



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

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Dear Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel passage (John 14:23-29) comes from the Farewell Discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper, right before his betrayal, crucifixion and death occurred. Jesus spoke to his disciples in the Last Supper Farewell Discourse about returning to the Father. The Lord had come to earth as the ambassador of the Father, with the mission of revealing God's love for the human race, and bestowing the gift of salvation by rising from the dead. What Jesus taught and the works that he performed came from God, and Jesus would ultimately return to the Father at the Ascension. Returning to the Father meant that there would be a separation for the Apostles from their Master. At the same time, the separation establishes the Apostles in a special relationship with the father. They were commissioned to continue the work of Christ on earth. We are inheritors of the Apostles work, being members of the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, and so, "ambassadors for Christ," to use the phrase of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:20). That means we are entrusted with announcing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, by our words and deeds. It is a profound call and an obligation as Baptized believers.

Father Vijay.

### **Message from Deacon Tony Ford**

Thank you to the parish for all your cards, gifts, prayers and good wishes for my recent 80th birthday, they were all greatly appreciated.

Deacon Tony

### **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](mailto: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.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am 6.30pm	Exam Success, <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i> Priest's intentions
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) John and Anne Ford RIP The Parishioners
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 6.30pm	Joan Coyne RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	27 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Mark Griffiths intentions, <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am 6.30pm	Mike O'Hare Requiem Mass Vigil Mass of The Ascension of The Lord
Thurs	29 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	The Ascension of The Lord
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Liturgy of The Word and Communion
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup> May	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Liturgy of The Word and Communion Vigil Mass
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> June	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) The Parishioners Mike O'Hare RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am to 12.15pm (not this week)

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 Caroline De Vere

**Whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Lily Costello, Jenny McIntosh, Robert Swarbrick, Pat Kelly, Maureen Millington, Lawrence Bratt, Catherine Berry, Emmie Bomford, Thomas Morris, Thomas Muskett, Tony Morris, John McEnaney, Helen Elvins, Anthony Fallon, Rev George Evans, Rev Robert Abbott,

### Marriage & Family Life Ministry Retreat Day

Calling for Marriage and family Life Ministry Helpers, Catechists & Presenters.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30am – 4.00pm at Parish Centre Holy Angels, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 0HG

Please see posters at the back of church for full details.

### 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](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk).

### Craft Fair at St Mary's School

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

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**Please put the dates in your diary.**

### Save the date next Youth Night at MCC Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The next Youth night at Middlewich Community Church is on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

6 – 8 pm with the Ignite Youth Band.