

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 14 th March Week 4 of Lent	St Mary	5.00pm	Teresa & Pat Reevey RIP- Anniversary, Private intention
Sunday 15 th March 4th Sunday of Lent	St Richard	9.00am	James Edward Pelde
	St Mary	11.00am	Derek Crank LD Elizabeth Gentry LD
Tuesday 17 th March Feast of St Patrick	St Mary	9.30am	Derek Crank LD
Wednesday 18 th March Week 4 of Lent	St Mary	9.30am	Pat & Molly Rochford
Thursday 19 th March Solemnity of St Joseph			
Friday 20 th March Week 4 of Lent	St Richard	9.30am	Catherine Wharton Anniversary
Saturday 21 st March Week 5 of Lent	St Mary	5.00pm	Mick & Vera Clifford RIP Terry & Margaret Murphy Anniversary

Dates for your diary

Tue	
17	UCM Meeting
March	
Thu	
19	RCIA course, 7pm, Presbytery
March	
Fri	
20	Stations of the Cross
March	

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: Janette Gregg LD, Bernard Halsall LD, Anne Greenhaughs & Derek Crank.

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 8th March 2026 collection: £851.69
Building fund: £91.60

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

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Help us shape a vision for young people in our Church

We are currently reviewing youth ministry across our archdiocese, and we need your insight, enthusiasm, and ideas to help us live out the pastoral plan and become a Church where young people and young adults flourish. Everyone is welcome and has a valued voice. Whether you are young or old, lay or ordained, a parent, carer or grandparent, have experience of working with young people or not. If you bring creativity, faith, enthusiasm, or simply a desire to help guide and shape the future of your local Church, then please join us and share your thoughts.

We especially want to hear from young people.

If you are in Year Seven or above, please come along - YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Come along to ONE of our open meetings -

· MONDAY 20TH APRIL 7- 9.30pm St Joseph's Crow Orchard Rd, Wrightington, Wigan WN6 9PA

· TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 7 - 9.30pm St Monica's Fernhill Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 9GA

For more information, contact Sarah McGeehan on s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415099048.

Parish Volunteers

In our Parish there are dozens of people who volunteer to do a whole range of activities (some seen, some behind the scenes!) to make sure the Parish runs as well as it does. BUT – we are always looking for new volunteers to help out – and perhaps bring something to the Parish which we don't yet have. Can you be one of those volunteers? Let us know what you'd like to volunteer for – the more detail you can give the better! Please fill in one of our pink volunteers forms at the back of church and hand it to your PC representative or use the PC posting box. Thanks!

Gift aid

Gift Aid boxes are available at the back of church for anyone who uses them for their offertory giving. If your circumstances have changed, for example your address or tax status, or if you no longer pay tax, please inform the parish office so that our records can be updated.

Stations of the cross

During Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross together each Friday.

At St Richard's, the Stations will take place after Mass on Fridays, followed by the opportunity for Confession.

At St Mary's, the Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7pm,

All are warmly invited to come and take part in this time of prayer and reflection during the Lenten season.

Missionaries of Charity: Carrying of the Cross - Saturday 28th March

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 28 March 2026 at 2PM. Led by Fr Peter Ross of St Bede's Parish, Widnes, we will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service.

Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start.

You are very welcome to join. We also need stewards – if you would like to steward, please contact Jim Ross on email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

Missionaries of Charity
- Seel Street, Liverpool -

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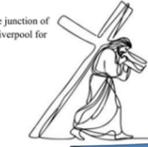
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Starting at: Church St/Lord Street Starts 2 PM Finishing at: St Luke's Church



Sundays readings

Sunday 15th March 2026 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Time Year A : Psalter Week IV

David is anointed king of Israel.

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Ps 22 r. 1, Eph 5:8-14, John 8: 12,

John 9:1-41

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.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Kenny Hyde Deacon: Rev Anthony Callaghan

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