

The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

Newsletter Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th January 2024

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YouTube

Masses from St. Edward's are streamed live on our YouTube page – Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish Masses from Holy Spirit will be streamed on our Facebook Page

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZaCv2yYfq39wZY2phiavmg>



Missio Appeal

Over the weekend of 20/21st January 2024 we welcome Fr Joseph Thangaraj Balaswamy.

Fr Joseph's visit is to express thanks to all who support Missio through prayer and donations using the Red Boxes.

He will also be encouraging and inviting more parishioners to become involved with Missio supporting the Missionary/Evangelising ministry of the Church, through prayer, and taking one of the Red Boxes home and becoming a regular contributor.

I'm sure he will receive a warm, spiritually rich, welcome from our parish community. Please do give him some time and learn more of the amazing work carried out by Missio.

Both Fr Joseph or Katy, our Missio Secretary, will be available after masses next weekend to assist anyone who would like to sign up or have any queries. Many Thanks.

Viral Infections – Guidance from the Bishops

As Fr Peter, and many parishioners are aware, there are several severe viruses circulating among our population. Our Bishops' ask us, in charity, to stay home if we even think we might have an infection. We put the safety of others before our own desire to attend the Eucharist – **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE ADHERES TO THIS GUIDANCE!**

If you feel safer wearing a mask, please do.

Ensure you sanitise your hands as you enter the church buildings and before receiving.

When talking to people it is best to not face them directly, rather side on

One infected person exhales 15,000 virus particles per minute, if we do not ventilate our church buildings adequately, we are simply sat in a thickening soup of air born viruses.

Ventilation is a particular challenge at Holy Spirit, as none of the windows in the church open, so doors, in both buildings, must be left open.

Warm Space

The parish has been asked if we can offer **Warm Space**, people joining us in the hall for, warmth, welcome and a bite to eat. Whatever we can manage will be advertised across Halton.

Knit and Natter are opening their meetings starting on Monday 15th January.

We have offered **Warm Space** at Holy Spirit, no one came along for the soup lunches, perhaps because there are a number of organisations offering support on Halton Brook already.

We are proposing that we trial offering tea, coffee, and toast on Tuesday mornings 9.00 – 11.00 am at St Edward's. Volunteers are needed to support this venture, please sign up on the sheets in our church buildings. With sufficient volunteers we could launch this on Tuesday 30th January 2024

Please indicate if you are able to stay for the whole time or part-time.

Please keep the following in your Prayers!

*Vova, Coleen Shaw, Jacqui Dunn, Patrick Brolly, Catherine Harrison,
Pauline Hanlon, Barbara Burgess, Maureen Pattinson,
Darren Brown, Mrs Christina Stone, Maureen Knight*

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list, please pass it into one of the sacristies.

Adult Formation

Adult Formation continues on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.00 pm at St Edward's
As we begin a New Year spending an hour reflecting on the Word of God would be a wonderful
development in your spiritual life.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have a bible please bring it, but there are always bibles in the sacristy you'll be able to borrow.

Sacred Space

All are welcome to join us for our next Sacred Space Prayer Gathering on
Tuesday 30th January at St. Edward's at 6.30 pm

It is a beautiful time of prayer using scripture, reflections & quotes and music. There is also the
opportunity for individual prayer. Please do come along and invite a friend!

Runcorn Food Bank

The foodbank are currently requesting donations of:

**Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Sponge Puddings, Rice Puddings, Custard,
Long Life Milk, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables**

Please consider supporting the Foodbank financially, as an alternative to giving food as they can
focus on the items that are low in stock. 100% of all financial donations spent on food.

Knit and Natter - Monday 15th January 1.30 -3.30

All are welcome, if you can't knit come along for a natter.

Thank you to all who supported our Knitted Crib raffle it raised £92 towards the Autumn Fair and was
won by Mrs Hilda Cavangher

Easyfundraising

A cheque for **£51.30** has been received by the Parish from Easyfundraising. When shopping online
to raise more funds at no extra cost to yourself use this link to sign up to our cause:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ses/payments/6cd195/?utm_campaign=qp-nov-22&utm_source=email

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers our candidates as they prepare to receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The upcoming dates for preparation are as follows:

**14th January 2024: Youth Alpha will begin weekly 3:00pm-4:30pm in
St. Edward's Hall**

All Young People in Year 8 – 12 are invited to join Youth Alpha, whether you are
preparing for Confirmation or not. It is a wonderful experience and a time to learn more
about the Christian Faith with your peers – snacks and drinks are provided!

Mass of Confirmation – 7th March 2024 at St. Edward's

All those from year 8 (this September) upwards, are invited to celebrate Mass with us each week.
Adults who have not yet received the Sacrament are also invited to join us. Please speak with
Fr Peter or Clare and we'll introduce you to some support material we will be using.