

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 11 th April	St Mary	5.00pm	Mark Clifford & Mary Roach RIP
Sunday 12 th April Divine Mercy Sunday	St Richard	9.00am	Chris Kane Birthday Anniversary
	St Mary	11.00am	James Peloe LD
Tuesday 14 th April	St Mary	9.30am	Celia & Harry Deboo, Kate Garnett RIP
Wednesday 15 th April	St Mary	9.30am	Nordoff family, Thanksgiving
Friday 17 th April	St Richard	9.30am	In memory of John R. Swift, Elsie Ashton Birthday wishes
Saturday 18 th April	St Mary	5.00pm	

Dates for your diary

Tue	
14	SVP meeting
April	
Wed	
21	UCM, meeting
April	

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, Maureen and Don Smith, baby Deliah Doherty – 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.

A reminder that during April, the St Edmund's and St Richard's Mission Boxes are due to be emptied.

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

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Divine Mercy Sunday



You are invited to **Divine Mercy Sunday** **Sunday 12th April 2026** **2.00pm**
St John the Evangelist Church
Fountains Road, L4
Everybody is welcome

Jesus told St Faustina, "the souls that come on that feast day to Mass to receive Holy Communion and go to confession will not only have their sins forgiven, but all stains of sins removed."

Jesus said, "this is mankind's last hope to turn to Mercy, and also I want to pour out Oceans of Mercy on you" (Mercy is forgiveness).

All day	Confessions
2.00pm	Testimony and talk on Divine Mercy Message
3.00pm	Adoration Chaplet of Divine Mercy Benediction
4.00pm	Holy Mass / Hymns by Marg & Sheila Veneration of the image Blessing with the relic of the true cross

Please come early to write petitions, which we will place on the altar.
For more info, contact Paula: 07984 970 296

Thank you's

June, John and Dot would like to thank everyone for their prayers during Jim's illness, and for the many Mass cards and messages of condolence received. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Thank you to all who contributed to the flower box at the back of church, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Path of Synodality

Pope Leo has invited us to continue to embrace the journey of synodality recognising that 'our relationships do not respond to the logic of power but to that of love.' As we journey through Eastertime towards the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we have an opportunity to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace at every level in the life of the Church.

Tuesday evenings 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May, 7pm to 8.30pm

To join the zoom meeting use the weblink below, enter the meeting details or use the QR code:



Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285
Passcode: 981267

April 6th 2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard Majella C.Ss.R., patron saint of a good confession and of mothers. To mark the occasion, Bishop Eton will be hosting a special day of events, including Mass with the Archbishop, Blessing services, Exposition and a Taizé service.

The church will be open all day and a team of Redemptorists and parishioners will be available to ensure that all those who wish may reverence the relic of St Gerard and receive medals and prayer cards. The first copy of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour to leave Rome will be on display.

Light refreshments, crafts for children and young people, and information on St Gerard will be available in the parish hall.

We look forward to welcoming you and your families for this very special occasion.

The full schedule and information on St Gerard can be found by scanning the QR code, or visiting www.bishopeton.org.uk/a-day-in-honour-of-st-gerard.html

A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR ST GERARD MAJELLA
Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bishop Eton Church, Woolton Rd, Liverpool

+ Saturday 25th April 2026 +
The 300th Anniversary of 'The Mothers' Saint'

9:30	Church open for private prayer
10:00	Service of Blessing for Mothers, Mothers-to-be & Children
10:30	Church open for private prayer
12:00	Mass with the Most Reverend Archbishop of Liverpool John Sherrington
13:00	Service of Blessing for Mothers, Mothers-to-be & Children
13:30	Church open for private prayer
15:30	Service of Blessing for Mothers, Mothers-to-be & Children
16:00	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament until 19:30
19:00	An open service of Prayer, Reflection and Taizé-style Chants

Although St Gerard is widely known as 'The Mothers' Saint' any person seeking a blessing will of course be welcomed

We are also grateful to be able to display the original 1866 icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour the first copy outside of Rome of this world famous icon

ASD in The Fisher-More Hall at Bishop Eton from 10:00 - 11:45 and also from 13:15-16:00

* Craft activities for children & young people
* Tea and Coffee

Hall closed 10:45-11:15 please use Woolton Road for bus services

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Sundays readings

Sunday 12th April- Divine Mercy Sunday

Time Year A : Psalter Week I

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

Acts 2:42-47, Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 r.1, 1 Pet 1:3-9,

John 20:29, John 20:19-31

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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