



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

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Dear friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, (the most holy Body and Blood of Christ). The unbroken teaching of the Catholic Church is that we behold and receive in the Eucharist the Real Presence of the Risen Lord, who promised to be with us until the end of time. It is a great mystery yet at the same time a simple truth: God-is-with-us in a very special and singular way in the Blessed Sacrament, both received at Holy Communion and adored in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar at Exposition and Benediction. Firm belief in the Body and Blood Christ and regular reception of the Blessed Sacrament or Holy Communion is fundamental to Catholic doctrine, spirituality and growth in holiness. This is our inheritance. Let us joyfully embrace the gift of “finest wheat” which God offers us regularly, even every day.

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.

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** Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07549226794 or Jane at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435.

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**

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday 22nd June 2025

Sat	21 st June	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Mary Comer birthday, <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i> The Parishioners
Sun	22 nd June	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Caroline De Vere RIP Priest's intentions Please join us in the Parish Centre after Mass
Mon	23 rd June	9.00am 6.30pm	Priest's intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	24 th June	9.00am	Priest's intentions, <i>Nativity of John The Baptist</i>
Wed	25 th June	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Mike O'Hare RIP
Thurs	26 th June	9.00am	(School) Priest's intentions
Fri	27 th June	9.00am	Priest's intentions, <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Sat	28 th June	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Duncan Waiters RIP, <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> Priest's intentions
Sun	29 th June	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) The Parishioners Davies Family 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.

Who have died recently: especially Doreen Stevenson.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: especially William Curtis, Bill Hartley, Catherine Smith, Thomas Bratt, Frederick Bratt, Bob Milliken, Ellen McHale, Elizabeth Craven, Bernard Tyrell, Francis Kilkenny, Anthony Pirrazzo, Noreen Adderley, Margaret Francs McGrath, Mary Vose, Jean Nicholson, Helen Goodier, Josephine "Josie" Riley, Joseph Cooper, William Stoneley, Tom Browne, Rev Michael Murray, Rev Edward Doyle, Rev Desmond Friel.

Cancel Debt, Choose Hope

A big thank you to everyone who signed the petition last weekend to world leaders calling for urgent action on the debt crisis. The petition is still available to sign this weekend if you were unable to sign it last weekend. In the words of Pope Francis this is "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice".

Congratulations to the Bride and Groom

Fr. Peter celebrated the Marriage of Katie Bryden and Michael Roberts in St Mary's on Saturday 14th June.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Roberts.

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

Friday	Mothers' Prayers	9.45am	Room 4
Friday	Parents and Tots	10.00am	Room 2,3