

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025



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

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Dear friends,

At the beginning of this Sunday's Gospel text the people are pictured as eagerly pressing forward to hear Jesus. This fact underlines the personality and attractiveness of Jesus and his message. The first followers of Jesus, as well as Peter and the other apostles, are to be models for us. Their eagerness to hear and embrace the word of God changed their lives forever and made them pillars of the Church. We are called to do likewise.

As Saint Paul tells us, we are all called to be saints. So we need to do our part to make our world a better place. We try with all our might to be worthy witnesses of the Gospel in the world during our lifetime. How best to do that? By living in the present, being attentive to those with whom we live, work, study, shop—whatever we are doing on any given day. The German Jesuit Father Alfred Delp, who died resisting Nazism in 1945, wrote the following lines, which sum up well the humble but noble task we are called to as Christians: "When through one person a little more love and goodness, a little more light and truth comes into the world, then that person's life has had meaning."

Fr. Vijay Bhupathi

### **Middlewich Community Church 34-36 Brooks Lane - Men's Breakfast**

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9.30-10.30am**

"We are going to be joined by 3 members of the Cheshire branch of GOOD NEWS for Everyone! (formally known as Gideons UK). They seek to introduce others to the Lord Jesus Christ by the placing, presenting and/or distributing Scriptures (The Bible) in many different areas of life. They are going to share some amazing life stories of people of all ages and in all circumstances that have picked up the Bible and found that it is just as relevant and powerful for living life today as it was on the day it was written. We would love you to join us for a warm welcome, hearty Breakfast and good company. " ESSENTIAL Bookings closes Midday Thursday 20th February

### **National Marriage Week for 2025 runs between the 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of February**

Please pray for all marriages during this week. You will find some resources on the diocesan website, in particular a novena for marriage week and prayer. The Novena has also been arranged in Booklet form and can be downloaded and printed off as needed. There is also a link to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, to the message from Bishop Bosco MacDonald, who is the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life

### **Free IT Sessions at St Mary's School Middlewich**

For those struggling with modern technology such as phone, laptop etc.  
10am -11.30am Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Contact: Lucie 07929 717909  
See poster at the back of church for more information.

### **First Holy Communion Programme and Celebration Masses (February)**

Sunday 9th February Celebration Mass at 11.00am (Children's Liturgy)  
Sunday 23rd February Celebration Mass at 11.00am (Children's Liturgy)  
Monday 24th February at 6pm in the Parish Centre - Parents & Children

### **Food Bank Shortages**

Long life fruit juice, male and female deodorant, Crackers

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| Sun   | 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | 9.00am                     | (Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions  |
| Sun   | 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | 11.00am                    | Eddie Stephens RIP   |
| Mon   | 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 9.00am<br>6.30pm           | Priest's intentions, <i>St Scholastica</i><br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament    |
| Tues  | 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 9.00am                     | Jane Laverack Birthday anniversary   |
| Wed   | 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 6.00pm<br>6.30pm           | Holy Rosary<br>Carole Browne intentions  |
| Thurs | 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 9.00am<br>11.00am          | ( <i>School</i> ) Priest's intentions<br>Peter Hannon Requiem Mass                   |
| Fri   | 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 9.00am                     | Priest's intentions, <i>Ss Cyril and Methodius</i>                                   |
| Sat   | 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 8.30am<br>9.00am<br>6.30pm | Holy Rosary<br>Molly Quirk RIP<br>Priest's intentions                                |
| Sun   | 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 9.00am<br>11.00am          | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>(Holmes Chapel) The Parishioners<br>Jude Gerard 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, 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, Margaret Strong, Caroline De Vere.

**who have died recently:** especially Molly Quirk

**whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Catherine Cannon, Fr. John Ryan, Winefride Costello, James Hussey, Carmen Lanni, John Galbraith, Patricia Ward, Martha Frances Harkes, Mary Slater, Mary Elden, Teresa Cavanagh, Sarah Anne Costello, Ada Bannaghan, Marion Brett, William Gallagher, Monica Kenyon, Fred ruscoe, Harry Clark Mamie Hussey, Katie Nolan, Charles F. Heathcote, John Loran, Mary Barnes, Mary Costello, Canon William C T Briscoe, Canon Edward Coonan, Rev Michael Wagstaffe, Rev David Craig, Rev Edward Carrol, Rev Ernest Daly, Rev Ivan R Burke

#### **Community Lunches 2025**

##### **March and April Dates**

Monday March 3rd

Monday April 7th

#### **First Holy Communion Programme and Celebration Masses**

##### **March and April Dates**

Sunday 9th March Celebration Mass at 11am (Children's Liturgy)

Monday 10th March at 6pm in the Parish Centre - Children's session

Sunday 23rd March Celebration Mass at 11am (Children's Liturgy)

Monday 24th March at 6pm in the Parish Centre - Parents & Children

Monday 31st March at 6pm in the Parish Centre - Children's session

Sunday 6th April at 3pm Stations of the Cross - Parents & Children

Monday 7th April at 6pm in the Parish Centre - Children's session

Sunday 13th April Celebration Mass at 11am (Children's Liturgy)

Sunday 27th April Celebration Mass at 11am (Children's Liturgy)

#### **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](mailto:stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com)

#### **This Week in the Parish Centre**

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| Sunday    | Children's Liturgy | 11.05am | Parish Centre |
| Wednesday | RCIA               | 7.15pm  | Room 1        |
| Friday    | Mothers' Prayers   | 9.45am  | Room 4        |
| Friday    | Mums and Tots      | 10.00am | Room 2, 3     |