

Community Focus

Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.

Monday on zoom at 10.30am

Tuesday after 9.00am Holy Mass

Wednesday 6.00pm before 6.30pm Holy Mass

Friday after 9.00am Holy Mass

Saturday 10am before 10.30 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:

stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Coffee, Cordial, Tinned Potatoes, Rice Pudding, Tinned Corned Beef, Tinned Spaghetti.
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 >> stay with us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

RETREAT FOR SINGLES

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/>

Psalm for the Week

PSALM 100

(The Antiphon is recited in Morning Prayer)

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Antiphon

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Antiphon

Go within his gates, giving thanks.

Enter his courts with songs of praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Antiphon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy

Spirit:



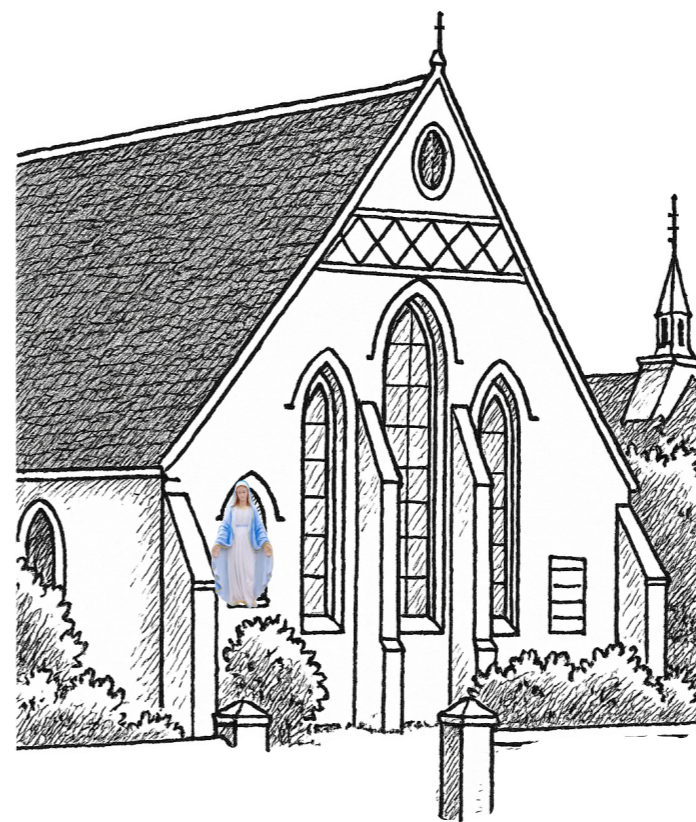
ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 25th April 10.00-1.00 online. "SURRENDER TO LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker Geoff Poulter, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. **Attend in person** if possible at St. Joseph's, Christchurch, Dorset. Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you would like Fr Vijay to come and Bless your home please

email the Parish Office with your Name, address and telephone contact number.

stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com



19th April 2026.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Vijay's reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples on the road to Emmaus recognise Jesus only when He breaks the bread. It is a gentle reminder that the Risen Lord often comes to us in ways we do not expect—through Scripture that stirs our hearts, through the Eucharist that nourishes us, and through the quiet kindness of others.

Easter faith is not about seeing everything clearly; it is about allowing Christ to open our eyes, again and again, to His presence in our ordinary days. As He did for the disciples, Jesus still walks with us, listens to our worries, and turns our confusion into hope.

May our hearts burn within us this week as we recognise Him in the breaking of the bread and in the simple graces that surround us.

Saturday 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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**&
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Community Lunch

The next community lunch is after the midday mass next Monday April 20th. 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 be required to have a 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 or www.castleriggmanor.com >> **join the team**

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

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan.

Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence - with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

We welcome into our Parish Family
Ivan Preye Jamieson
who will be Baptised this Sunday
Please keep the family in your prayers.



 **Spring Raffle** 



The Winners from the draw:
The ticket for the 1st prize (MOUNTAIN BIKE) was
Fr Vijay He asked if this could be re-drawn and
Anna Redundo was the lucky winner.
Jack Daniels - Paul McAleer
Wine - Kathryn Scott, Rod Adderley, Margaret Garner
John Hunter, Maureen O'Keefe,
Vodka - John Upton
Cocktail - Carole Browne
Easter Egg Ethan Spann, Anne Adderley, Stella Freer
Hot Chocolate - Anne Jordan

**The raffle Raised £405
for Parish Funds**
Many thanks to all who took part.

What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Mon 20/4	COMMUNITY LUNCH	12.00 pm
Thursday 23/4	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Friday 24/4	Mothers Prayers	9.30am
Sunday 26/4	Children's Liturgy	9.30am

Sat 18/4	10.30am	Holy Mass Isobel & Elliot Muir (<i>Married last Saturday</i>)
Sat 18/4	6.30pm	Third Sunday of Easter Holy Mass
Sun 19/4	9.00am	Third Sunday of Easter (St Margarets) Con Daly (<i>RIP Anniv</i>)
Sun 19/4	11:00am	Third Sunday of Easter
Mon 20/4	12.00pm	Community Mass and Lunch
Tues 21/4	9.00am	Holy Mass
Wed 22/4	6.30pm	Holy Mass. Win Evans (<i>Successful operation</i>)
Thurs 23/4	9.00am	Holy Mass School Craig Family
Fri 24/4	9:00am	Holy Mass.
Sat 25/4	10.30am	Holy Mass Ruth Stoneley (<i>Birthday Anniv</i>)
Sat 25/4	6:30pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass
Sun 26/4	9.00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter (St Margarets) Holy Mass John Cullen RIP
Sun 26/4	11:00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass <i>Commissioning of Parish Pastoral Team</i> PEP Celebration Mass

Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
James Cregg	Frances Bannaghan	Mary Ryan
Ted Higgins	Margaret Johnson	Michael Young
Winifred Williams	Michael James Bannaghan	Catherine Costello
May Shirley	Laura McClean	Mary Edwards
John Costello	Veronica Barrett	Jack Cavaney
Leonard Farrington	John Bomford	Cicely Sant
Louise Turnbull	Thomas Cannon	Lawrence Lynch
Richard Purcell	James A. Cannon	John Gregory
Julia Brennan	Alfred Ernest Horricks	Simon Dakin
Rev John Flood	Rev John Gannon	Rev Canon Patrick J Egan
Leonard Davies		Rev Robin Sutton



Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Joseph Patrick Griffin who's Funeral service was celebrated on Friday 17th April.

Also For John Wells who died on Sunday 12th April.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Especially Joseph Griffin, Mary Oakes & John Wells

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