



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

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Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia. (Rom 5: 5; cf. 8: 11)

Psalm 103

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
(or: Alleluia).

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia. (Acts 2: 4, 11)

Dear friends,

Peace is the result of forgiveness. Those who act in accord with God's will acquire interior peace. It is no accident that Jesus clearly stated at the time of the coming of the Holy Spirit: "Peace be with you." This above all is what he wishes to give his followers. It is not the peace of the world. The peace of Christ is something which no one can take away, which endures forever, which is without cost but more valuable than any earthly good. In essence peace is closely linked to the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

To his followers, who receive the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave and gives a particular commandment, namely, to carry his peace, the message of salvation, to the ends of the earth. As the Father sent Jesus into the world, so Jesus sends his followers forth. The forgiveness of sins is at the heart of the message of peace, entrusted to the Church by Christ, born at Pentecost. May the risen Christ bless us with the gift of peace by his outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds.

fr. vijay

Sacrament of Confirmation

We will soon be looking to help prepare young people from St Mary's and St Joseph's (Winsford) to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you are aged 13 or over (Year 8 and above) and looking to learn more about Confirmation and your faith or thinking about your relationship with God and what it means, then please contact Gemma (07796455509) or Mike (07368836053) or email stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com before 23rd June 2025.

ASSISTED DYING & ABORTION ACT

Friday 13th June is the Report Stage of the ASSISTED DYING BILL. Friday 20th the 3rd Reading is expected. The list of MPs rethinking the Leadbeater Bill continues to grow. It's never too late to contact or re-contact our MPs. Secondly, Labour MP, TONIA ANTONIAZZI has tabled a new extreme Abortion amendment up to birth, ahead of the Report Stage of the Crime & Policing Bill. The change would apply throughout all 9 months of Pregnancy. PLEASE contact your MP on these two life-changing issues or use the contact tools via

info@carenotkilling.org.uk

and

catherine@righttolife.org.uk

Pentecost Sunday 8th June 2025

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	Day of Special Prayer for the Church (Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions John McEnaney RIP 1 st anniversary (28 May) Please join us in the Parish Centre after Mass
Mon	9 th June	12.00pm 6.30pm	Madie Devaney anniversary, <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	10 th June	9.00am	John Devaney birthday anniversary
Wed	11 th June	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Derek Whittaker RIP, <i>St Barnabus</i>
Thurs	12 th June	9.00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest (School) Patrick Wilson for his health and survival
Fri	13 th June	9.00am	Ann Ironside RIP, <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>
Sat	14 th June	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Priest's intentions Mike O'Hare RIP
Sun	15 th June	9.00am 11.00am	The Most Holy Trinity (Holmes Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's intentions

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, Margaret Strong, Frank Holbrook, John Wells.

Who have died recently: especially Doreen Stevenson

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Celia Dunn, John McLaughlin, Wilf O'Brien, Tony Evans, Madie Devaney, Martin Groarke, Francis Braniff, Frank McAleer, Rose McHugh, Mary Lannon, Peter McAleer, Patrick Leddy, Mary Hartley, Clarenc Costello, Kay Hartley, George Dean, Margaret Connolly, Canon Joseph Quinn, The Rt Rev John Brewer, Mgr John Williams, Rev Paul Hughes.

Cancel Debt, Choose Hope

We are facing the most acute global debt crisis in history and it's the world's poorest countries who are the worst affected. Many of these countries are suffering huge debt burdens with devastating impacts on ordinary people.

Next weekend there will be a short talk by the Parish **CAFOD** group at the end of all masses and we will all be invited to sign a **global Church petition** calling on world leaders to cancel unjust debt, support a Debt Justice Law and prevent future debt crises through a new debt framework within the United Nations.

Pope Francis spoke about debt cancellation many times, saying, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice." In this Jubilee Year we can be Pilgrims of Hope by signing the worldwide Church petition on our way out of Mass.

A message from the Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage Director

Thank you for all your help in promoting the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer in this Jubilee Year of 2025.

Currently we have 15 seats available on the coach, 1 seat left on the pilgrimage plane, and 3 seats left on a flight from Luton (coach travel transfer included). Perhaps you would be kind enough to mention in your parish newsletter that this is the last call for any pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes with the Diocese this year, we are very close to now closing the bookings for our 2025 pilgrimage. Booking forms are still available on our website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk.

Men's Breakfast event, being held at MCC on June 28th at 9am – 10.30. Our guest speaker this month is Pastor Paul Davidson. Please ask people to email info@middlewich.org to book their FREE place, by Thursday 26th June.

Here is a link to the event details:

<https://www.middlewich.org/events-1/mens-breakfast-1>

This Week in the Parish

Monday	Community Lunch	12.45pm	Parish Centre
Friday	Parents and Tots	10.00am	Room 2,3