

Community Focus

Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary this week:

Monday on zoom at 10.30am
Tuesday after 9am Holy Mass
Wednesday before 6.30pm Holy Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation

We will soon be looking to help prepare young people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are aged 13 or over (Year 8 and above) and looking to learn more about Confirmation and your faith or thinking about your relationship with God and what it means, then please contact Gemma (07796455509) or Mike (07368836053) or email the parish by 31st March 2026

Community lunch

The next community lunch is on Monday the 20th April. The Lunch is planned for April 20th after the midday mass. Priority will be given in April to those on the waiting list who did not get a place in March. Many thanks for your cooperation Anne and Sarah.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Pilgrimage Youth 2026

Date: 29th June - 7th August 2026 Cost: £740 (Bursary, match funding and support are available) Age: 16 to 23. Closing Date for all applications -31st March 2026

Why go to Lourdes?

For our young people Lourdes offers a unique opportunity to grow in faith, service, and community. The shrine, associated with the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St Bernadette, welcomes pilgrims from around the world. Our young pilgrims volunteer to help the sick and elderly, taking part in a powerful tradition of compassion and care. Alongside this service, they experience prayer, reflection, and friendship with other young Catholics from across our Diocese, often returning home with a deeper sense of faith and a stronger commitment to serving others. Our Lady called each one of us - now we have to answer the call.

Vacancy

Due to retirement, a vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000 dependant on experience.

Hours: 25 per week, term time only, Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date 10 April. Further details can be found on the Diocesan

A Note of Welcome and Best Wishes

Warm wishes of welcome on your new appointment to our parish team dear Mary Ford. You will be much appreciated for the gifts and dedication you bring to this role. May your work here be fulfilling, joyful, and richly blessed. Please be assured of our support and prayers as you begin. Wishing you every success as we serve our community together.

Almighty God,

as the crowd shouted hosannas,

open my ears to hear Your voice above all else.

Let me recognise Your guidance

and follow it faithfully.

Inspire me to spread peace and goodness in the world around me.

Strengthen my heart to trust in Your perfect plan.

May this Holy Week be a time of true surrender to You.



"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to spend some time with Our Lord on Holy Thursday after Mass

Rod and Anne Adderley would like to thank Fr Vijay for all his ministrations and all our parish friends for their kind thoughts and best wishes on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding. God



29th March 2026.

PALM SUNDAY

Fr. Vijay's reflection

Passion Sunday draws us into the mystery of Christ's love. We begin with the joy of palms, yet quickly enter the solemn path of His suffering. In Matthew's Passion, Jesus meets betrayal, injustice, and violence with a quiet strength rooted in the Father. His silence is not defeat but love choosing not to retaliate.

As Holy Week begins, we are invited to stay close to Jesus in His Passion. Whatever burdens we carry, He has already walked that road. May this week deepen our compassion, steady our hope, and open our hearts to the transforming love revealed on the cross.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.15 - 12.15pm

Key Contacts

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Finance

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PPT Chair-person

Dave Collins

Please note new office hours: Monday 9.30 - 11.30 Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30 Friday 9.30 - 12.30

NEWSLETTER



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Middlewich.
&

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FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Coffee, Cordial, Tinned potatoes, Rice pudding
Easter Eggs
Thank you for your continued help.

Safeguarding Resource

For all parishioners, please take one of the handy credit card sized booklets available at both St Mary's and St Margarets titled 'Concerned about a Child or Adult at risk'. These are available for all parishioners but those volunteers who hold a DBS certificate are especially invited to take one. They are a valuable resource, in a clear format, to keep handy for use if you have any safeguarding concerns.

New Envelopes

New boxes of named offertory envelopes will be available for collection at all masses next week (21/22 March).

For Gift-Aid we are required to confirm the address details of each donor, so please complete the card included in the box and place it in your next donation envelope.

If you currently give by standing order, please confirm your address details to worthingtonkr@gmail.com.

For all Interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family

You are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Middy. 18th April 2026, St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton St Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP Time: 9.30pm to 4.00pm. **Please Register with Monika Golembiewska email: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org**

Spring Raffle

Tickets available after every Mass
Main Prize ****MOUNTAIN BIKE****
Plus several smaller prizes.
All proceeds to the Parish

A big thank you to our sponsors who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this month.
Rod & Anne Adderley

Feast of the Divine Mercy – Sunday 12th April 2026

Jesus told St Faustina, 'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. ... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.'

Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday 12th April at 11am Holy Mass.

10.45am Sunday 12th April - Divine Mercy Chaplet

Confessions will be available on Saturday 11.15am-12.15 (this fulfils the requirement for the Feast)

The novena which can be prayed prior to the feast and begins on Good Friday. Leaflets will be available at the back of Church.

(More details regarding the Feast available at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>).



Children's Liturgy
The Children of St Mary's will join us for 11.00am
Mass at St Mary's Easter Sunday
All children welcome.

This Week St MARY'S & St MARGARETS

St MARY'S

Holy Thursday:

Mass of The Lords Supper 6.30pm
Watching until 12.00 Midnight

Good Friday

Walk of Witness: 10.30am

Celebration of The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 8.30pm

Easter Sunday:

Holy Mass 11.00am

St MARGARETS

Good Friday

Walk of Witness 12.30pm

Easter Sunday

Holy Mass 9.00am

Day	Times	Mass Intentions
Sat. 28/3	10.30am	Priest intentions
Sat. 28/3	6.30pm	Blessing Rod & Anne Adderley (Diamond Wed Anniv)
Sun 29/3	9.00am	Ron Southern (RIP)
Sun 29/3	11.00am	Priest intentions
Mon 30/3	9.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tues 31/3	9.00am	Rod & Anne Adderley
Wed 1/4	6.30pm	Holy Mass
Thurs 2/4	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday
Fri 3/4	3:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of The Lord's Passion
Sat 4/4	8.30pm	HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL
Sun 5/4	9:00am	EASTER SUNDAY Andrew Peter Freer (Anniv)
Sun 5/4	11:00am	EASTER SUNDAY

Anniversaries

Marie Darin

Anthony Carr

Thomas Costello

Bill Armsden

Michael Sproston

John Edward Molloy

Mary Carter

Eugene (John) McNamara

Patrick Ryan

Robert Quinn

Ellen Reynolds

Rev Michael Lloyd

Rev George Crispin (Deacon)

Anniversaries

Harry Hickland

Margaret Mary Barry

Ada Taylor

Theresa Hazel

Tori Morrey

Con Daley

William Foley

James Jennings

Joseph Turnbull

Mary Fahey

Eileen Morris

Rev Philip White (Deacon)

Pope John Paul II

Anniversaries

Eileen Gilbert

Ellen Mannion

Hugh Ward

Susan Higgins

Hazel Smith

Mary Boynton

Canon Joseph Cahill

Rev Charles Woods
(Deacon)

Rev Brendan Hoban

Rev Peter Bravey (Deacon)

Rev Keith Brigham

Please pray for all...

Who have died recently especially Jonathan Ward or who are sick at home and in hospital, especially: Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Catherine McIntosh

