



THE PARISH OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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

SUNDAY

4th
October
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:

Michelle Robinson



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:
£1022.67

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DATE	FEAST	Church	TIME	INTENTION
SUNDAY 4 th	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Michael O. Oni
		St. Anthony's	10:00 am	People of the Parish
		St. Francis's	12:00 pm	Maureen and Johnny Murphy Anni.
MONDAY 5 th	St Faustina Kowalska	No Mass		
TUESDAY 6 th	Requiem Mass	St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Patrick Trainer
WEDNESDAY 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary Requiem Mass	St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Pat Kissane
		St. Anthony's	1:30 pm	Brigid Carden
THURSDAY 8 th	Feria	St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Aylward and Tierney families RIP
FRIDAY 9 th	St. John Henry Newman	St. Francis's	10:00 am	Priests Intention
SATURDAY 10 th	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Michelle Robinson

ANNIVERSARIES

Dominic McHale, Percy Hegarty, Walter Spilmont, Agnes Armstrong, Maureen Sissman, Margaret Weldon, Gerda Vizbaras, Michelle Ramsden, Murial Madeline Louise Emly, Patrick Joseph Carden, Mary McNicholas, Patrick Hill, Brendan (Billy) Bourke, Tony Cunningham, Pat Kissane, Celia Light Henry G. James, Margaret Appleyard, Bernard Nutter, Mary Elizabeth Walker, Vernon Ward, Jillian Senior, Daniel Kirwin Robert F. Binks, Herbert Wheelright, John Christopher Murphy, Michael Beirne, Kevin McKeefry, Martin Ross, Keith A. Carter, Mary Cassidy, Patrick Shea, Leonard Buck, Stephen Biggart, Hilda Hendricks, Paul Sharkey, Catherine Snee, James F. Twomey, Arthur William Marshall, Mary (Maureen) Murphy, Susan Smith, Dorothy Welburn, Marie Monaghan, Miriam Brady, Eileen Courtney, Ruby Dyson (Baby), Julia Conneely, Anthony Kilroy, Mary Stead, Walter Oddy, Joseph Greenway

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Jones Takaedza Shumba, Sean Doherty

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fr Colum Kelly, Rita Gilmartin, Ellen Mervyn, Rima Michael

LATELY DEAD

Patrick Trainer, Brigid Carden



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!

OUR LADY'S LAMP

To sponsor Our Lady's Lamp at Our Lady's shrine for one week for a specific intention, please place your offering in an envelope marked 'Our Lady's lamp along with the name if the intention and hand it into the sacristy. To avoid disappointment, if you wish to have the lamp burning for a particular anniversary, please submit your request in good time. All dates are acknowledged and offered on a first come, first served basis.

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.

Sacramental Courses

Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6

Thank you to all who attended the registration evening. The first of our three confirmation classes will take place at 12:30 in St. Athony's parish hall on Saturday 10th October.

Sacramental preparation for those aged 11 to 17.

For young people aged 11 to 17 who need Baptism, First Confession, First Holy Communion, and or Confirmation there will be an afternoon of catechesis to prepare for any sacraments not yet received at St. Anthony's parish hall on Saturday 14th November 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

If you have further questions please email me directly.

RCIA (Adult Catechesis)

If you are interested in being baptised or received into the Catholic Church, are a Catholic who has not yet been confirmed, or simply wish to learn more about and deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith you are welcome to attend the parish RCIA course. There will be a short introductory and registration meeting on Tuesday 13th October directly after the 7pm Mass at St. Anthony's Church.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

All welcome to attend Wednesday 21st October 10:30am at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Parish of St Mary & St Patrick, Batley/Birstall, warmly invite you to join them and Bishop Marcus to process from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church. Monday 5th October, 7:30pm. A fine expression of our Catholic faith honouring Our Lady and uniting us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We also welcome friends from Hallam/Middlesbrough Dioceses. Refreshments afterwards. Any questions please contact Fr Eamonn 01924 474650/eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Induction as Parish Priest

On **Tuesday 10th November at 6:30pm** The Bishop will come to the parish to celebrate a special Mass for my formal induction as your parish priest. I very much hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to join us and I would greatly appreciate your support. There'll be a celebration in the parish hall afterwards, to which everyone is warmly invited.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

From Monday to Thursday I was on pilgrimage in Malta, following the footsteps of St Paul. We hear in the Acts of the Apostles of St Paul's time on the island. While being transported to Rome to face trial on account of his faith in Christ, St Paul, along with his fellow prisoners and captors, was shipwrecked on the island. They spent about three months there before sailing on to Rome. After the shipwreck, the islanders welcomed them with what the Acts of the Apostles describes as "unusual hospitality". A series of miraculous events followed, including St Paul suffering no harm from the bite of a viper and his healing of the father of Publius, the island's chief official, who was sick with fever and dysentery. These miracles endeared St Paul to the islanders and, in turn, opened their hearts to receive the good news of Christ through his preaching.

It was my first time visiting Malta and I was, of course, very much taken by the culture and the beauty the island had to offer. I was only there for a short time and, as soon as I arrived, I was very aware that it would soon be time to leave. I enjoyed the beautiful weather, the food and, most importantly, the opportunity and privilege of visiting many of the holy sites associated with St Paul and the Acts of the Apostles.

Knowing that my time on pilgrimage would soon come to an end, I found myself reflecting on what St Paul must have felt during his stay in Malta. His time there could be described as a great success in spreading the Gospel. He had been welcomed with kindness and God had seen fit to work many miracles through him. Tradition tells us that many of the islanders accepted Christ and the Gospel and that Publius himself converted to Christianity and became the first Bishop of Malta. Yet, amid this joyful and blessed time, St Paul remained a prisoner awaiting trial in Rome. His journey would eventually lead him to bear the ultimate witness to Christ by laying down his life and gloriously shedding his blood for the Gospel.

Despite finding such joy, comfort and safety in Malta, St Paul's journey was not over. When the time came, he continued on to Rome as a prisoner. Perhaps the great successes he experienced in Malta helped strengthen him to face the trials that lay ahead. This is an important lesson for us all. We must take the successes, blessings and graces that God gives us in our lives to fortify us for the challenges we will inevitably face. If we do not see times of blessing as an opportunity to prepare and strengthen ourselves for those challenges, we also run the risk of failing to appreciate those blessings fully when we receive them.

If I have learned one thing from my pilgrimage and from St Paul, it is not to take the blessings and gifts God has given us in life for granted, but to recognise that with those blessings comes a responsibility to allow the graces we have received to strengthen and fortify us, so that when difficulties come, we can continue faithfully along the path God has set before us.

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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