



### The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

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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/UCZaCv2yYfg39wZY2phiaymq>

### PENTECOST - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

We prepare to celebrate the birth of the Church with the pouring down of the Holy Spirit and the gift of speaking many languages. We have several languages here in our parish of St Maximilian Kolbe, you are asked to prepare a Universal/Bidding Prayer for Pentecost in your first language and also in English. You are asked to read the prayer in both languages at Mass. Please let Fr Peter know which language and which Mass.

To continue the celebration of unity and diversity you are asked to bring a plate of your national food to share with parishioners. British people please bring a plate too.

Perhaps you could come to Mass wearing your traditional clothes too

### ALPHA 13

**Our Alpha Course has now started with meetings on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm.  
The Holy Spirit Day Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

Some of the words and phrases from participants inspired by this week's session are below:

*Believe without seeing, Faith comes from hearing and hearing comes from God,  
Open the door to let Him in, If you invite, he will come in, Faith is trust, Gift from God,  
A Journey, Acceptance, Bible is living word and proof, Bible is the truth,  
Grateful for dying for us, Faith is friendship.*

*The wind is like faith, can't be seen but see its effect, Faith through prayer, Open the door,  
Free gift, Faith through reading and hearing, Comfort, Safety net, Trust, Freedom to choose.*

Please continue to pray for the success of the course and how you can support Alpha 13.

### 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!*

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

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:  
Fruit Juice, Tinned Tomatoes, Packets of Mashed Potato, Jam,  
Deodorant, Shampoo, Bars of Soap**

*The foodbank relies on financial donations, as well as gifts of groceries. Whilst they receive food and other household items from many sources, they always need to top up our supplies, so all donations are welcome – both financial and goods. Nationally, 62% of Trussell's food parcels were given to families with children. Here in Runcorn and district 280 adults and 163 children received food from the foodbanks during February.*

**Many thanks for your continued support of this vital resource.**

### **Faith In Action**

**Faith in Action is for young parishioners in Year 5 and above.**  
Our next meeting is on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** 3 – 4:30pm at St. Edward's Church.  
Please join us for fun, faith and friendship.  
Please contact Clare Williams if you are interested in coming along –  
[clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### **Parish Kiva Account**

Kiva is an organisation that supports communities around the world, by crowdfunding business loans for people who do not have access to finance from traditional banking.

Our Faith in Action group manages a Kiva account on behalf of the Parish, with money previously raised by the group.

Last week, Alice and Adam from Faith in Action selected four people to support with loans. These were Eunice and Grace, both from Uganda, Fawzy from Palestine, and Mamasodiq from Uzbekistan. As the loans are re-paid, the money will then become available to re-lend, allowing the Faith in Action group to support other communities in need.

### **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**

The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking system.

### **MARIAN PROCESSION**

As part of our celebrations of May, the month of Mary, we will process with our Marian statues after the 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses on the 10<sup>th</sup> May

### **Advance Notice – Second Collections**

***There will be second collections on the following weekend, please be as generous as you can***

***16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May for World Communications Day***

***30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May for Lepra***