

The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

Newsletter Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th 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/UCZaCv2yYfq39wZY2phiaymq>

United in Prayer, Sunday 28th January, 6.30 p.m. at Brook Chapel

Please join members from other churches in Runcorn as we come together to pray for the town, our churches and communities and for the world scene. Everybody is welcome. Refreshments to follow courtesy of Brook Chapel.

Knit and Natter – Monday 29th January 1:30 – 3:30pm

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

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.

Lourdes by Jumbulance – Thu 30th May to Sat 8th June and Thu 15th to Sat 24th August

Shrewsbury Diocese are organising two pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance (Jumbo Ambulance) throughout 2024. For more details, please see the poster in church.

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.

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 tea, coffee, and toast on Tuesday mornings 9.30 – 11.30 am at St. Edward's beginning on Tuesday 6th February. Thank you to those who have volunteered – more are always needed! Please sign up on the sheets in our church buildings.

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

A message from Betty McNabb

*I would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe for all their prayers and kind thoughts following the death of my son Christopher R.I.P. They were greatly appreciated by all the family.
God Bless you all, Betty*

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

Meetings have re-started on Monday evenings at 7.00pm.

As we continue throughout the 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.

The Belle Vale Passion

Many of you will remember fondly the Runcorn Passion in 2013 when we performed a moving musical performance of the Passion of Jesus based on CJM's 'Born For This.' This year, The Belle Vale Passion is being staged by Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, in partnership with other churches in the local community. Clare O'Brien, from TenTen Resources (Theatre), is a parishioner in Our Lady's and extends the invitation to anyone from the Parish who would like to get involved in the Belle Vale Passion. For more information visit <https://bellevalepassion.co.uk/>, leaflets are also available at the back of our Churches. If you aren't able to take part but would like to go along and see the performance save the date!!
Holy Saturday | 30th March 2024 At 12pm
Belle Vale Shopping Centre, Liverpool, L25 2RF – The Main Concourse

Runcorn Food Bank

The foodbank are currently requesting donations of:

Bags for Life or Carrier Bags.

Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Instant Soup, Rice Puddings, Custard, Long Life Milk, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Toothpaste

Please consider supporting the Foodbank financially as an alternative to giving food, as it costs over £18,000 per year to run the foodbank.

LENT – OUR SPRINGTIME SEASON – begins on Wednesday 14th February

- ✚ Could we have your prayers and reflections for our Lent/Easter Prayer Sheet by 14th February
- ✚ Please bring your palms, by 11th February and leave them in one of the sacristies so they can be burnt to make our Ash for the beginning of the Lenten Journey
- ✚ Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving focus us on our Lenten Journey, what will you give up and take up this Lent?
- ✚ Cafod Family Fast Day is Friday 23rd of February, envelopes are available in Church

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:

Youth Alpha continues weekly 3:00pm-4:30pm on Sundays 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.