

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 21st Feb	St Mary	5.00pm	Nell and Larry France RIP
Sunday 22nd Feb First Sunday of Lent	St Richard	9.00am	UCM, Paul Baines
	St Mary	11.00am	Bernard Halsall
Tuesday 24 th Feb Week 1 of Lent	St Mary	9.30am	Alan Wainwright Birthday Remembrance
Wednesday 25th Feb Week 1 of Lent	St Mary	12 noon	Kathleen Martin (Sick)
Thursday 20th Feb	St Mary	1pm	Funeral Thomas Reynolds
Friday 27th Feb Week 1 of Lent	St Richard	9.30am	Anne Greenhalghs
Saturday 28th Feb Week 1 of Lent	St Mary	5.00pm	Sister Monica RIP

Dates for your diary

Tue	
20 Feb	RCIA course, 7pm, Presbytery
Tue	
27 Feb	Office closed
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 Walke, Bill Ware, Clare Ware Sr. Eva McHale, Brenda Lockhart, Beverley Howard, Clare Gillard, Ronita Ireland, Adelaide Houghton, Pauline Perry, Babs Carroll, Gaynor Davies, Les Newman, Mandy Caldwell – 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 & Anne Greenhaughs.

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 15th February 2026: ££971.07
Building fund £13.00 (Second collection for Sunday is Retiring collection- SVP)

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

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Pastoral Care

If you are aware of any parishioner who is unwell or who has recently been bereaved, please do let the Parish Office know. We would be grateful for the opportunity to send a card and assure them of our prayers and support.

We understand that some situations are private, so please only share information where appropriate. Our intention is simply to reach out with care and kindness where it may be welcomed.

Fundraising Event

You are invited to a Black Tie Fundraising Evening on Saturday 14th March at the Racquet Club, Liverpool.

Enjoy a relaxed with a three course meal and entertainment included.

Tickets are £60 per person.

To book your place, please speak to Fr Kenny.

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.

PRAY AND PLAY: A FREE LENTEN EXPERIENCE FOR FAMILIES

Lent with Veronica's Stations by Deacon Justin Malewezi. This free interactive flipbook brings the family together for prayer and tactile fun! Here is how it works:

PRAY: Read the Stations of the Cross together, reimagined through the eyes of Saint Veronica.

MOLD: Get out the play dough or plasticine and sculpt your own characters for a Bible story.

CREATE: Talk about the story while you sculpt, then write a poem and prayer to go with your creations.



Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or our safeguarding team direct at



or Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

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
The creation and sin of our first parents.
Gen 2-7-9; 3-1-7, Ps 50-3-6, 12-14 17 r. 3, Rom 5:12-19
Matt 4:4, Matt 4:1-11

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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