

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19th January 2025



Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich serving St. Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel

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Dear friends,

Today we are celebrating the Second Sunday of ordinary time. The Lord invites us to have him round in our lives. We lack nothing when we are with him. He welcomes, always welcomes us to have him in us. He transforms water into wine, a good wine. God invites us to come to him: to be purified, to be transformed, to be holy on earth and to be saints forever in heaven.

Mary, our mother is with us in our efforts to live a holy life. She directs our hearts and minds to be reigned by her Son Jesus and His Father's Kingdom. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with fine wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's Kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfilment among us.

Fr. Vijay Bhupathi

2025 Jubilee Year reflection on Pilgrims of Hope

Are you wondering what the 2025 Jubilee Year is all about? Join us as we explore the biblical background to the Jubilee Year and what the theme *Pilgrims of Hope* means for us today using material produced by CAFOD.

We'll meet in St Mary's Parish Centre **on Saturday February 8th 2025 for tea and toast at 9.45 am for a 10am start**. We aim to finish by 1pm at the latest. Please sign up at the back of church to help us with numbers but you can just turn up on the day. For more information, please contact Anne Sturman by email: annesturman17@gmail.com

The Week of Prayer

"that they may all be one." – jn 17:21

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025: Sat 18th - Sat 25th January. There will be a joint service **on Sunday 19th January 2025, 6:30pm at St. Mary's**. Please do attend the service to pray for and promote Christian Unity.

Unity Week in Middlewich

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It's so powerful when Christians come together to worship and pray so please do join us at one (or more!) of the services.

Sun	19th Jan	6.30pm	Churches Together joint service in St Mary's. Refreshments afterwards.
Tues	21st Jan	7.30pm	Churches Together prayer meeting in Middlewich Community Church, 34-36 Brooks Lane.
Wed	22 nd Jan	10.00am	Churches Together prayer meeting in St Michael's & All Angels, 28 Hightown.

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Sun	19th Jan	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) John Hartley RIP
Sun	19th Jan	11.00am	Priest's intentions
Mon	20th Jan	9.00am 6.30pm	Peter Hannon Birthday anniversary Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	21st Jan	9.00am	Mike Maguire anniversary
Wed	22nd Jan	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary John and Amelia Dilworth RIP
Thurs	23rd Jan	9.00am	(School) Sister Irene's intentions
Fri	24th Jan	9.00am	Mary Wrigley Birthday anniversary, <i>St Francis de Sales</i>
Sat	25th Jan	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	The Conversion of St Paul Holy Rosary Louise Turnbull Birthday anniversary The Parishioners
Sun	26th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions Terence (Terry) Rosiak RIP (1 st anniversary)

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, 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: especially Peter Hannon

whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Van Hove, Harry Simpson, Irene Marlborough, Margaret Stoneley, Kathleen Hough, Edwin Canon, Gerry McGrath, James John Maddock, Angela Haran, Margaret Batty, Charlie Demsey, Morton Lambert, Anastasia Butterfield, John Bannaghan, Margaret Hollis, Dominic Flynn, Dennis Bratt, Denis Broad, William Molloy, Vera Williams, Bridget Mahon, Joseph Gray, Rev Henry Leay, Rev John S. Wilkinson, Rev Terence Hillhouse, Canon John P. Marmion, Rev John A. Quinn, Canon Edmund Quinn, Mgr Francis McGuinness, Mgr Hugh McHugh.

Community Lunches 2025

Please can you sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come to our Community Lunch in the Parish Centre on Monday February 3rd after the midday mass. All are welcome. There is no charge for the meal but we welcome donations to cover our costs. Thank you

March and April Dates

Monday March 3rd

Monday April 7th

Get-Together Friday 31st January 2025 at 7pm St Mary's Parish Centre

"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1Cor 10:31

All the ordained ministers, lay ministers and people involved in the Parish life and administration of St. Mary's Parish (St. Mary's Church, Middlewich and St. Margaret's Church, Holmes Chapel) are invited to come and participate in the Get-Together, to be held **on 31st January, 2025 at 7 pm, in our Parish Centre**. Anyone interested to – 'Come and See' is most welcome as well. It's the time to share our faith, pray together to be renewed and strengthened by the Spirit in the Lord's Call and Commission to serve Him and His faithful. Please save the date.

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

Sunday	Churches Together Refreshments		Parish Centre
Wednesday	RCIA	7.15pm	Room 1
Thursday	CAFOD	7.00pm	Room 4
Friday	Mothers' Prayers	9.45am	Room 4
Friday	Mums and Tots	10.00am	Room 2, 3