r. Matt 5:3  
1 Cor 1:26-31  
Matt 5:1-12a

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 –4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C; Psalter Week IV

Saturday	31st Jan	St John Bosco	St Mary	5.00pm	Lancashire infirm
Sunday	1st Feb		St Richard	9.00am	College community
			St Mary	11.00am	James Parry, Thomas Duffy
Tuesday	3rd Feb	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	Margaret & Frank Graham
Wednesday	4th Feb	Weekday	St Mary	9.30am	Len Duncan (Recovery from surgery)
Friday	6th Feb	St Paul Miki and companions	St Richard	9.30am	James Morgan-RIP, Tony Wallace- RIP
Saturday	7th Feb		St Mary	5.00pm	Andrew Murphy
Sunday	8th Feb		St Richard	9.00am	Gerry Mullen LD
			St Mary	11.00am	

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.



Come & See Day: “Lord Teach us to Pray” -

Saturday 7 February 10am-4pm  
Nicholas King will be the keynote speaker at this week’s Come & See Day at Irenaeus. Please come along to The Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD and bring a packed lunch. The event is free, with a suggested donation of £10. For more details, contact Jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died:  
Cathy Dewar, Gerry Mullen, Alan Faye LD, Paul McGauley LD & Janette Gregg LD

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

Adventurous Accompaniment

Do you work with people in the church, or are you interested in doing so? Have 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](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)  
You will choose either one workshop for each weekend when you sign up

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, Ronnie Jones – and all those who need our prayers

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd February- Parish Council meeting  
Wednesday 4th February-Parish Book Club  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February- SVP meeting  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February- UCM meeting

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## ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT

Workshop

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A PROJECT OF 10 MINUTES

Scan here to register

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- Sunday 7 February
- Saturday 28 February
- Saturday 21 March

10am - 2pm  
@ St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool, L17 8AA

or

- Sunday 8 February
- Sunday 1 March
- Sunday 22 March

10pm - 4pm  
@ St Joseph's Church, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB

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[m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

## Café Jam

spread some song across your heart

Praise God through singing – café jam worship is café style, informal and for all those of any ability who love to sing or just listen. Lots of cakes and drinks provided.

**When:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**Time:** 6.30pm start  
**Venue:** Trinity Methodist/URC Church, High St, Skelmersdale WN8 8AT

For more details contact Rita on  
07838 103310 or [rita.griffiths4@ntworld.com](mailto:rita.griffiths4@ntworld.com)

Parish Council.

Our first meeting of 2026 will take place at 6:00pm on Tuesday 3rd February in the Priest's house. If there are any points you would like to raise with the Council please complete a "contacts form" in church and put it in the Council "post box" at the back of church or speak directly to one of the Council members."

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish.  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2026: £870.42

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