

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd February 2025



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

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Dear friends,

The Gospel text for this Sunday contains very practical advice for all who follow Christ: first and foremost, do to others what you would have them do to you. Jesus desires that his disciples always do good to others, not just by refraining from doing harm to others. The command of Jesus has no limits, - "always do good to everyone." If we give, pardon will be given to us. The result of good action is a divine reward. This idea flows from the fact that God does not remain indifferent to good action.

In the exhortation to love one's enemies, Jesus wants his followers to be people of compassion and to show real interest in their welfare. The motivation for such an attitude and behaviour is the fact that the disciple of Jesus is a child of the Father who loves all. As a consequence, we must strive to extend that same love to all our brothers and sisters. And when we fail to do so, we must never give up, but resolve to keep on doing our best.

Fr. Vijay Bhupathi

### **Face to Face Scripture Group**

Deacon Chris is looking at starting a face to face scripture group on Tuesday or Friday evening please can you let him know your preference.

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

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

### **St Mary's School - Craft Fairs**

St Mary's School is holding 3 Craft Fairs throughout this year and have invited the Parish to have a table in aid of Parish Funds. Anyone who is willing to make and donate items for sale, please make yourself known to either Norah McEnaney or Helen Armsden. Thank you.

Dates of the Craft Fairs are: **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Community lunch**

Please could you sign up on the list at church for the next Community Lunch (on Monday March 3rd) or leave a message on 01477 537761 by Tuesday February 25th. Many thanks.

### **World Day of Prayer Service**

Please join us in a worldwide wave of prayer at Goostrey Methodist Church at 7pm on Friday March 7th for the World Day of Prayer Service. This year our sisters in the Cook Islands welcome us and help us to reflect on the theme " I made you wonderful". Although this a women led global ecumenical movement we welcome **everybody** to our service.

**Message from Carole Browne and family -** heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and kindness received during my recent hospitalisation, Carole.

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Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	11.00am	Simon Armitage and Family intentions
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am 6.30pm	Priest's intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Priest's intentions
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Priest's intentions
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	(School) Priest's intentions
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Father Vijay intentions
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> March	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	St David Holy Rosary The Parishioners Priest's intentions
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions The Parishioners

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:**

**whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James Challinor, Renee Lomas, Declan McIlroy, Myles Costello, John Buffini, Norah Gilligan, Seconda Washington, William Edwards, Trudie Duddy, Winifred Reid, Bernard McManus, Catherine Higgins, Roger Clegg, Tom Stoneley, John Rush, Agnes Lester, Benda Wakefield, Ronald Frances McLoughlin, Patrick O'Shea, Francis Costello, James Ruane, Canon Christopher Dwyer, Rev Henry E. G. Rope, Rev Bernard Lyons.

### Community Lunches 2025

Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>

### Gift Aid Scheme - Message from Ken Worthington

'As the tax year 2024/25 will be coming to an end on 5th April, the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the tax on Gift Aided donations. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please contact Ken Worthington (07910487815, [worthingtonkr@gmail.com](mailto:worthingtonkr@gmail.com)) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on these donations.'

### 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)

### Baptism this Sunday by Father Vijay

We welcome in to our Parish Family Hughie Francis Antony Clavin.

### This Week in the Parish Centre

Sunday	Children's Liturgy	11.05am	Parish Centre
Monday	FHCP (Parents & Children)	6.00pm	Parish Centre
Wednesday	RCIA	7.15pm	Room 1
Friday	Mothers' Prayers	9.45am	Room 4
Friday	Mums and Tots	10.00am	Room 2, 3