



The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

Newsletter Seventh Sunday of Easter – 17th May 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>

PENTECOST - 24th 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 23rd May.

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

God reveals himself through the Bible,

The Bible gives us boundaries and guidelines and love and freedom, Will you let him?

Spiritual food, The Bible brings you into relationship with Jesus and God.

Inspired by God, One architect, many builders, Trusted knowledge, Practical guidance,

Spiritual food, Empowerment, More precious than gold.

Making time, Treasure, Inspirational, Bible in one Year.

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

Second Collections in May 2026

There will be second collection on this weekend, 16th/17th May for World Communications Day

Another second collection will be held on 30th/31st May for Lepra

Please be as generous as you can

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 also relies on financial donations, as well as gifts of groceries.

Many thanks for your continued support of this vital resource.

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

All Are Welcome for tea, toast and a chat!

Faith In Action

Faith in Action is for young parishioners in Year 5 and above.

Our next meeting is this weekend **Sunday 17th May 3 – 4:30pm** at St. Edward's Church.

Please join us for fun, faith and friendship.

Please contact Clare Williams in you are interested in coming along –

clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Confirmation Preparation 2026

Those in Year 8 and above (from September 2026) are invited to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation beginning on Sunday 6th September after the 10.30 am Mass at St Edward's. A full list of the weekly meetings will be available soon. This year we will be using the New Alpha Youth Series, so please speak to Clare or Fr Peter if you wish to be confirmed.

Volunteers Required!

In order to help prepare our young people, volunteers are needed. It would be great if those confirmed last time would come along to support our Confirmands. Please let Clare or Fr Peter know if you can help, full training will be available and DBS checks will be carried out.

Lourdes Fundraising

Many thanks to the Ladies group who hosted Josie and Gracie on Wednesday evening. Josie gave a wonderful talk about her experience of Lourdes last year and Gracie shared why she has decided to join the pilgrimage this year. The ladies held a raffle which raised an amazing £205! Thank you!

Thank you to the Knit and Natter group who generously donated £50 to Josie and Gracie for their pilgrimage.

The overwhelming generosity of the parish means that the girls have now raised £1115 between them to pay for their pilgrimage to Lourdes this year! THANK YOU!!

HOLY DAY MASS at HOLY SPIRIT

The numbers of parishioners attending Holy Day Mass has been as low as six, on Thursday for the Ascension there were twelve, nine of who are car drivers. For a fuller, more joyful and complete liturgical celebration the Masses for Holy Days will be celebrated at St Edward's with the whole parish gathered together; Vigil at 7.00 pm, Mass of the Day at 10.30 am.

Please note the necessary change is for Holy Day Masses only.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.