



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

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Dear Friends,

In the Gospel Jesus states clearly that we who believe in Him are the Father's gift to Him. It is not easy to think of ourselves as a gift of the Father to Jesus! So often we can think poorly of ourselves. These words of Jesus are not intended to make us think highly of ourselves, but only to recognize the incredible love of the Father for us. God the Father loves us just as we are, with our gifts and with our defects. We must learn to love one another in the same way: with their gifts and with their defects.

We are coming to the end of the Easter Season. We are invited to know more deeply the love God has for us in Jesus Christ. We are invited to rejoice in Jesus, who has given His life for us. May our thirst to know the living God grow within us each day so that we can be fully alive in the Holy Spirit and reflect personally and in our communities the love and compassion of our God.

Father Vijay.

Why Get Married?

Have you ever wondered about the value or the point of getting married? Are you in a relationship and wondering where it is going? Are you a young person who wonders about your future and whether marriage might be for you? Does God have a plan for you? Do you know what it is? How can you know what is the best thing for you and any children you may have? Are you and your partner unmarried, just had a baby, seeking to have your child baptised and wanting the best for them?

If so, we invite you to come and listen to what the Church (but also interestingly what social and psychological scientific research) has to say about marriage:

When: 28th June 2025

Time Retreat Start 10.30am (Mass 9.30am) Finish: 1.30pm

Where: Our Lady & The Apostles Church Hall 39 Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BD

To register and for more Information please contact:

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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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter 1st June 2025

Sat	31 st May	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Liturgy of The Word and Communion Vigil Mass
Sun	1 st June	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) The Parishioners Mike O'Hare RIP Please join us in the Parish Centre after Mass
Mon	2 nd June	9.00am	Liturgy of The Word and Communion
Tues	3 rd June	9.00am	Liturgy of The Word and Communion, <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>
Wed	4 th June	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Liturgy of The Word and Communion
Thurs	5 th June	9.00am	Liturgy of The Word and Communion, <i>St Boniface</i>
Fri	6 th June	10.00am	Caroline De Vere Requiem Mass
Sat	7 th June	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary The Parishioners Rex Lloyd (birthday)
Sun	8 th June	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions John McEnaney RIP 1 st anniversary (28 May)

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.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Flynn, William Christall, Stephen Wormald, James Naughton, John Fahey, Catherine Smith, Alfred James Down, Elizabeth Arrowsmith, Paul Upton, Agnes Maria Battersby, Ann Goulding, Mabel Glover, Mary Helena Marmion, Julia Keating, John Entwistle, John Brunner, Roger Hind, Thomas Shackleton, Initolo Lodziato, Joseph Worsley, Marie Woodward, James Murphy, Philomena Hambley, Brian Sproston, Rev John Bramley, Bishop Moriarty, Pope John XXIII.

Marriage & Family Life Ministry Retreat Day

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

Saturday 7th 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.

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.

Save the date next Youth Night at MCC Sunday 29th June 2025

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

6 – 8 pm with the Ignite Youth Band.

Thank You to Maria

For kindly doing refreshments last Sunday. It was much appreciated!