

Second Sunday of Lent 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025



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

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me. (Psalm 26[27]: GR, p. 88)**

**Responsorial Psalm: 26**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.  
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.  
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

**On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Parish Centre we will have a Synodality talk by Avril Baigent. Please sign up at the back of church.**

**Message from Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality:** You are invited by Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to join them in prayer, saying the Rosary together via Zoom on Wednesdays during Lent.

Details from [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**LMA Lenten Talks - Mysticism and Modernity in the Christian West  
Thursdays in Lent at 7pm**

**20th March** Fr Paul Shaw - **The Spirituality of Charles Dickens**  
St Ann's Nantwich.

**27th March** Fr Nicholas Kern - **Christianity and Buddhism**  
St Gabriel's Alsager.

**3rd April** Fr David McLoughlin - **The Spirituality of Eastern Christianity**  
St Mary's Crewe.

See poster at the back of church.

**Overseas Aid**

On 25 February the Prime Minister announced that the aid budget will be cut again, meaning that it will be at its lowest level since 1999. The result will be that in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. Please contact your MP urgently at <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign> and ask them to take action to ensure that the UK does not turn its back on those most in need.

**CAFOD – The Big Lent Walk** - Kath and Phil Shaw will be walking 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty please support them by visiting their “just giving page” or sign their sponsorship form at the back of church or click <https://click.contact.justgiving.com/?qs=bd5c4cea4897fb78d852e730341ce28f1a93c54b99ce3ab916aadec5e2de5f967261fabcb8d4324093f8fe35a9a2ff6aac101db7694de8889>

**14 Stations of the Cross**

After Friday Mass until 11<sup>th</sup> April.  
**St Margaret's Homes Chapel**  
2pm Thursday, 20th, 27th March  
April 3rd and 10th

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Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00am	Pat Taylor birthday anniversary
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am 6.30pm	Jean Royle RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary) , <i>St Patrick</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1.30pm	Nanette Croucher Requiem Mass
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.00pm 6.30pm	Solemnity of St Joseph , Holy Rosary Ruth Sproston RIP, <i>St Joseph, Husband of the BVM</i>
Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	(School) Priest's intentions
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.00am	France Family intentions
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Priest's intentions Oliver Carroll RIP
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) John & Jane Brazier intentions The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday (not this week)

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, 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, Mike Sproston Snr.

**Who have died recently:** especially Ruth Sproston.

**Whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Daniel Murphy, Bridget Egan, Thomas Bannaghan, Tom Green, Margaret Euline Hartley, Tom Kerr, Thomas Gadd, Jean Royle, Mary Fahey, Sister M. De Sales, William Jennings, Michael Haysler, Bernard Cannon, Kathleen Wait, Christopher Williams, Bert Hough, Helmut Fuchs, Elvin Hughes.

**Confessions & Holy Hour 10.00am on 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Margaret's**

**Holy Rosary after every week day Mass throughout the Year**

**Lent Day of Reflection Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 7-9pm Parish centre**

**Lent Talks at The Cathedral and St Joseph's, Sale**

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Cathedral Parish Room** you are invited to a Lent talk on the theme ***Pilgrims of Hope*** by Mrs Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "journey together in hope," and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives. This also reflects the theme of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope. Lent Series of Talks on **Faith, Hope and Love** with Mrs Natalie Orefice and Fr David Irwin at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hope Rd, Sale M33 3BF. At **7pm on 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April**. The evening will conclude with Adoration and Compline. For Further details please contact [Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or 07730 526826.

**Gift Aid Scheme - Message from Ken Worthington**

New boxes of offertory envelopes will be available for collection at masses on the 22nd and 23rd of March. If you do not currently have a named box of envelopes and would like one, please contact Ken Worthington (07910487815, [worthingtonkr@gmail.com](mailto:worthingtonkr@gmail.com)) with your name, address and whether you attend Middlewich or Holmes Chapel Mass.

**This Week in the Parish Centre**

**Irish Coffee will be served in the Parish centre after 11am Mass this Sunday to celebrate St Patrick. All Welcome.**

Wednesday	RCIA	7.15pm	Room 1
Friday	Mums and Tots	10.00am	Room 2, 3
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Synodality talk by Avril</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Centre</b>