

OUR NEWSLETTER

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October 2025

St Mary's RC Church

2 New King Street, Middlewich

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Vijay Bhupathi

Tel:07836 614 833

Sacrament of Confession
Saturday 11.30am - 12.15pm
(also available on request)

Diary dates...

Glow Party - Friday 31st October

Churches Together are holding a Glow Party - 'Celebrating Light' for children up to 11 years old at Middlewich Community Church 5.30-7.30pm. Free Entry - Dress Up (No scary costumes).

Community Lunch - Monday 10th November

The next community lunch is on Monday November 10th after the midday mass. If you would like to attend, please sign the list at the back of church or email annesturman17@gmail.com to give us an idea of numbers. Please also take a reminder slip so that you know that you're on the list. There is no set charge for the meal but we welcome donations to cover costs. Many thanks.

Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral

Thank you to Ruth, Rod and all those who helped organise the pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral. It was a very joyful and spiritual experience. Photographs are on our facebook page.

Thank you to Dominic, Mary and Sr Ruth for their presentation on their experience at Assisi which was very enlightening and informative.

St Marys School - Craft Stall Raised £37.40 and the Toy Sale raised £50.00 for St Mary's parish. Thank you to all involved.

Please Pray for all...

Who have died recently, especially Clarry France.

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially Mike Hough, Margaret Strong, Joan Lloyd and Deacon Terry Simms.

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Reflection from Fr. Vijay

The Gospel reading of today presents the story of a Pharisee and a tax collector, which contains a critique of those who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous". Righteousness refers to the right relationship with God and others. The Pharisee clearly relies on the observance of the Law for maintaining his good relationship with God. In his prayer, he asks God for nothing. He does not seem to need anything from God. It appears that he came to the Temple to merely inform God that he is righteous because of what he does. His righteousness relies on his own deeds. The Tax collector had no merits. He pleaded for restoration, relying only on God's grace to be accepted into God's presence. Jesus teaches that this is the correct attitude when it comes to building one's relationship with God. No one can force God to show grace and love. It comes to those who, like the tax collector, humbly accept their complete dependence on God. Such an attitude makes the bond with God flourish and grow, while the overconfidence and pretentious attitude of the Pharisees disrupts it. We do not know whether the tax collector changed his life. But he certainly made the first and essential step towards conversion, which is the point of the story. Are we like the Pharisee or the tax collector, or both?

This Week in The Parish

Days	Activity	Time	Venue
Wednesday	RCIA	7.30pm	Parish centre
Friday	Parents & Toddler	10.00am	Parish centre

Day	Date	Times	Holy Mass Intentions
Sat	25/10	8.30am 9.00am	Holy Rosary Priest's intentions
Sat	25/10	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	26/10	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions
Sun	26/10	11.00am	Alison Browne birthday memorial
Mon	27/10	9.00am	Service of Word & Communion
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	28/10	9.00am	John McEnaney - Birthday Anniversary SS Simon & Jude followed by Holy Rosary
Wed	29/10	6.00pm	Holy Rosary
		6.30pm	Maureen Desmond - First Anniversary
Thurs	30/10	9.00am	Intentions of Becky Underwood
Fri	31/10	9.00am	Private intention for healing, true conversion, salvation & very strong discernment for a soul. followed by Holy Rosary
Sat	1/11	8.30am 9.00am	Holy Rosary Leanne Collins - Anniversary
Sat	1/11	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	2/11	9.00am	Priest's Intentions All Saints
Sun		11.00am	Alison Browne Anniversary

Looking ahead...

Parish Fundraising Activity

Friday 14th November 2025

Bingo & Bake sale evening – 7pm – Parish Centre

Please sign the list at Church if you are coming.

The Confirmation Group are organising the event to raise funds for the parish (St. Mary's & St. Joseph's)

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please send donations for bingo prizes & a hamper raffle in this week and any donations of bakes on the Friday.

Please support our young people and remember them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 15th November

Join us for a hearty breakfast, great company and our wonderful guest speaker – Kevin Cockburn at Middlewich Community Church Email info@middlewich.org or phone 01606 835928 to book your FREE place, booking closes at midday on Thursday 13th November.

Garden Day - Saturday 22nd November

Fr Vijay and the garden team are planning a church community garden day. Saturday 22nd November 10am - 3pm. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided. We need volunteers to help with the flower beds at the front and side of the church, and general tidying of the church grounds. It's an important image of welcome to the wider community "kerb appeal". You don't need to be a gardener or to commit to the whole day; whatever you can do will be appreciated. Many hands make light work.

If you are interested please put your name and number on the list at the back of church, let Fr Vijay know, or ring Kath Shaw 07780473042.

Donations Needed Please

Donations of spring bulbs, wallflowers, primroses, violas and pansies are needed to make a stunning spring display, to lift our spirits as we enter church. They can be left in the basket in the church porch.

Would you consider donating a rose bush for Our Lady's garden in-between the church and Presbytery? Perhaps in memory of a loved one.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 25th May- 1st June 2026. If you are interested, please contact Gemma 07796455509 or Madelyn for more information.

Parish Office.

Monday & Wednesday: 9.30am - 12.30

Friday: 1.00pm-5.00pm

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Anniversaries occurring at this

time...

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

(Psalm 34:18)



Anniversaries

Thomas Hodgkinson

Mike McCrystal

Hugh Armstrong

Ronald Mulgrew

Eric Gordon

Mary Allen

Ken Gallimore

Dorothy Davies

Thomas Taylor

Dennis Mcgorty

Kathleen Carter

Leanne Collins

Anniversaries

Elsie Smith

Albert Broughton

Blanche Ashmore

Maureen Desmond

Hannah Nehrlich

Alexandra Jenkins

Frances Brindley

John McAlinden

Malcolm Sample

Will Orchard

Phyllis Fahey

Rev Michael McCormack

Food Bank Shortages...Tinned: Soup, Rice pudding, Custard, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Cuppa soup, Coffee, UHT Milk, Packet noodles, deodorant

Our Pastoral Team

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