

Diary Dates / Faith Focus

Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.

Monday on zoom at 10.30am

Wednesday before 6.30pm Holy Mass

Tuesday / Friday after 9am Holy Mass

Saturday 10am before Holy Mass

Big Thank you

On behalf of Fr. Vijay and all parishioners we would like to thank Rev. Fr. Peter Burke for all his support this weekend.

CAFOD'S Big Lent Walk 2026

Walk anytime, anywhere for 40 days this Lent and raise funds for life-saving water to help our neighbours. For more details see the posters at the back of church or search for 'The Big Lent Walk'

World Leprosy Day, Sunday 25 January 2026

Today we mark World Leprosy Day, a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work through prayer, awareness, or donation.

www.johnbradburne.com, Tel: 07979 187498, Post: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB, Email: info@johnbradburne.com

Community Lunch - February 16th 2026

One next Community lunch will be on Monday 16th February in the Parish Centre. Sheets will be at the back of Church next weekend. Please sign-up if you wish to attend.

Many thanks Anne Sturman.

All donations support Mary's Meals

Opportunities at St Mary's School

St.Mary's School has a vacancy for a midday assistant (5 hours a week) 11:45 to 12:45. Application requests go to the school. Person needed as soon as possible. Contact School for more details. Tel: 01606 516171

St Mary's school Chess Club

We are looking for someone who would be interested in running a Chess Club at lunchtime. For more interest Tel : 01606 516171.



MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 26th, 2026

- First Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-8
- Gospel: Luke 10: 1-9

Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19
- Gospel: Mark

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-17
- Gospel: Mark 4: 1-20

Thursday, January 29th, 2026

- First Reading: Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29
- Gospel: Mark 4: 21-25

Friday, January 30th 2026

- First Reading: Samuel 11: 1-10, 13-17
- Gospel: Mark: 4: 26-34

Saturday, January 31st 2026

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17.
- Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41



January 25th 2026

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

NEWSLETTER

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Fr. Vijay's reflection

A great light shines today in Galilee, reaching those who sit in darkness and uncertainty. Jesus begins His ministry not in places of power, but among ordinary people, offering hope, healing, and a new beginning.

When He calls the first disciples, they respond with open hearts and willing steps. Their "yes" is simple, but it changes everything.

As we enter this week, may we recognise the light Christ brings into our own ordinary places, and may we be ready to follow Him with trust, courage, and joy.

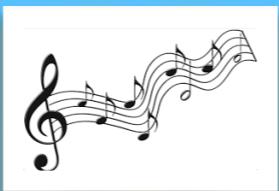
Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

A Big thank you to our Newsletter
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The De Vere Family



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Community Focus

Mothers Prayers

We have a group who meet every fortnight on a Friday morning in the Parish Centre 9.45 - 10.45 approx to pray specifically for our families.

All are welcome, Mothers and Grandmothers in particular.

For more information please contact: Anne Sturman or Carole Brown

Newsletter Sponsorship

Thank you to all those who have pledged to sponsor our newsletter. We still have the following months free for Sponsorship:

August to October

Churches Together in Middlewich

Churches Together in Middlewich are holding A Christian Unity Week service at the **United Reform Church, Queen St, Middlewich at 6.00pm. On Sunday 25th January.**

We encourage as many of us as possible to attend.

Eucharistic programme

This Sunday at 11am is a celebration Mass & Children's liturgy for all those young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We welcome them and their families and ask you to keep them in your prayers.



Next Children's preparation session: Monday 26th January in the Parish Centre 6pm.



"God of light and life, you speak to us in the prophets, the psalms, and the Gospels. Help us to encounter your Son, Jesus, in these sacred texts. May the Word of God knock on the doors of our minds and hearts, inviting us to a deeper conversion and a more faithful discipleship. May we, like the first apostles, leave all else behind to follow you.
Amen."

What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
MONDAY	Eucharistic Programme	6.00PM
TUESDAY	AA	6.30PM
WEDNESDAY	RCIA	7.30PM
THURSDAY	Happy little signers	9.30AM
FRIDAY	Parents and Tots group	9.30AM
FRIDAY	Alanon	1PM-3PM

Day	Times	Mass Intentions	
Sat. 24/1	10.30am	Service of the Word & Communion	
Sat. 24/1	6.30pm	Priest intentions	• First Reading:
Sun 25/1	9.00am	Sunday OF THE WORD OF GOD	Isaiah 9: 1b-4
	11.00am	Sunday OF THE WORD OF GOD . Sue McNeil for healing	• Responsorial Psalm: PS. 27 (26). - The Lord is my light and my Salvation
Mon 26/1		No Mass or Service today	• Second: Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13. 17
Tues 27/1	11.00am	Funeral Mass: Margaret Strong RIP	
Wed 28/1	6.30pm	Service of the Word & Communion	• Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23
Thurs 29/1	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Mike Hough RIP	
Fri 30/1	9:00am	Service of the Word & Communion	
Sat 31/1	10.30am	St John Bosco, P	
Sat 31/1	6:30pm	Priest intentions	
Sun 1/2	9:00am	Julie - For Healing & Recovery	
Sun 1/2	11:00am	Anniversary Terry Rosiak RIP	

Note: There will not be a Mass at school this Thursday

Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Dennis Bratt	Anthony Lawless	Tess Hough
William Molloy	Patrick Clarke	Wilfred Cooper
Vera Williams	Harriet Lennon	Bill Costello
Denis Broad	Martin Tully	Lilly Cesario
Bridget Mahon	Clive Richard McMillan	Jimmy Taylor
Joseph Gray	Fr. W. Cregan PP	Wilfred Cooper
Henry Jordon	Ethel Laughlin	Mgr. Hugh McHugh
James Ellison	Flurries Kelly	Rev Donnan Baron/ Rev James Matthews
Terry Rosiak	Anthony Lawless	Mgr Canon Percival Rees
Harry Bailey	Cannon Nial Mullaley	Rev James Matthews / Rev John Thompson

Parish Office

Office Hours
Monday / Wednesday
9.30-12.30
Friday
12.30-4.30

Please pray for all



Who have died recently, especially: Mike Hough, Robert Widgery, Margaret Strong. Deacon Terry Simms,

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially: Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens.

Sunday
Mass