THE PARISH OF

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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

SUNDAY
22nd November 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:

Doyle Family and Falkingbridge Families



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: £924.66

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DATE	FEAST	Church	TIME	INTENTION
SUNDAY 22nd	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Keith Leighton
		St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Christie Flynn
		St. Francis's	12:00 pm	People of the Parish
MONDAY 23rd	St. Clement Pope and Martyr	No Mass		
TUESDAY 24th	Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac, and Companions	No Mass		
WEDNESDAY 25th	St. Catherine of Alexandria	No Mass		
THURSDAY 26th	Feria	No Mass		
FRIDAY 27th	Feria	No Mass		
SATURDAY 28th	1st Sunday of Advent	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Nora Tolan

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ANNIVERSARIES

Matthew Coultate, Annie Manuel, Mikey Irwin, Gerald O' Callaghan, Beatrice Varley, Roland Firth, Fred Harris, Lilly Jameison, Edmund Sibilla, Kevin Burke, Laurie Stead, Anthony Powell, Irene Thorpe, Joan Crotty, Lilian Agnes Darby, Bridget Gilmartin, Noel Cowman, Peter McCarthy, Kevin Richardson, James P. Johnson, Rose Kane, John Noon, Terry Poulter, John Daley, Mary Craven, John Hendry, Elsie Duffy, Mary Phillips, Nora Tolan, Stella Mary McGuire, Ellen Smith, Anthony Rawson, Mary Angus, Mary Patterson, Catherine Lowes, Alan Dack

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Michael and Delia Quinn

LATELY DEAD

Eveline Sewell, Angela Hepworth, Peter Behan, Patricia Walton, Rowan Carty, Susan Margaret Hughes

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.

By the end of this week, all the intentions already handed in will have been offered, except for the week beginning Sunday 20 December. You are welcome to hand in an intention. If you would like the lamp to burn for your intention during a particular week, please give the date of the Sunday you would like it to begin.

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.

November dead list

We are now compiling our November Dead List. Parishioners who wish to have their departed loved ones remembered in our November Dead List Masses are invited to place their names or family names, together with an offering, in an envelope marked **'November Dead List'** and hand it in at church.

Sacramental Preparation

For all parents whose teenagers attended the Sacramental Preparation Class on Saturday 14th November, please ensure that the forms handed out are completed in full.

If your child has already been baptised, please indicate whether the Baptism took place in this parish and, if so, in which church.

If your teenager was baptised in another parish or abroad, you must provide the full name and address of the church or parish, together with an email address and contact details. It is essential that we are able to contact the parish where the Baptism took place so that, once your teenager has received the Sacraments, the necessary information can be sent to that parish and its sacramental registers updated. Please ensure that these details are provided in full.

A Mass will be celebrated in the New Year for teenagers attending the Sacramental Preparation Catch-up Programme, during which the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be administered as appropriate.

Further details will follow in due course.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

This week I am going on my annual retreat. Canon law requires priests to make regular spiritual retreats, and it is good practice to make one every year.

A retreat is an opportunity to step away from the usual demands and distractions of daily life and devote time to prayer, silence and spiritual reflection. It is a chance to deepen our relationship with God, reflect upon our vocation and renew ourselves spiritually, so that we may return to our daily duties with a renewed sense of purpose. Basically it's an opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries.

While priests are required to make regular retreats, going on retreat is by no means a practice reserved only for the clergy or religious. Although the demands and pressures of everyday life may not always make it possible, the Church encourages all the faithful to consider making a retreat, even if only once in their lifetime. It is a wonderful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life, devote time to prayer and reflection and deepen our relationship with God.

I have to confess that each year on retreat, I find myself reflecting on the year gone by and the opportunities I have missed to make more room for prayer, silence, and simply spending time with God. Each year, I resolve that the year ahead will be different, that I will make more time for these things. And yet, when the next retreat comes around, I often find myself making the very same resolutions. As you can see, it can become something of a cycle and I am trying to pre-empt this by already thinking about what I can gain from my retreat and what I can bring back from it.

Whilst preparing for my retreat, I have been reflecting on the importance of making time and space for God in our daily lives. This is something that should not be reserved simply for retreats or Sundays. Making more room for God does not necessarily mean packing more prayers into the prayer life we have already established. Rather, it is about looking at what is necessary in our lives and what is unnecessary. Of course, we all have duties and responsibilities, and a good Christian should always be diligent in carrying them out. However, I am sure that if we honestly reflect upon our daily lives, we will recognise occasions when we could make more time for God.

Perhaps we do not need that hour and a half of television at the end of a stressful day. Perhaps an hour of television followed by a Rosary would be better. Perhaps, we could forgo a few extra minutes on the sofa before Sunday Mass and arrive at Church a little earlier, allowing ourselves some quiet time alone with Our Lord before Mass.

I am certainly not suggesting that we should all attempt to live like monks or hermits, nor am I suggesting that the demands and pressures of daily life are not real. Rather, I think we need to be a little bolder in examining how we spend our time, recognising what is truly necessary and what we could perhaps do without, so that we might make a little more room for God.

This year I am making my retreat in Walsingham and you will all be very much in my payers and with me at the altar. Please pray for me while I am away on retreat and I look forward to seeing you when I return all refreshed and holy… you'll barely recognize me!

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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