



The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

Newsletter Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th January 2026

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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/UCZaCv2yYfq39wZY2phiaymg>

ALPHA 13

Our next Alpha Course starts on Tuesday April 7th at 6.30 pm.

For those who haven't experienced an Alpha Course this is how one runs – We meet just before 6.30 pm so everyone is together for the free meal. People simply chat and get to know each other. After the meal we watch video which lasts about 20 minutes. After the video there is an open discussion around the table responding to questions or ideas that have been presented. Each week has the same relaxed format, it builds up to The Holy Spirit Day, which this year is on Saturday 23rd May and runs for about four hours.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord we pray to be refreshed by the Spirit of our Baptism.

Let us be strengthened and invite many to share in Alpha and experience our Good News.

We have quite a lot of resources for you to pick up and use as you invite people to join us. As we work towards the start of Alpha 13 you will hear the experience of other parishioners, some of whom were reluctant to attend but had an overwhelming experience. There are also resources on our social media.

For those who wish to sign up straight away or join the team, in one of the many varied roles suiting all skills and talents, please email alphamkruncorn@gmail.com

We Dare To Ask

We Dare to Ask is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions each exploring our baptismal vocation, preparing us for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. The course is available both online and in print. The booklets can be ordered by emailing aec@rcaos.org the deadline is 19 January 2026.

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

All Are Welcome for tea, toast and a chat!

Knit and Natter – Monday 19th January 1:30 – 3:30pm

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle for the knitted Nativity Set. It raised £161 towards the Winter Craft Fair, and the winner was Barbara (Holy Spirit)

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.

Runcorn Food Bank

The foodbank is currently requesting donations of:
Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Custard, Long Life Milk,
Tinned or Packet Soup, Sanitary Products

Thank to all parishioners who are continuing to support the Foodbank throughout Winter.

All donations are welcome – both financial and goods – especially at this time of year.

In October, 202 vouchers were issued and the Foodbank provided food and other essential to 285 adults and 181 children. This is vital as a recent report from Trussell shows that the percentage of UK households in food insecurity increased from 14% in 2022 to 16% in 2024. Continued support such as this have enabled the Foodbank to provide 2.72 tonnes of food and household essentials per month in our area.

Churches Together in Cheshire – A Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

To be held at Chester Cathedral, CH1 2DY on **Sunday 18 January** at 5pm. The Guest Speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. This service brings together believers from many traditions to pray for peace, justice and deeper unity in our communities and our world. The service will also feature the Chester Taize Choir. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team Vacancies

Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

Rhoscolyn Parish Retreat Weekend

We have booked our next Parish Retreat Weekend in Rhoscolyn for **23rd – 25th October 2025**. The price is dependent upon the number of people who attend.
This amazing weekend is open to all ages. There will be times of prayer, silence and reflection as well as time to grow in friendship! Please be aware that in most rooms there is bunk bed accommodation with some rooms having some beds that aren't bunks. We do our best to accommodate everyone appropriately. This year, there is the option to stay an extra night, for an extra cost. Again, this price will depend on how many people stay for the extra night.
If you would like to join us this year please sign up on the posters in Church by **Sunday 1st March 2026**, so a price can be worked out and deposits paid and please indicate how many nights you would like to stay. Last year the cost was £100 per person, with excellent food included!

Faith in Action

The next two meetings will be on **Sunday 25th January** and **Sunday 8th February**, both 3:00-4:30pm. Faith in Action is for young parishioners Year 5 and above. If you have not been to a Faith in Action meeting before, and would like to join in the fun, please contact Clare Williams for a consent form.

A message from Betty McNab

I would like to thank all my friends at St. Maximilian Kolbe for all the kind thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. God bless, Betty.

Sacred Space

Join us on Thursday 29th January for a time of prayer using scripture, quotes and a mix of traditional and contemporary music. There will also be a time of prayer to the Holy Spirit and an opportunity for individual prayer, if you wish.

Those who come along find it to be a wonderful time to think and reflect in an informal, relaxed atmosphere, so why not come along and experience it yourself!