

The Catholic Parish of St Richard, Skelmersdale

Serving the Churches of St Mary Queen of Apostles, St Richard's and St Francis of Assisi.

Mass times

Saturday 14th Feb	St Mary	5.00pm	The Gittins family
Sunday 15th Feb	St Richard	9.00am	Lancashire Infirm
	St Mary	11.00am	Paul Baines LD, RIP
Tuesday 17th Feb Shrove Tuesday	St Mary	9.30am	The sick and housebound
Wednesday 18th Feb Ash Wednesday	St Mary	12 noon	Special Intention SR
	St Richard	7.00pm	
Friday 20th Feb Friday after Ash Wednesday	St Richard	9.30am	Paul Baines LD, RIP
Saturday 21st Feb	St Mary	5.00pm	Nell & Larry France RIP

Dates for your diary

Tue	
17 Feb	UCM meeting
Tue	
18 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Tue	
4 Mar	Parish Book Club

Remembering the sick in Prayer

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

Recently Deceased

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

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 8th February 2026: ££891.95
Building fund £37.00

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

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St John Rigby Center

Please note that the St John Rigby Centre is currently out of use while essential works are taking place. Ongoing issues with the sewer system have led to problems affecting both the electrics and the boiler, which now also need to be addressed. For this reason, the building is temporarily unavailable.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while this is resolved.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent at two times:

- St Richard's – Friday mornings immediately after Mass, with Exposition and the opportunity for Confession.
- St Mary's – Every Friday at 7.00pm.

All are warmly invited to come and pray as we reflect on the Lord's Passion together.

RCIA Candidates

Anyone wishing to be received into the Church this year is invited to join our RCIA course, starting on Thursday 20th February at 7pm in St Richard's Presbytery.

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Kenny to book in.

Aaron Crest Care Home

Aaron Crest Care Home is looking for volunteers to help deliver a short service or communion once a week.

If you are able to join a rota to support this, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry.

Dear St Richard's Community,

My name is Jude Ewing and a long time ago I was Altar-boy at St Francis. I have been a member of the wonderful Catholic family in Skelmersdale my whole life. 2026 is my 20th Anniversary of being diagnosed as an adult with Type 1 Diabetes. During this time I have also lost dear friends and family to Cancer. Consequently, on this 20th anniversary, in dedication to everyone who is valiantly fighting Type 1 Diabetes and Cancer, and in commemoration of those with our Lord due to both illnesses.

I have decided to raise money for Diabetes and Cancer Research by hiking to Everest Base Camp (5364m/17,598ft), the 'hard way', via the Three Passes in Nepal between the 1st and 22nd May. As I'm sure you all can imagine this expedition is a daunting challenge for any mountain hiker, but doing this while managing Type 1 Diabetes adds an enormous extra challenge. I would like to ask to be remembered in your prayers in May, and that people would consider making a charitable donation via my JustGiving page below, split between these two great causes, in the hope that one day Type 1 Diabetes and Cancer will be curable and diseases of the past.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/jude-diabetes-cr>



Sundays readings

Sunday 15th February 2026 -6th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A : Psalter Week II
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
ccl 15:15-20, 1 Cor 2:6-10, 1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68
Matt 11:25, Matt 5:17-37

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.

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