

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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Repent, for
the kingdom
of God is
close at
hand.

Matt 3:1-12

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:
Isa 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Luke 3: 4, 6
Matt 3:1-12

Sunday 7th December 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) - Psalter Week II

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| Saturday | 6th Dec | Vigil | St Mary | 5.00pm | Damian Aindow |
| Sunday | 7th Dec | 2nd Sunday of Advent | St Richard | 9.00am | Ella Crank, Susan Reevey, Kathleen Burke |
| | | | St Mary | 11.00am | George Fox, Mary Kelly |
| Tuesday | 9th Dec | Weekday | St Mary | 9.30am | Ella Crank (LD) |
| Wednesday | 10th Dec | Weekday | St Mary | 9.30am | Mr & Mrs Eugene Garrette |
| Friday | 12th Dec | | St Richard | 9.30am | Parishioners |
| Saturday | 13th Dec | Vigil | St Mary | 5.00pm | Damian Aindow, Terry Wordoff |
| Sunday | 14th Dec | 3rd Sunday of Advent | St Richard | 9.00am | Frances Jo |
| | | | St Mary | 11.00am | Ella Crank |



A Ceremony of Carols
Come and enjoy a Ceremony of Carols, which will be performed on Thursday 11 December at 12:30pm at St Anthony of Padua by the Cathedral’s Choristers with harpist Elizabeth McNulty. Admission is free.



CAFOD Christmas Fun Run – 27 December
Signup is open for CAFOD’s annual Fun Run! The run will take place on 27 December at Wavertree Sports Park and is open to all. Run, walk, or wheel with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas and raise money for those in need! Scan the QR code on the poster to sign up, or search CAFOD Fun Run.



The Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Presents A Celebration of Christmas – Saturday 13 December
A Celebration of Christmas returns this year on Saturday 13 December with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit.
Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family.
Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral.
Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

Recently deceased:

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have recently died:
Ming Wah Chan, Joan Rimmer, Margaret Fishwick, Angela Aspinall and Ella Crank

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.

Parish Christmas Party - we are having our annual Christmas "do" on Saturday 13th December (this is a change from a date you might have heard!) - from 7:30pm in the SJR Centre. It's free to join us for some live music - playing some of the top 20 Christmas hits, followed by a few sing-along and dance-along tunes! There will be a raffle - you could win some of your Christmas presents! - so bring along a pound or three. Please bring your own food and drink.

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

Advent Carol Service 16th December- 7pm- St Richard’s.

We're looking for readers, singers, musicians and helpers for refreshments.
If you can lend a hand, please let Leann in the office know so your name can be added to the list.
Fr Kenny will be in touch afterwards to confirm roles.

Jubilee Year – there’s still time to celebrate!

If you haven’t had a chance yet to visit any of the Holy Doors across the Archdiocese, there’s still time! Including the Cathedral, there seven Jubilee churches that can be visited on a “Jubilee Pilgrimage” Those visiting the churches can be granted a plenary indulgence.
A Pilgrimage Passport can be collected from the welcome desk at the cathedral or downloaded via this link https://tinyurl.com/4jh2hcj3 where you’ll also find all the information you’ll need to help plan any visits

Remember Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Nina Leigh, Jennifer Walker, Stephen Philip Rochford, Billy & Joyce Rainford, Dorothy Halsall, Bernard Halsall, Collette Haynes, Mark Everest – *and all those who need our prayers*

Dates for your diary:

Parish Christmas Party Saturday 13th December 7.30pm in the SJR _please bring your own food and drinks
Parish International Mass Sunday 11th January 2026
OLQP Pensioners Christmas Party 16th December 12.30pm
Please note there are only 15 places available.
Advent Carol Service 16th December- 7pm- St Richard’s.

Advent Carol Service 16th December – Rehearsal

Calling all readers, singers and musicians who have already committed to the evening and anybody else who would like to read, play or lead singing, to come to a rehearsal for the Carol Service.

The rehearsal will be in church at St Richard’s on Thursday 11th December, starting at 6pm It will last about an hour. Please do try to come along. Having a practice beforehand, will mean an even better celebration on the night.

Blessed Silence during Advent

Before each weekend Mass during Advent, there will be **exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** It is an opportunity for quiet reflection, prayer and a bit of peace with Our Lord, away from the busy-ness outside.
We are all asked then, to **keep complete silence** during this time.

Sunday Collections: Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 30th November 2025:
£1120.00

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