

The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe
Newsletter Sixth Sunday of Easter – 5th May 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/UCZaCv2yYfg39wZY2phiaymg>

ABLAZE Parish Mission 18th – 22nd May 2024

Deacon Keith will be preaching at Masses across the weekend followed by 3 evening meetings on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to which **all** parishioners are invited!

This will be a Spirit filled Mission for all involved as we continue to work for Parish Renewal – please put the dates in your diary and attend as much of the Mission as possible!

The evening sessions are;

Monday The Father's Delight – You don't have to earn the Father's love!
Tuesday Breaking the Power of Sin – How does the cross set us free?
Wednesday Unleashing the Spirit – Live in the fullness of the Father's life!

INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, FELLOW PARISHIONERS TO THIS EXCITING TIME OF MISSION

Watch the Video of Deacon Keith's Invitation to our Mission <https://youtu.be/SJZ0LcvSzSU>

There's also an interview with Fr. James Mallon and Deacon Keith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nilmAua1Qf0>

Please pick up posters and fliers from Church to advertise the Mission
Remember, personal recommendation and personal invitation have the greatest impact!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

After a successful appeal last weekend to revitalise the St Vincent de Paul group in Runcorn, Kate Birkenhead has organised an introductory meeting to be held on Thursday 16th May at 6pm at St Edwards. Anyone who is interested in joining the group or wants to find out more information about the SVP Society please come along.

Ladies Group – Wednesday 8th May 7:30pm – A Quiz

Raffle: Ann Gordon

Teas: Lynn McGowan, Ann Gordon

All are welcome!

Warm Space – Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30 am St Edward's

Our Warm Space initiative continues each Tuesday with tea, coffee, and toast. **All Are Welcome!**

Rhoscolyn Parish Weekend Retreat 2024

After a wonderful Parish Weekend in 2023 we've been asked to look at possibilities to go back to Rhoscolyn. The only dates available are the end of September and October. The date and price depend very much upon numbers attending – whether we would need to book one house or two. If you are interested in coming, please sign up on the list at the back of Church or let Clare Williams know by **Sunday 19th May** then dates and prices can be confirmed. If you'd like a look at the accommodation, please visit [Outdoor Alternative https://www.outdooralternative.co.uk/](https://www.outdooralternative.co.uk/)

Please keep the following in your Prayers!

Jacqui Dunn, Patrick Brolly, Catherine Harrison, Pauline Hanlon,

Barbara Burgess, Darren Brown, Mrs Christina Stone,

Neil Watling, Sheila Jones, Lillian Redican, Anne Bowman, Julius & Ancy

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

Adult Formation

We continue to meet Monday evenings at 7.00pm.

Throughout Eastertide we'll be reading the Acts of the Apostles. Acts inspire us, telling the story of the newborn Church, our story too!

Join us for a refreshing and inspiring hour of **"BREAKING OPEN THE WORD OF GOD"**!
This would be a wonderful way to enable you to be more joyful throughout Eastertide and help you grow as a Missionary Disciple?

A Message of thanks

Maureen and Myra wish to thank the Parish Family for their love, prayers and practical help offered and delivered so readily during the recent traumatic and very stressful period experienced due to Maureen's illness. Thanks to God and the Holy Spirit Maureen is now going from strength to strength and we know that we could not have come through this without His help and that of our Parish Family. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and a Mass will be said for your own welfare and happiness. **God bless you all.**

Trinity Safe Space charity, Halton, has an urgent request

Due to unprecedented large numbers of new arrivals into our charity (people seeking asylum, refugees and vulnerable migrants) we are struggling to meet demand for items and do not have enough funding to buy as much as we need for them. Most of them are men.

We need the following: men's jeans – sizes 32" and 34" waist, regular or long leg; men's waterproof trainers (not the cloth type) sizes 43, 41 and 44; men's boxer shorts sizes medium and large; hair clippers; stick blenders for food; stockpot style pans. It would be excellent if donations could be new ones, but we will also accept clean second-hand clothes, trainers and pans as long as they are in a very good state – no dirty, stained or ripped ones please and no second-hand underwear.

Please drop them off at Trinity Methodist church, Peelhouse Lane, Widnes, WA8 6TN on a Monday between 10.30 and 1 as soon as possible (avoid bank holidays as we will be shut) or Trinity Methodist church, Main Street Runcorn, on a Thursday between 10 and 12.30. Thank you, Pauline Ruth, Chair of Trustees

Easyfundraising

The Parish has received 1163 donations raising **£854.69** from online purchases using Easyfundraising.

Runcorn Food Bank

The foodbank are currently requesting donations of:

Toilet Rolls, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Household Cleaning Products, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Deodorant

This week, the Parish has passed on £135 to the Foodbank. Thank you for the donations. Please consider supporting the Foodbank financially as an alternative to giving food, as it costs over £18,000 per year to run the foodbank.

Alpha

As the Alpha course continues, here are some of the words used to sum up this week's session:

- Healing, Glory, Forgiveness, Sanctification, You Are Loved, Jesus Died To Save Us

An Appeal from CAFOD

Many other aid agencies have already evacuated Sudan. Right now the Caritas network we're a part of supported by the Church in Sudan are some of the only organisations able to deliver aid to the Sudanese people. Please help empower the Caritas network and the Church in Sudan today, so they can put your Christian compassion into practice.

A Day for Confirmation Catechists

You are invited to a day with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Bishop Mark Davies for confirmation catechists and all those interested. It is a day exploring the Sacrament of Confirmation, best practice and an opportunity to network with catechists from across the diocese. The Mission for Catechesis Team and the Diocesan Youth Team will in attendance to offer their support on the day. Join us on May 18th, 10am-4pm at St Mary's Parish, Centre, 65 Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX. To find out more contact Natalie Orefice on 07730 526826 or natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewbury.org or sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-day-for-catechists-in-the-diocese-of-shrewsbury-tickets-851383700567>