



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

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Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia. Cf. Ps 98 (97): 1-2)

Responsorial Psalm (144)

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.** (John 13:34)
Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.(Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5)

Come and See - Tuesdays

Tuesday Get Togethers – **The Chosen Series - week 5**

Date: 20/05/25.

Time: 19:00 - 20:00

Location: St Mary's catholic Primary School, Manor Lane, Middlewich.

Come along. Refreshments provided.

The Chosen series is a ground breaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew Him. Set against the backdrop of Jewish oppression in first century Israel, the show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus's revolutionary life and teachings.

This TV series will hopefully be a way for you to experience Jesus for yourself and a chance to discuss the content and reflect on what it means to you personally. We hope that you've already heard about it, and maybe even watched it, and our desire is to help you share it with the wider community.

Easter House Blessings

All those who would like to have their house blessed during the Easter Season may kindly contact Fr. Vijay.

Visitors of the sick

All those visiting the sick on behalf of St. Mary's Parish please can they send the details to the Parish email address stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com with the subject "Visitors of sick and Housebound". Thank you.

Diocesan Marriage Mass 2025

Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary or married within the last year can apply for an invitation from the Bishop. Please see the poster at the back of church.

Food Bank Shortages

Cream crackers. tin chickpeas & kidney beans, Microwaveable rice pouches.

Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May 2025

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| Sat | 17 th May | 9.00am 6.30pm | Peter Hannon RIP The Parishioners |
| Sun | 18 th May | 9.00am 11.00am | (Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions Mike Sproston Snr RIP Please come in to the Parish Centre after Mass |
| Mon | 19 th May | 9.00am 6.30pm | Exam success, <i>St Milburga</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Tues | 20 th May | 9.00am | Mike O'Hare RIP |
| Wed | 21 st May | 6.30pm | <i>The Dedication of The Cathedral</i> Mary Hannon birthday anniversary |
| Thurs | 22 nd May | 9.00am | (School) Mary Pugh RIP |
| Fri | 23 rd May | 9.00am | John Stoneley 80 th birthday remembrance |
| Sat | 24 th May | 9.00am 6.30pm | Exam Success, <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i> Priest's intentions |
| Sun | 25 th May | 9.00am 11.00am | (Holmes Chapel) John and Anne Ford RIP 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: especially Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor, Catherine McIntosh, Doreen Stevenson, Margaret Strong, Frank Holbrook, John Wells.

Who have died recently: especially Mike O'Hare and Caroline De Vere

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick McCarthy, Mark McEnaney, Ivan Singleton, Thomas Thwaites, Mary Williams, Edward Horne Jnr, Mary Cecilia Lea, Cyril Cooper, Frank Clarke, Eileen Costello, Agnes Shackleton, John Reynolds, Pearl Mc Gorty, Janet Bishop, Lily Cosello, Mgr Canon Christopher Lightbound, Rev John Brady, Rev Gerald T Courell, Rev James (Jim) Farrell, Rev Francis Yates, Rev Benedict Fenlon, Rev Brian McCarthy, Rev John Wright, Rev Jack McLeish.

First Holy Communion

Last week the First of our First Holy Communion Candidates celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. This week another 8 First Holy Communion Candidates will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

YOUTH MINISTRY JOB OPPORTUNITY - CASTLERIGG MANOR

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

Craft Fair at St Mary's School

The Craft Fair held on Saturday 12th April raised £123.50 in aid of Parish Funds. The next dates are:

Saturday 4th October
Saturday 29th November

Please put the dates in your diary.

CAFOD

We have a thank you letter from CAFOD to thank you for your generous support to CAFOD this year and to thank you for your latest donation of £320.00 which they received on 25 April 2025.

This Week in the Parish

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| Sunday | Celebration of First Holy Communion Candidates | | |
| Friday | Mothers Prayers' | 9.45am | Room 4 |
| Friday | Mums and Tots | 10.00am | Room 2, 3 |