

## 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 9.00 am 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.

### Retreat for Singles and engaged couples

2 - 3 May 2026

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

### FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Coffee, Cordial, Tinned Potatoes, Rice Pudding.  
Thank you for your continued support.

### Catholic Family Holidays in the Lake District

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

## DIVINE MERCY

3 o'clock Prayer

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

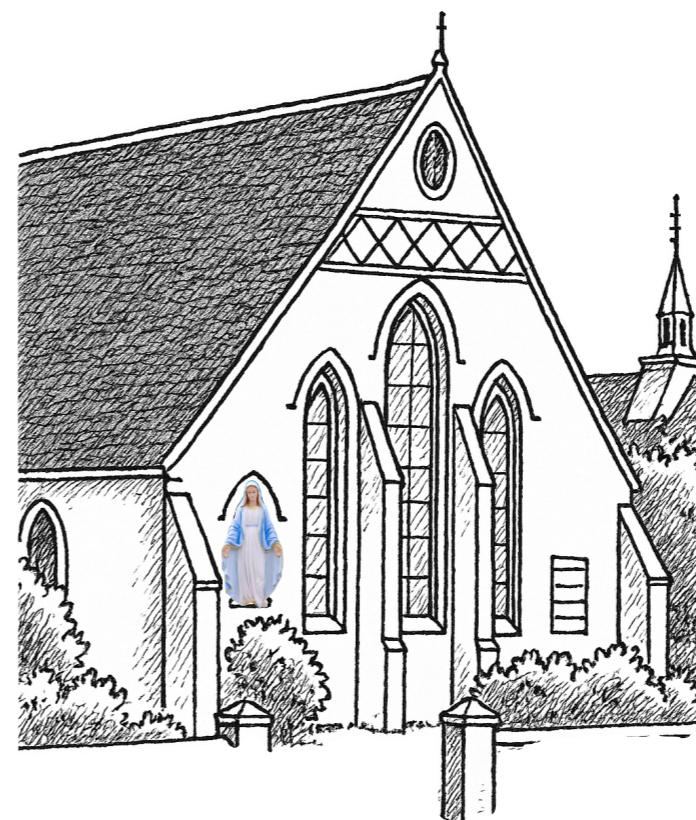
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You!"



### HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you would like Fr Vijay to come and Bless your home please email the Parish Office: [stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com)



12th April 2026.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The Risen Christ steps into a locked room and speaks the words every fearful heart longs to hear: "Peace be with you." The disciples are still confused, still anxious, still unsure—and yet Jesus meets them exactly where they are. Even Thomas, who needs to see and touch, is not scolded but gently invited deeper into faith.

This Sunday reminds us that Easter faith is not about having everything sorted. It is about allowing Christ to enter the closed places of our lives—our doubts, our worries, our unfinished questions—and breathe His peace upon us. Like Thomas, we grow in faith not by pretending to be certain, but by honestly seeking the One who never stops seeking us. May the peace of the Risen Lord unlock our hearts and renew our hope.

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

### Key Contacts

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

## NEWSLETTER

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**Community Lunch**

The next community lunch is after the midday mass on Monday April 20th. If you would like to come to the lunch, please sign the list at the back of church. Due to the popularity of the lunches, we are having to limit the places on the list to 30. If the 30 places have been taken, then there will be a waiting list in case of any cancellations. Priority will also 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.

**If we are to continue this very important event then Urgent help is needed from SEPTEMBER. This is such a blessing for all our parish but especially for those who find it difficult to find opportunities to socialise during the week.**

**Sarah is happy to continue making the main course but we need someone to take over from Anne Sturman who has served us very well for so long in the organising of this monthly event. Please contact the parish if you are able to help.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The catechists for the children's Liturgy group would love to have some additional help please. They meet on alternate Sundays for 11.00 Mass. Volunteers will require to have DBS certificate which can be obtained through our safeguarding Rep here in the parish. If you haven't done anything like this in the past why not come along and speak to the team or email the parish for more information.

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY**

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **join the team**

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

Psalm Response:  
Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

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



**Spring Raffle**  
Final Chance to buy tickets.  
Tickets available after every Mass  
Main Prize **\*\*MOUNTAIN BIKE\*\***  
Plus several smaller prizes.  
All proceeds to the Parish  
Tickets £2.00 each  
Draw will take place after 11.00am  
Mass this Sunday

**What's on in the Parish Centre this week**

Day	Activity	Time
Sunday 12/4	SVP	10.00am
Mon 13/4	PEP Session 7	6.00pm
Thursday 16/4	Local By-Election	6.30am - 11.00pm
Thursday 16/4	Happy Little Signers Group	9.30am
Friday 17/4	Parents and Tots group	9.30am

Day	Times	Mass Intentions
Sat. 11/4	10.30am	Holy Mass Caroline DeVere Birthday Anniv
Sat. 11/4	2.00pm	<b>Wedding Service for Isobel Chetwood &amp; Elliot Muir</b>
Sat 11/4	6.30pm	Holy Mass
Sun 12/4	9.00am	Second Sunday of Easter <b>DIVINE MERCY (St Margarets)</b>
Sun 12/4	10.45am	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>
Sun 12/4	11:00am	<b>Divine Mercy Holy Mass</b> Jack Laverack Birthday Anniv
Mon 13/4	9.00 am	<b>SERVICE OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION</b>
Tues 14/4	9.00am	Holy Mass
Wed 15/4	6.30pm	Holy Mass. Mike O'Hare (Birthday Anniv)
Thurs 16/4	9.00am	Holy Mass <b>School</b>
Fri 17/4	9:00am	Holy Mass. Mary Walsh (Anniv)
Fri 17/4	11.00am	<b>Funeral Service for John Patrick Griffin</b>
Sat 18/4	10.30am	Holy Mass
Sat 18/4	6:30pm	Holy Mass
Sat 18/4	9.00am	Con Daly (RIP Anniversary)
Sun 18/4	11:00am	Holy Mass St Margarets

- Anniversaries**
- Eliza Cregg
  - John Christopher Kerrigan
  - Joan Kerrigan
  - Linda Williams
  - Martin Williams
  - James O'Hare
  - Geoffrey Nicholas Turner
  - Rev John Terence Daley

- Anniversaries**
- Amanda Jane Kerrigan
  - Madeline Mary Rutledge
  - Anne Acton
  - Ted Carr
  - Frank Challinor
  - Clement Bannaghan
  - Elizabeth Rush
  - Lodzia Jaskiewicz

- Anniversaries**
- Margaret Hatton
  - Patrick Jordon
  - Agnes Mary Laughlin
  - Catherine Anne Duncan
  - Kathleen Hunter
  - Patrick Dolan
  - Peter Kerrigan
  - Mary Ellen Horne



*Please pray for those who have died recently:  
Especially John Griffin and Mary Oakes*

*And those who are sick at home and in hospital especially:  
Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Catherine McIntosh*