

Diary Dates

December 13th.

A New Beginning: Parish Pastoral Team day of Prayer and Reflection

Venue: St Mary's Parish Centre

We are blessed to introduce our new **Parish Pastoral Team**, who will begin their service with a special Day of Prayer and Reflection. This day marks the start of their mission to guide our parish with faith, vision, and unity. It is a time to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and dedicate their work to the Lord.

Time table:

8.30am	Arrival & Coffee
9.00am	Session with Rev. Fr. Peter Burke
10.00am	Coffee Break
10.30am	Holy Mass
11.00am	Holy Hour & Confessions

Although the day is for the team, the whole parish is part of its fruits. We invite all parishioners to join us in prayer on this day, asking God to bless our new team with wisdom, courage, and compassion. May their service help our parish grow in faith, hope and love

Christmas Carols

December 15th - 7pm

The school is holding a KS2 carol concert in church for all our parents (and parishioners are also welcome) on Monday 15th December at 6pm. Juniors classes will be performing carols and there will be a few carols for the audience to join in as well. Immediately afterwards, **there will be a Christmas Fair in the Parish Centre organised by the PTA at 7pm to which all are invited**

Christmas Raffle

Tickets £1 each are available to buy after each Holy Mass.

We have a large Christmas hamper made up of bottles and sweet treats plus a couple of smaller ones to win.

All proceeds will go to parish funds.

Craft Stall / Tombola - This Sunday in the Parish Centre

There will be a craft stall in the Parish Centre this Sunday and also a bottle tombola

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 8th 2025
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- **First Reading:** Genesis 3: 9-15,20
- **Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38

Tuesday, December 9th 2025:

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 40: 1-11
- **Gospel:** Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10th

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 40: 25-31
- **Gospel:** Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11th

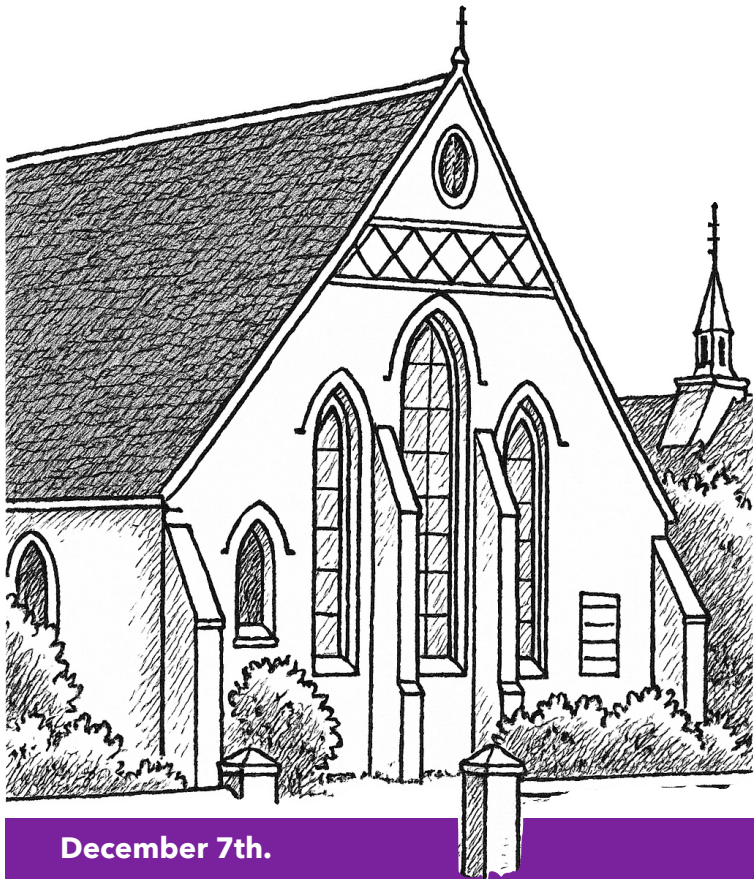
- **First Reading:** Isaiah 41:1-20
- **Gospel:** Matthew 11: 11-15

Friday, December 12th, 2025

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 48: 17-19
- **Gospel:** Matthew 11: 16-19

Saturday, December 13th

- **First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-4.9-11
- **Gospel:** Matthew 17:10-13



December 7th.

St Mary's
Roman Catholic Church
Middlewich.
&
St Margarets
Holmes Chapel

NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent


Fr. Vijay's reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way: Advent is a time to clear away obstacles—resentment, pride, distractions—and make room for Christ.

Live in hope: Isaiah's vision reminds us that peace is possible when we allow God to transform us.

Build community: Paul calls us to unity; our parish becomes a sign of God's kingdom when we live in harmony.

As we light the second candle of the Advent wreath, let us ask: *What paths in my life need straightening? Where can I bring peace and reconciliation? How can I help our parish shine as a beacon of hope?* Christ is coming. Let us prepare with joy, humility, and love.

 **Second Week of Advent - Peace:** *(Let us pray together):* Lord God, we light this second candle and remember Your call to repentance. Help us to turn away from sin and walk in Your ways. May this flame remind us of Your mercy and love. May this light help us through our journey toward Christmas to receive Peace into our lives. Amen."

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Community Focus

Christmas Masses

December 24th - Carols at 6pm

6.30 pm - Christmas Eve

11.00 pm - Mid Night Mass

December 25th

9:00am St Margaret’s

11:00am St Mary’s

Rose Garden

If you wish to dedicate your rose you can buy a small slate marker/cross they are available on line.
Type in memorial plant marker, then go to Diletto Gifts on Etsy. One has been bought for £3.99 + Postage which looks nice.
If you are not able to go online ring Kath on 07780473042 and she will do it for you.

Christmas Flowers

There will be a collection at all Masses 6/7 December and 13/14 December for Christmas Flowers for our lovely church. Thank you to all.



The Chosen

Bren and Pete Shackleton have now completed 5 Seasons of ‘The Chosen’ with an Ecumenical House group; watching the films and discussing the content. They have now started again with a new group and look forward to the many blessings that will bring.
Bren & Peter Shackleton: 077 39 38 87 14

Food Bank Shortages

Long life Milk, Coffee, noodles, Cuppa soup, tinned soup, rice pudding and snacks.

Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray.
Amen.



Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.
Monday on zoom at 10am
Wednesday before 6.30pm Holy Mass
Tuesday / Friday after 9am Holy Mass
Saturday 10am before Holy Mass

Christmas Novena

Will take place during Holy Mass from 16th - 24th December

What’s on in theParish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
MONDAY 8th	COMMUNITY MEAL	12.30
WEDNESDAY	RCIA	7.30PM
FRIDAY	TODDLERS GROUP	

Day	Times	Mass Intentions
Sat. 6/12	10.30pm	Simon Coyne - Anniversary of his death
	6.30pm	Priest intentions
Sun 7/12	9.00am	Second Sunday of Advent . Catherine Mottram RIP.
	11.00am	Presentation of First Forgiveness Certificates at the end of Mass
Mon 8/12	12 noon	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues 9/12	9:00am	Amanda Kenny
Wed 10/12	6.30pm	John Devaney (Anniversary)
Thus 11/12	9:00am	Priest intentions
Fri 12/12	9:00am	Deacon Gerard Ford
Sat 13/12	10.30am	St Lucy, V, M. Norma J. Cassidy (Anniversary RIP)
Sat 13/12	11-12.15	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 13/12	6.30pm	Priest intentions
Sun 14/12	9.00am	Third Sunday of Advent
Sun	11am	

Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Ann Smith	John Egan	Helen Patterson
Denis Kenny	Denis Charles McGee	Pam Devine
Annie Howman	Doris Bannaghan	Adrain Prescottt
Hilda Morris	Thomas James Bowen	Edward Horne Snr
Edith Duffy	Tess Haney	John Cannon
Basil Mannion	Charles Regan	Annie Kucharczyk
Bernard McDermott	Alfred Francis Barry	Rev Paul O’Grady
Mary Jane Down	Margaret Trelfa	Cannon Andrew Vincent Campbell



Please pray for all

Who have died recently, especially: Anita Blundell (Nee Sproston), Victoria Moger, Clarry France, Tom Marsden, Len Smith, Simon Wright and Anthony William Wollfenden

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

Sunday

Mass

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 11: 1-10
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms Ps 71
- **Second Reading:** Romans 15: 4-9
- **Gospel:** Matthew 3: 1-12