

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 7 th March Week 3 of Lent	St Mary	5.00pm	Mrs Carol Rooney LD
Sunday 8 th March Third Sunday of Lent	St Richard	9.00am	College community
	St Mary	11.00am	Leo McNicholas RIP Angela Batey RIP
Tuesday 10 th March Week 3 of Lent	St Mary	9.30am	Tom Flaherty
Wednesday 11 th March Week 3 of Lent	St Mary	9.30am	Parishioners
Friday 13 th March Week 3 of Lent	St Richard	9.30am	Derek Crank LD
Saturday 15 th March Week 4 of Lent	St Mary	5.00pm	Teresa & Pat Reevey RIP- Anniversary

Dates for your diary

Tue	
10 March	SVP meeting, 5pm, St Francis
Thu	
12 March	RCIA course, 7pm, Presbytery
Fri	
13 March	Stations of the Cross

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: Alan Faye LD, Paul McGauley LD, Janette Gregg LD, Bernard Halsall LD, Anne Greenhaughs & Derek Crank.

Sunday Collections:

Thank you for your kindness to the parish. 1st March 2026 collection: £830.74
Building fund: £48.00

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

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Can you help?

We have a number of practical jobs that need doing around St Richard's over the coming weeks, including work at the St John Rigby Centre. Tasks include things like jet washing, preparing floors, and a general tidy up of the grounds and buildings.

If you are able to spare a little time to lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. Even an hour or two can make a real difference and help us keep everything in good order.

If you would be willing to help with any of these jobs, please contact the parish office and we will be in touch. Thank you for supporting the parish in this way.

Parish Council

Minutes of the latest PC meeting are available to read at the back of church or online on the parish web site. Please contact your PC representative with any issues or questions about our parish and we promise to look at every request.

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!

CaféJam
spread some song across your heart

Praise God through singing – café jam worship is café style, informal and for all those of any ability who love to sing or just listen.
Lots of cakes and drinks provided.

When: Sunday 8th March 2026
Time: 6.30pm start
Venue: Trinity Methodist/URC Church, High St, Skelmersdale WN8 8AT

For more details contact Rita on 07838 103310 or rita.griffiths4@ntlworld.com

Retiring Collection in aid of the work of the Mamie Martin Charity as it supports the education of girls in Malawi

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, also followed by Confession.

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 28 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

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- Seel Street, Liverpool -

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

Sundays readings

Sunday 8th March 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Time Year A : Psalter Week III

Give us water to drink.

Exod 17:3-7, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:42, 15, John 4:5-42

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

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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