

Sun	15th Dec	9.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners
Sun	15th Dec	11.00am	Lawrence and Florence Glenn anniversary
Mon	16th Dec	9.00am	Holy Mass
		11.00am	Joan Upton Requiem Mass
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	17th Dec	9.00am	John Wright RIP (11 Dec 2023)
Wed	18th Dec	6.00pm	Holy Rosary
		6.30pm	Andrew Young intentions
Thurs	19th Dec	9.00am	<i>(School )Norma Cassidy birthday anniv.</i>
Fri	20th Dec	9.00am	Priest's intentions
Sat	21st Dec	8.30am	Holy Rosary
		9.00am	John and Madie Devaney RIP
		10.00am	(H Chapel) Holy Hour & Sacrament of Recon.
		6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	22nd Dec	9.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's intentions
		11.00am	Mark Sweeney RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday 11.30am to 12.15pm

Sacrament of Baptism: By arrangement

**Please Pray for ALL**

**who are sick at home and in hospital:** Stephen Grey, Margaret McCallum, Sara O'Brien, Jamie Connor, Gillian Robinson, Peter Hannon, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Jim McGrath, Mike O'Hare, Robert Harrington, Michael O'Keefe, Christine McHugh, Edward Evans , Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor, Catherine McIntosh, Doreen Stevenson.

**who have died recently:**

**whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Jane Conroy, Wm. Joseph Egan, James Trelfa, John Devaney, Mary Turnbull, Robert Murray, Annie O'Brien, Elizabeth Twigg, Alice Jones, Bridget Naughton, Frank Bannaghan, Margaret Heyes, Patrick Morgan, Ellen Riley, Tommy Cannon, Maria Jakubik, Margaret Traynor, Dorothy Nussbaumer, David Andrews, Mary O'Neill, James Cannon, Christine Clapham, Marie Therese Loughlin, Ivy Dean, Canon Rudolph Luczka, Rt Rev Hugh Singleton, Rev Daniel Canning, Rev John Mooney, Rev Denis Herlihy, Rev Thomas Hurley, Rev John Hoskinson.

**Christmas Novena Prayer and Holy Rosary**

There will be Holy Rosary before half an hour of every weekday Mass and a Christmas Novena Prayer during the Holy Masses from 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's.

**Christmas Masses**

22nd December Sun 04.00 pm Carols, St. Mary  
 24th December Tue 06.00 pm Carols, St. Mary  
 24th December Tue 06.30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Mary  
 24th December Tue 11.00 pm Midnight Mass, St. Mary  
 25th December Wed 09.00 am Morning Mass, St. Margaret  
 25th December Wed 11.00 am Day Mass, St. Mary

**FoodBank Shortages**

- 6-pack crisps
- stuffing
- gravy
- UHT fruit juice
- tinned ham

**Collection for Spring Bulbs**

Thank you to everyone that donated. We look forward to seeing all the new life appearing in the spring!

**Future Newsletters**

If you would like to promote an event or have something to share with your fellow Parishioners then please send the details by email to: stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com

**This Week in the Parish Centre**

Wednesday	RCIA	7.15pm	Room 1
Friday	Mums and Tots	10.00am	Room 2, 3

## **CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas**

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) or pick up a catalogue in church.

## **GOD SPEAKS**

A day led by Jordan Kelly

Music led by Joe Wells

(One Hope Project)

Saturday 18th Jan 10.30 - 3.30

St Edward's Church Runcorn, WA7 5NZ

Lunch provided

Please register by email [alphamkruncorn@gmail.com](mailto:alphamkruncorn@gmail.com)

ALL DETAILS ON POSTER at the back of church

## **COLLECTION for Christmas flowers**

There will be another collection for Christmas flowers after all Masses over this weekend 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Please support us so we can make our Church look beautiful at this special time! Thank you.



## **Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich serving St. Margaret's, Holmes Chapel**

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Dear friends,

This time of advent is an invitation to – 'Rejoice'. The pink candle in the Advent wreath marks Gaudete Sunday. It signifies our joy that Christmas is quickly approaching. We hear stories of our faithful ancestors and anticipate the birth of the Christ child. All this happens as we approach the Winter Solstice, the darkest day of the year. In the midst of darkness, we light candles and rejoice for the light among us and the light to come.

At the annunciation, although Mary feels great uncertainty, she rejoices that God has chosen her for a special task. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Like Mary, we should rejoice, for there is always good around us, even during difficult times. In this third week of Advent, we rejoice in the light while we acknowledge the contrasting shades of sadness. Advent invites us to muse and dance between joy and sadness where life is lived. We have many reasons for rejoicing, and they are always intermingled with sadness, making joy all the sweeter. Advent reveals that joy and sadness are necessary elements of the cycle of life and salvation history, and one cannot exist without the other. Beholding dearly all that life is bringing to us at the moment, good and bad, let us rejoice in the Lord...and welcome Him into our lives.

Fr. Vijay Bhupathi