

Community Focus

Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.
Monday on zoom at 10.30am
Tuesday after 9am Holy Mass
Wednesday before 6.30pm Holy Mass
Friday after 9.00am Holy Mass
Saturday 10am before 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.

Thank you from CAFOD

for your generous support this Family Fast Day - your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent - fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou
Thanks to your generosity we have just sent off another cheque to CAFOD for £185.20.

Community Lunch

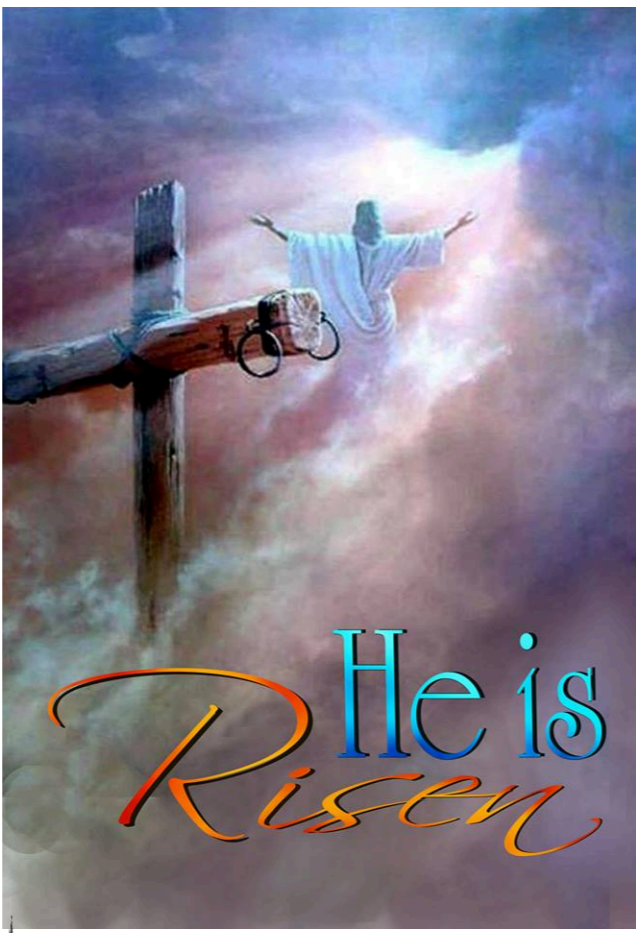
Our next community lunch will be Monday 23rd April
The Lunch is planned for after the midday mass. Priority will be given in April to those on the waiting list who did not get a place in March. The list is now available at the back of Church. Many thanks for your cooperation Anne and Sarah.

Craft Stall

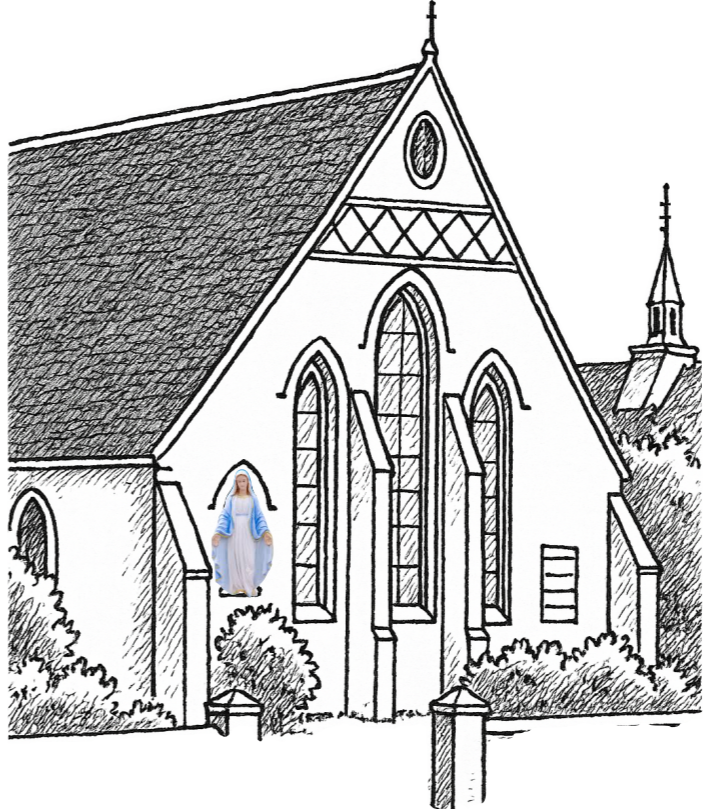
Thank you to all who supported the Craft Stall in the past few weeks. This raised £131.80 for Parish Funds. Many thanks to Helen and all who make this possible.



God,
may we feel the warm
embrace of your love
on this sacred day.
May the glory of Jesus's
resurrection
remind us that with You,
nothing is impossible or
without hope.
We pray in Your name.
Amen



We welcome into our Parish Family Harper Isabella Wright who will be Baptised next Sunday Please keep her in your prayers



NEWSLETTER

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Fr. Vijay's reflection

EASTER SUNDAY

"He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Today the Church across the world proclaims the greatest news ever entrusted to humanity: the tomb is empty, and Christ is risen. What began in darkness at dawn becomes a message that changes everything. Easter is not simply an event from long ago; it is God's headline for every generation—death is defeated, hope is alive, and love has the final word. In a world that often feels weighed down by uncertainty, conflict, and weariness, Easter breaks through like a banner of light. The Resurrection tells us that God's grace is always stronger than the stones that try to seal us in—stones of fear, grief, guilt, or discouragement. Nothing is beyond the reach of the Risen Christ.

Easter invites us to become people of the empty tomb: people who carry hope into conversations, people who choose compassion over cynicism, people who believe that new beginnings are possible even where everything seems lost.

Jesus is risen, Alleluia.

Eucharistic Adoration Saturday 11.15 - 12.15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

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Please note new office hours: Monday 9.30 - 11.30 Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30 Friday 9.30 - 12.00

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FOODBANK

Thank you to you & your church for its continued support for Middlewich and District Foodbank.

Last year your donations of food and money enabled us to give everyone referred to us a 7 day supply of balanced and nutritious food. During the year we gave out 810 emergency food parcels and we helped feed 1230 adults & 724 children, totalling 1954 people. This would not have been possible without your generosity and support. Thank you so much for being there for us & the people of Middlewich and the surrounding areas. Nicky Colclough Project Manager

Marriage and Family

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 MIDDAY. **18th April 2026, St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton St Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm. Please Register with Monika Golembiewska email: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org**

We welcome:
Adam, Emma, Matthew and Harvey
Who will be received into the Church at the
Easter Vigil.
Also
Harry & Millie who will be received at St
Winefride's Sandbach

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>).



Day	Times	Mass Intentions
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
Mon 6/4		NO MASS OR SERVICE
Tues 7/4	9.00am	Sylvia Flatau RIP
Wed 8/4	6.30pm	Paul Black RIP
Thurs 9/4	9.00am	Holy Mass in Church
Fri 10/4	9:00am	Ursula Finn (92nd Birthday)
Sat 11/4	10.30am	Caroline DeVere (Birthday Anniv)
Sat 11/4	2.00pm	Wedding Service of Isobel Chetwood & Elliot Muir
Sat 11/4	6:30pm	Holy Mass
Sun 12/4	9:00am	Holy Mass
Sun 12/4	10.45am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sun 12/4	11:00am	Divine Mercy Holy Mass Jack Laverack Birthday Anniv

- Anniversaries**
- Anthony Carr
 - Thomas Costello
 - Bill Armsden
 - Michael Sproston
 - John Edward Molloy
 - Mary Carter
 - Eugene (John) McNamara
 - Patrick Ryan
 - Robert Quinn
 - Ellen Reynolds
 - Eileen Gilbert

- Anniversaries**
- Harry Hickland
 - Margaret Mary Barry
 - Ada Taylor
 - Theresa Hazel
 - Tori Morrey
 - Con Daley
 - William Foley
 - James Jennings
 - Joseph Turnbull
 - Mary Fahey
 - Eileen Morris

- Anniversaries**
- Mary Boynton
 - Ellen Mannion
 - Hugh Ward
 - Susan Higgins
 - Hazel Smith
 - Canon Alfred McNally
 - Rev Kevin Desmond Daley
 - Rev Wilfrid Kelly
 - Paul Sidoli
 - Rev David Peters

Children's Liturgy
The Children of St Mary's will join us for 11.00am Mass at St Mary's Easter Sunday and Sunday 12th April
All children welcome.

A big thank you to Rita O'Hare for sponsoring our Newsletter this month.



*Please pray for those who Who have died recently:
Especially Jonathan Ward
And those who are sick at home and in hospital, especially: Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Catherine McIntosh*