



THE PARISH OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA & ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SUNDAY

13th
Sep
2026

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DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays
10:30am – 11:30am
St Anthony of Padua

Confessions:

Saturdays
4:30pm - 5:30pm
St Anthony of Padua

OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS
FOR:

Successful Application



PARISH LIFE

Baptisms & Weddings:

Please speak to Father
after Mass

Parish Coffee Mornings:

Wednesday 11:00am –
1:00pm
St Anthony's Parish Hall

Sundays after 10:00am
Mass
St Anthony's Parish Hall

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:
£1010.18

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DATE	FEAST	Church	TIME	INTENTION
SUNDAY 13 th	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	John Richardson
		St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Galassi Family Thanks giving
		St. Francis's	12:00 pm	People of the Parish
MONDAY 14 th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	No Mass		
TUESDAY 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Anthony's	7:00pm	Francis Duffy
WEDNESDAY 16 th	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	St. Anthony's	10:00am	Jerry Dunne
THURSDAY 17 th	St Robert Bellarmine	St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Kate Higgins
FRIDAY 18 th	Feria	St. Francis's	10:00 am	Priests Intention
SATURDAY 19 th	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Carmel Nicholson

Anniversaries

Terence Duxbury, Alice Hill, Kathleen Lavelle, Robert Stevenson, Clare Walker, Sheila Kay, Thomas Percy, Bridie Josephine Ferry (Baby), Richard Gannon, Maureen O'Callaghan, Derik Jackson, Janet Vickers, John Donegan, Mavis Leak, Kevin Marley, Colin Lunn, David Bartle, Jack Gaweda, Emily Lowry, William Ennis, Bridget Fleming, Irene Gregg, Hugh Berry, May Middleton, Margaret Oddy, Jaqueline Trotter, William Grace, Patrick Ruddy, Luke Moore, Paddy Carroll, Bernard Ashfield, Leonard Smith, Terence O'Hara, Joyce Townsley

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fr Colum Kelly, Rita Gilmartin, Ellen Mervyn

If you would like someone added to the sick list, whether a relative or someone else with their family's consent please let me know.



OFFERINGS

Please kindly make your offerings via Standing Order (Preferably Gift Aided, please) or BACS Transfer. Sort Code: 40-27-15, Account Number: 210 178 96, Account Name: Diocese of Leeds St Maximillian Kolbe.

Alternatively, you may make your offering or donate to the parish using the QR code provided.

Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Anna Kulczykka, Galassi Family Thanks Giving, Anthony Eales, Jerry Dunne, Kate Higgins, Mary & William Dunne, Winnie & Luke Raftery, Frances Cooney, Gabriel Piwowarska

OUR LADY'S LAMP

If you would like to sponsor the lamp that burns at Our Lady's shrine for one week for a particular intention, you are invited to make an offering. Please place your offering in an envelope marked "Our Lady's Lamp", together with the name of the intention. Envelopes may be handed into the sacristy. The intention will be acknowledged in the parish bulletin.

COFFEE

Each Wednesday at 11:00am until 1:00pm in the parish hall at St Anthony's, as well as after the 10:00am Sunday Mass. All are very welcome, please come along.

Liturgy Practice

Saturday 19th September 12:00pm

All the altar servers, readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at St Anthony's Church 19 September, at 12.00 pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of confirmation for children in Year 6 within our parish will be prepared for this autumn. Registration and enrolment will take place on Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm in St. Anthony's Church. The preparation course has three sessions, Saturdays at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall at St. Anthony's on October 10th, October 24th, and November 7th. The confirmation service will be on Friday, November 20th at 7 PM.

Please note that attendance at the enrolment meeting is essential for any family wishing for their child to be confirmed this year.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

On Monday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its origins back to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The Basilica was consecrated on 13 September 335 and the following day the True Cross was brought out for public veneration. On this feast, the Church asks us to celebrate and reflect upon the Cross, the instrument upon which and through which, Our Lord achieved our redemption by his Passion and death.

As Christians, we will, of course, be very familiar with the Cross. We worship and celebrate Mass beneath the image of the Cross, many of us wear a cross around our necks and hopefully we all have a crucifix in our homes. While this familiarity with the Cross is a good thing, it can sometimes dull our sense of wonder. How often does the Cross become merely a symbol, or even a trademark? At times, it can lose its true meaning and become simply a means of identifying someone as a Christian, rather than a sign of what we actually believe. I think we can all be guilty of this. It is only natural that, when we become too accustomed to something, we can lose sight of its significance. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is an excellent opportunity for us to pause, realign ourselves and deepen our devotion to the Cross of Christ. It is an opportunity to restore the sense of wonder and reverence that we should all have when approaching the Cross.

A good indication of whether we are taking the Cross seriously in our lives and whether its meaning truly resonates within us, is the way in which we make the Sign of the Cross. Hopefully, we make the Sign of the Cross several times each day. We begin and end all our prayers with it. We make it when we bless ourselves, when we enter church and when we offer even the briefest prayer.

We should be very familiar with making the Sign of the Cross but we must never allow it to become a hurried or thoughtless gesture. If we stop to think and are completely honest with ourselves, have we allowed the Sign of the Cross to become an action devoid of devotion and reverence? Have we, in fact, been blasphemous in our use of it? In recent years, the Sign of the Cross has sometimes become something done almost in jest, like giving one's scout's honour, or as a gesture used to underline a promise. In this way, something sacred can easily become something flippant.

If this is the case, then it is especially important that we take the opportunity presented by the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross to strengthen our devotion to the Cross and correct any bad habits we may have developed in the way we make its sign. The Sign of the Cross should not be laboured, exaggerated or ostentatious. It should, however, be made thoughtfully and reverently, as an outward sign of what we truly believe.

When we make the Sign of the Cross, we profess our faith in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. We proclaim our belief that the Son of God was born into this world so that our sins might be forgiven and washed clean through his Passion and death, through his great sacrifice and the shedding of his Precious Blood upon the Cross.

God bless,

Fr Hilton

Mass offerings, notices, and news items for the parish bulletin should be given to Fr Hilton by Wednesday evening. Notice and news can be sent, again, by Wednesday evening to benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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