

# Community 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

## 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 Update

Thank you to all those who have pledged to sponsor our newsletter.  
 We now have all of 2026 sponsored.

If you would like to sponsor a particular month in 2027 to mark a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please let us know.

## Celebrating 60 Years of St Nicholas Catholic High School – Jubilee Afternoon tea on Thursday, 26th March at 4.30.

This year marks a wonderful milestone for our Catholic community as St Nicholas' celebrates its 60th anniversary. For six decades, the school has been a place where young people have grown in faith, friendship, and learning—supported by dedicated staff, loving families, and the prayers of all our parishes. To mark this special occasion, we warmly invite past pupils, former staff, governors, and friends of the school to join us to come and see how the school has grown and changed over the years. There will be guided tours, displays of old photographs, and refreshments. A wonderful chance to reminisce and reconnect.

We ask that people sign up so that we have an idea of numbers – by emailing at the address below.

We would also love to hear from past students and staff so we are also inviting people to write or email their memories of St Nicholas' over the years. Email address for memories and to book a place for our Afternoon tea - [alumni@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk)

## World Day of Prayer service 2026 (written by the women of Nigeria) on Friday, 6 March 2026 at 7pm in Goostrey Methodist Church CW4 8PA.

The service entitled **"I Will Give You Rest: Come,"** Matthew 11:28-30 and created by the women of Nigeria speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.

# MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

### Monday, February 9th 2026

- First Reading: Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13
- Gospel: Mark 6: 53-56

### Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

- First Reading: 1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30
- Gospel: Mark 7: 1-13

### Wednesday, February 4th, 2026

- First Reading: 1 Kings 10: 1-10
- Gospel: Mark 7: 14-14

### Thursday, February 5th. 2026

- First Reading: 1 Kings 11: 4-13
- Gospel: Mark 7: 24-30

### Friday, February 6th 2026

- First Reading: 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19
- Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

### Saturday, February 7th 2026

- First Reading: Acts 13: 46-49
- Gospel: Luke 10: 1-9



8th February 2026.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Fr. Vijay's reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses two simple images—**salt** and **light**—to describe the mission of every disciple. Salt preserves, heals, and brings out flavour. Light reveals what is true and helps others find their way. Jesus is reminding us that faith is never meant to be hidden or kept for ourselves. It is meant to make a difference.

We become "salt" when our presence brings encouragement, hope, or kindness into someone's day. We become "light" when our words and actions reflect God's compassion in a world that can often feel shadowed by worry or division. Even the smallest gesture—a listening ear, a patient response, a quiet prayer for someone—can brighten another person's path.

Isaiah's words in the first reading echo this call: *"Share your bread with the hungry... remove the yoke from among you."* When we care for one another, God's light shines through us more clearly.

As we continue through Ordinary Time, may we rediscover the quiet but powerful ways we can season the world with God's love and let His light shine through our lives.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

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# NEWSLETTER

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 making our newsletter possible for the  
 month of February

The Devaney Family

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### Lent Bible Studies

You're warmly invited to join the **Lent 2026 Bible Studies**, a FREE, six-week journey presented **LIVE ONLINE** by Mauro Iannicelli of Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries.

We will lead you through an in-depth exploration of the six Lenten Sunday Gospels, preparing you to hear them proclaimed at Mass.

**INFO & REGISTRATION:** [comeandsee.org/lent26](http://comeandsee.org/lent26)

- Breaking open each Lenten Sunday Gospel
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**STARTS:** Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm UK Time

#### 6 Tuesday Sessions:

Tues 17 Feb | Tues 24 Feb | Tues 03 Mar  
Tues 10 Mar | Tues 17 Mar | Tues 24 Mar

**TIME:** 7pm - 8:15pm UK time



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## Day of special prayer for Victims of Trafficking



O God, Who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion

Through Christ our Lord.

St Josephine Bakhita: Pray for us

Day	Times	Mass Intentions	Sunday Mass
Sat. 7/2	10.30am	Michael Hough RIP	• <b>First Reading:</b> Isaiah 58: 6-10
Sat. 7/2	6.30pm		• <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <b>111:</b> A light rises in the darkness for the upright
Sun 8/2	9.00am	John Desmond Hartley RIP	
Sun 8/2	11.00am		• <b>Second: Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
Mon 9/2	9.00am	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Tues 10/2	9.00am	<b>ST Scholastica, V.</b> Clarry France RIP	
Wed 11/2	6.30pm	Jane Laverack RIP (Anniv/D'day)	
Thurs 12/2	9.00am	Peter Hannon RIP (Mass in School)	
Fri 13/2	9:00am	Chawner & Evans Family & Friends	
Sat 14/2	10.30am	<b>Ss Cyril, Mk and Methodius, B</b> Michael Hough RIP	• <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5: 13-16
Sat 14/2	6:30pm		
Sun 15/2	9:00am		
Sun 15/	11:00am	Nanett Crocher RIP (Anniv)	

Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Margret Tiller	James Hussey	Sarah Anne Costello
Julia Hazell	Carmen Lanni	Ada Bannaghan
Philip Dunn	John Galbraith	Marion Brett
Marjorie Pointer	Patricia Ward	William Gallagher
Winifred Wells	Mary Eldon	Monica Kenyon
Leonard Van Hove	Martha Frances Harkes	Fred Ruscoe
Catherine Cannon	Mary Slater	Harry Clark
Fr. John Ryan PP	Mary Elden	Cannon William C.T. Briscoe
Winefride Costello	Teresa Cuanagh	Rev Edward Coonan / Rev David Craig
Rev. Terence Coyne	Rev John A Lyons	Rev Michael Wagstaff
REv Edward Carroll / Rev Ernest Daly	Rev Ivan R. Burke	

*Please pray for...*



#### Who have died recently, specially:

Deacon Terry Simms, Alec Smith, Angela Lawrence

#### Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially:

Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens.