



Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich
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Dear Friends,

The Gospel today invites us to think about how we think and act in relationship to others. Do we give chance to others first and stay background? Sometimes we can even stay in the background and still think of others as fools! Jesus invites us to think of ourselves as always, the last and the least. This is a difficult spiritual teaching, but one that needs to be heard at face value and not discussed away. We are invited to think of ourselves as less than others. This has nothing to do with a poor self-image nor with psychological problems! Rather, this is an invitation to live in truth with others and to forge a new relationship with others by changing our way of thinking of them. Let us love others today, especially those who cannot repay our love! Let us serve each person who comes into our life. Let us listen attentively so that we can know the divine presence at work in our world!

As a practical spiritual exercise, today we might try to be still and silent and just listen to others and see what that listening does to us interiorly.

Fr. Vijay

More Volunteers needed hospitality, cleaning and garden teams

The hospitality team prepare refreshments after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday in the Parish Centre. Cleaning can be done at a time which suits and takes about an hour and a half. Cleaning duties are on a rota and are approximately once every six weeks. More helpers would encourage our loyal team! Information from Debbie Stevens text 07928520537 for (hospitality/cleaning) or send a message to the Parish email or mobile.

Thank You to more new members who join the Gardening Team and Madeline and Peter Broadbent who join the hospitality team in October.

Charismatic Prayer Group at St Wilfrid's Parish

Northwich are starting a charismatic prayer group on Monday 22nd September 7pm at St. Bede's, Weaverham. All are welcome. They are hoping to repeat this each month.

Blessed Carlo Acutis – Trip to St Anthony's Wythenshawe

The first Millennial Saint is about to be canonized – Saint, Carlo Acutis. St Anthony's, Wythenshawe have a strand of hair from blessed Carlo, if there is sufficient interest we have been invited to visit. We are thinking in November/ early December. Please email the Parish email address if this would be of interest.

Baptism This Sunday

We welcome into our Parish Family **Master Charlie John Houghton**

The Next Community Lunch is on Monday September 22nd

There is no charge for the meal but donations are welcome to cover costs. Please sign the list at the back of church by Sunday September 14th if you wish to join us to give an idea of numbers. Thank you.

This Week in The Parish

Thursday	Confirmation Group	6pm-9pm	Parish Centre
Friday	Mothers' Prayers	9.45am	Room 4
Friday	Parents and Tots	10.00am	Room 2,3
Sunday	First Reconciliation Children	presented with their bible/medal	

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Sat	30 th Aug	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	<i>Ss Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line and Margaret Ward</i> Holy Rosary Simon Coyne (1 st anniversary) (Holmes Chapel) Holy Hour and Confessions Gavin McAleer RIP 20 th anniversary (1 September)
Sun	31 st Aug	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priests intentions John & Ruth Stoneley RIP
Mon	1 st Sep	9.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tues	2 nd Sep	9.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wed	3 rd Sep	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>St Gregory The Great</i> Holy Rosary Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thurs	4 th Sep	12.00pm	Funeral Service for Joan Reid
Fri	5 th Sep	11.00am	Requiem Mass Frank
Sat	6 th Sep	6.30pm	Tom O'Hare anniversary
Sun	7 th Sep	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions The Parishioners First Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By arrangement

Sacrament of Baptism: By arrangement

Please Pray for All

Who are sick at home and in hospital: especially Mike Hough, Catherine McIntosh, Margaret Strong, Janine Jackson and Deacon Terry Simms.

Who have died recently: especially Doreen McLoughlin.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary O'Hare, Walter Williams, John Duffy, Diana Princess of Wales, John Stoneley, Catherine Cheetham, Bridget McCory, Gavin McAleer, Michael Bailey, Francis Haslam, Sheila Hughes, Annie Harrop, Margaret Bennion, Richard K.Hind, George Egerton, Joan McGrory, James Bannaghan, Rev John Miller, Mary Kelly, Peggy Callaghan, Frederick Anderson, Roy Crumplin, Jonathan Williams, Rev David McNamara, Canon Francis John O'Reilly, Rev John Nolan, Canon Cormac McGonagle, Canon Kevin Byrne, Canon Martin Kehoe, Rev Terence Thompson, Canon Timothy Harrington, Rev Terence Boylan

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Food Bank Shortages

Long life Milk, Crisps and Chocolate.

Shrewsbury Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025

Parish Jubilee Trip to Shrewsbury Cathedral **23rd October 2025**

Depart St Mary's Middlewich 9am

return to Middlewich hopefully by 6pm.

Please sign up, indicating payment method, your meal preference, all meals served with filter coffee or tea.

There is the option after lunch to go into Shrewsbury town

Please sign the form at the back of church.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

We are running a pilgrimage to Medjugorje on **25th May – 1st June 26.**

The cost of the pilgrimage is £799 per person, based on two people sharing (£934 for a single room). This includes

- Travel - return flights from Manchester–Dubrovnik.
- Airport duty & passenger taxes
- 1 x 20kgs suitcase for the aircraft hold.
- 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast 4* Hotel in Medjugorje.
- A full pilgrimage programme for the week, with a local guide in Medjugorje.
- travel insurance is an extra £65 up to 80 years of age if you do not have your own cover)

If you are interested, please contact Gemma (07796 455509) or see Madelyn Devaney for more information. A deposit of £300 per person is required **before 31st October 2025.**

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