



The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

Newsletter Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Prayer Requests – please pass these into the Sacristy.



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>



The Parish Winter Craft Fair this year will take place on Saturday 6th December 11 am – 2 pm

The Craft Fair is always very popular and is one of the biggest parish fundraisers each year. New volunteers to run stalls are always welcome, so please let Fr. Peter if you can help, particularly if you have an idea for new crafts or hand-made gifts to sell. **It's time to get crafting!**

With the different nationalities we have in the parish it would be wonderful if each crafted and/or baked for the Fair. Perhaps there are different traditions you could share with us from your home country.

!!!!!!Volunteers Needed!!!!!!

If you are able to help set/clear up the tables etc or help on a stall please add your name to the list at the back of Church stating what you can do – many hands make light work as the saying goes!

Christmas Raffle - £1 a number

Send in money in an envelope marked 'Raffle; with a note inside saying: 'How many numbers you would like' and 'Your name and contact number'. You will then be randomly allocated numbers.

Closing date: Sunday 14th December Live Draw: Sunday 21st December

PRIZES! 1st Lenovo M9 Tablet & Portable Wifi Device; 2nd £150 Cash; 3rd £50 Norton Arms Voucher; 4th £50 Tosca Beauty Voucher; 5th £50 Amazon Voucher; 6th £50 M&S Voucher; 7th Bottle of Talisker Skye; 8th Mixed Case of 6 Bottles of Wine; 9th Bottle of Smirnoff 57 Vodka; 10th Handcrafted Christmas Table Mats & Cushions

Advent / Christmas Prayer Sheet

Please give in any prayers to Fr. Peter this weekend so the prayer sheet can be ready for the First week of Advent. Thank you in advance!

Knit and Natter – Monday 24th November 1:30 – 3:30pm

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

Opening the Word – 6.30 pm Monday evening at St Edward's and on Zoom

Come and join us on Monday 24th November as we look at
'THE JOYFUL SEASON OF ADVENT' – All Are Most Welcome!

Ladies Group - Wednesday 26th November 7:30pm

Helen the Storyteller will be with us. All are welcome

Raffle: Chris Williams Teas: Liz & Pauline

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

All Are Welcome for tea, toast and a chat!

Please keep the following in your Prayers!

*Carol Davison, Jacqui Dunn, Patrick Brolly, Catherine Harrison,
Pauline Hanlon, Barbara Burgess, Darren Brown, Neil Watling, Sheila Jones,
Maz Thompson, Julius, Tom McKenzie, Anne, Fred Scowcroft, Michelle Hughes,
June Keane, Lucas Goodier, Ryan Wooster, Laura Kelly*

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

Faith in Action

Today is National Youth Sunday, so at the 10.30 am Mass our Young People will be taking on more of the ministries during our Mass, before going out to celebrate together afterwards.

Our next meeting will then be on **Sunday 7th December 3 – 4.30 pm**. Between 3 and 4 pm we'll be looking at the season of Advent with games and quizzes. At 4 pm, we invite parents/guardians to join us as we then pray the Advent Labyrinth, a special time of prayer helping us to reflect on the special season. During this time, we also invite Parishioners to come along and pray the Labyrinth. There will be refreshments afterwards including sherry and mince pies!

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 75th Anniversary

Canon Christopher Matthews Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, has informed us the plans for the next Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are nearing the final stage. 2026 will be the 75th Anniversary pilgrimage, with the first taking place in 1951. Booking forms will be available in the New Year. The Pilgrimage Management Team will be launching the 2026, 75th Anniversary, Pilgrimage on **Saturday 29 November** with Mass at 12 noon in Saint Hugh & Saint John parish in Timperley followed by refreshments and pilgrimage information in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited.

Runcorn Food Bank

The foodbank is currently requesting donations of:

**Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Long Life Milk, Biscuits / Confectionery
Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shower Gel etc.**

Please consider supporting the Foodbank financially as well as giving food so they can focus on the items low in stock. All financial donations for the next year will be spent on food.

Please go to our new Online Donation page or go to our website for further details

<https://runcorndistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Seel Street Appeal – FINAL WEEKEND FOR DONATIONS!

We have had an annual appeal to help the homeless in Seel St, Liverpool. Boxes will be available in both churches for 2 weeks, starting 15/11/25. The list of items requested-
soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, combs, deodorants, shampoo, new woollen hats, scarves, gloves, new men's socks, new ladies socks + tights, new underwear for men + women.
If you prefer to make a cash donation please place in a sealed envelope marked Seel St and hand it to Fr Peter or one of the sacristans.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from this week 15/16th November for a Knitted Nativity, including Stable. £1 each with all proceeds to parish funds. Winner to be drawn on 14th December.

Travelling Nativity

Could you provide a home for Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem?

Our knitted nativity will be travelling around the parish from the **17th December** and returning to church on Christmas Eve. If you think you can welcome them for one night, along with your family, friends and parishioners, with a short prayer (all provided), a cup of tea and mince pie, then help them to their next destination, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. If you have any questions, please speak to Clare Williams or Fr. Peter.

Churches Together in Runcorn are asking for Carol Singers for the Shopping City on **Saturday 6th December 12-2pm**. Please let Chris Bullock know as soon as possible if you can help.