

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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'I have not
come to give
peace but
division.'

Luke 12:49-53

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:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalm: 39: 2-4. 18

Heb 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Sunday 17th August 2025 – 20th Sunday of the Year - Year C; Psalter Week IV

Saturday	16th Aug	Vigil Mass: 20th Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Rosa Taylor, Andy Murphy
Sunday	17th Aug	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Margaret & Richie Slater
			St Francis	11:00am	Joan Jenkins (LD), Parishioners
Monday	18th Aug	Weekday in Ordinary Time			<i>Prayer for Peace</i>
Tuesday	19th Aug	Weekday in Ordinary Time	St Francis	9:30am	Peace in the world
Wednesday	20th Aug	St Bernard	St Mary	9:30am	Andy Murphy
Thursday	21st Aug	St Pius X	St Mary	12:45pm	Funeral Service: Thomas Buckley
Friday	22nd Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Richard	9:30am	Val Tailor
Saturday	23rd Aug	Vigil Mass: 21st Sunday	St Mary	5:00pm	Rosa Taylor, Parishioners
Sunday	24th Aug	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	St Richard	9:00am	Alan Wainwright
			St Francis	11:00am	Thomas Nielson

The Queenship of Mary - Friday 22nd August:

Pius IX established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century St Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen" and Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his encyclical To the Queen of Heaven, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection and because of her intercessory power.



***Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.***

***Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.***

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died: Clara Theresa Caffrey, John David Jamieson, Breda Parr, Ambrose Shere, Robert Johnson, Lesley Jones, Andy Murphy, Ann Judge, Patricia Arua.

Thomas Buckley, Funeral Service 12:45pm
Thursday 21st August at St Mary's, on to West
Lancs Crematorium.

Bernard Sweeney, Burial of Ashes 10:00am
Saturday 23rd August at St Richard's.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers

Stephen Donnelly, Nina Leigh, Debbie Martin, Sr Margaret Shutt, 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, Don Smith, Nick Sales, Turner family, Jennifer Walker, Stephen Philip Rochford, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Bernard Halsall, Collette Haynes, Mark Everest, Paul Dickinson – *and all those who need our prayers.*

Parish Council

A little reminder that at the back of church are contact forms, which anybody is welcome to complete if they have suggestions, questions, concerns or comments they wish to put to the Parish Council. Just pop your completed form in the box; or you're welcome to give it to your PC representative if you prefer.

- **Note:** From this weekend the names and photos of the PC representatives, will be on our church notice boards.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

JUBILEE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE - Saturday 20 September

Holy Mass 12:00 to 13:00

Lunch, Reflections, Exhibition 13:00 to 15:30

At Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.

Come together for a celebration of change, equality, and unity at the Jubilee for Social Justice at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Holy Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm McMahon, impactful discussions, and inspiring speakers from within Catholic social action.

An opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and communities, coming together to celebrate God's vision for a more just society.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-for-social-justice-tickets-1374429849679>

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish:

10th August 2025: £906.36 Building Fund: £22.00

Wedding Service

With great delight we
announce the Weddings of:

Joel William Miller and

Jessica Emily MacGuire,

who will marry on Saturday 30th August
in St Richard Church at 2:00pm.



Housing Complex by St Mary's

We have been advised that the work on the
new drains will now commence late October.

**Therefore, St Mary's will remain open in
September with Masses as usual.**

Updates will be published as we have them.

Pilgrimage Masses at the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi

The Parish of St Anne and Blessed
Dominic, Sutton St Helens, invites clergy
and parishioners to two special
pilgrimage Masses at the Shrine of
Blessed Dominic Barberi—designated as one of the
Jubilee Churches of our Archdiocese.



Blessed Dominic Barberi Pilgrimage Mass

- **Monday, 25 August at 12 noon.** Principal Celebrant: Fr
Giuseppe Adobati Carrara, Superior General of the
Passionist Order

Venerable Elizabeth Prout Pilgrimage Mass

- **Saturday, 13 September at 12 noon.**

Principal Celebrant: Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury
Both Masses will be held at St Anne's Church, WA9 1ZD.
Refreshments will be served after the Mass on 25
August. All are warmly invited to attend these
significant occasions of prayer and pilgrimage.

Enquiries: Blessed Dominic Parish Office

– 01744 811935 (Mondays and Fridays, 9am–4pm)

Cursillo Encounter Evening

– Love & Friendship

Cursillo warmly invites you
to an evening of Prayer,
Reflection and Friendship on:



Wednesday 20th August 7.00pm – 9.30pm

St Teresa's Catholic Church, Parish Hall, Upholland

All are welcome, please invite your friends & family.

To reserve your free place call Jenny on 07947271037
or email national@cursillouk.org

See: <https://cursillouk.org/about-cursillo/>



Parish SVP: *Turning Concern Into Action*

The **Retiring Collection** next weekend
23rd/24th August is for the **Parish SVP.**