

## 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

### 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](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

### Community Lunch

The next community lunch is after the midday mass Monday May 18th. 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 Mat to those on the waiting list who did not get a place in April. Many thanks for your cooperation Anne and Sarah.

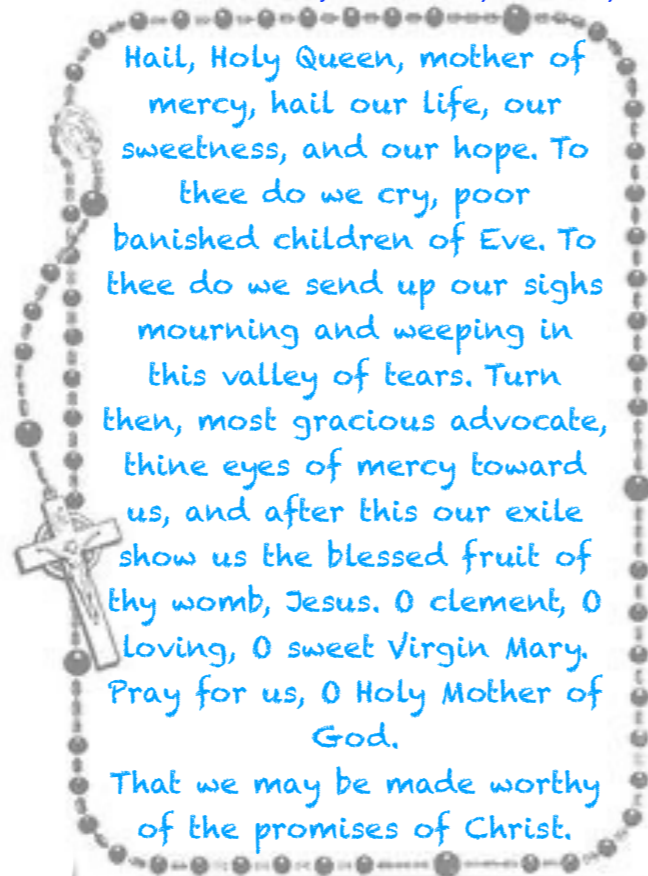
**If we are to continue this very important event then Urgent help is needed from SEPTEMBER. This is such a blessing for all our parish but especially for those who find it difficult to find opportunities to socialise during the week.**

**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 organising this monthly event. Please contact the parish if you are able to help.**

### BARNABUS CHARITY FOR THE HOMELESS

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the Barnabus Charity. We have been supporting them now for a year and in that time we have sent 32 bin sacks. Please check the list for the items that are needed ~ no Children's clothing. Thank you.

### The Month of The Holy Rosary



Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

#### DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2026

Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026 are invited to attend the **Diocesan Mass for Marriage, which will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 13th June at Saint Columba's, Chester.** The Mass be followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. To receive an invitation from the Bishop's Office, parishioners should contact their Parish Priest or Parish Secretary with the following information: names, address and which significant anniversary is being celebrated. Invitations will only be issued through parishes. The closing date to receive an invitation is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

We welcome into our Parish Family  
Otilie Teddy Watson  
who will be Baptised this Sunday  
Please keep the family in your prayers.



#### HOUSE BLESSINGS

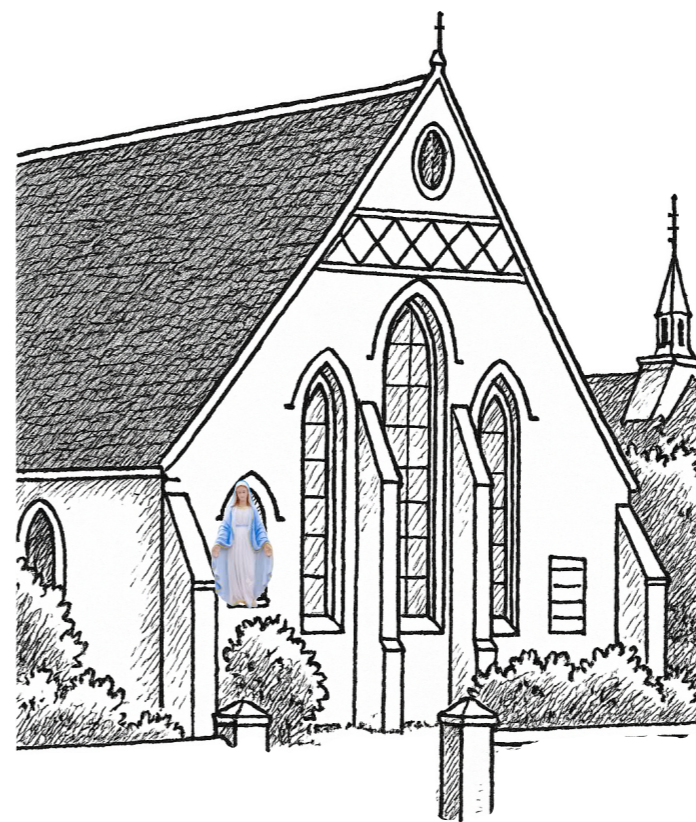
If you would like Fr Vijay to come and Bless your home please

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

[stmarysremiddlewich@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysremiddlewich@gmail.com)

Or Tel: 07836 614 833

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## NEWSLETTER

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&  
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3rd May 2026.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead*

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that steady the heart: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He knows the disciples are anxious, uncertain, and afraid of what lies ahead. Yet He invites them to trust—not in a plan, but in Him.

Jesus reveals Himself as the way, the Truth, and the Life. He is not simply a guide pointing us toward God; He is the very path that leads us there. When life feels confusing or overwhelming, we don't need to have everything figured out. We only need to stay close to Him. As we continue our Easter journey, may we allow Christ to calm our troubled hearts, to guide our steps, and to remind us that in Him we already have a place, a purpose, and a home.

*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

## 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."

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](http://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)

## 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.

## Society of St Vincent de Paul

If you are aware of anyone in the parish who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home or just a friendly visit, please contact a member of The SVP or telephone the Presbytery on 01606 832359

## Finance Group

March Income: £8637.87

March Outgoings £12219.14

## DIGITAL GIVING

To help support the life of our parish, we are introducing a new digital system which will allow parishioners and visitors to donate through a new device located at the back of Church. The system is easy to use - select the amount you wish to donate, tap your card or smartphone and your donation is made, simply, quickly and securely.

The machine will be installed in the next couple of weeks at the back of St Mary's.

The new system is **optional** and is not a replacement for the current system of giving. All parishioners are welcome and able to continue to give through standing orders or envelope collections which are gratefully received.



**A big thank you to  
The O'Keefe Family  
for sponsoring our Newsletter during May.**

## A PRAYER FROM CAFOD

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear. Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.

Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that you would rise again.

May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life.

Hear us, Lord of life!

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th-16th MAY 2026

Christian Aid is focusing on supporting families facing the daily stress of food insecurity in Nairobi.

In crowded and noisy settlements, parents wake up knowing they must earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. With tools, seeds and training from Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, families can grow nutritious vegetables in small city spaces and grow hope for the future. Every pound we raise can help supporting community-led projects that strengthen food security and incomes. On Sunday May 10th there will be a United Service for Christian Aid at St Lukes Church, Holmes Chapel at 10.30am. A representative from Christian Aid North West will be speaking about its work during the service, all are welcome!

Envelopes will be available in St Margaret's Sunday 10th May for your donations. Alternatively please use the On-Line Platform specifically for Christian Aid Week found by using this link online:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/holmes-chapel-group>

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

Day	Activity	Time
Thursday	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Friday	Mothers Prayers	9.30am
Friday	Mums & Tots	9.30am

Sat 2/5	10.30am	Holy Mass <i>Collins Family Intentions</i>
Sat 2/5	6.30pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass
Sun 3/5	9.00am	<b>(St Margarets)</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass <i>Julie (Thanksgiving for Healing &amp; Recovery)</i>
Sun 3/5	11:00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass
Mon 4/5		<b>Bank Holiday (no mass or service)</b>
Tues 5/5	9.00am	Holy Mass <i>Clarry France RIP</i>
Wed 6/5	6.30pm	Holy Mass. <i>Mike O'Hare 1st Anniversary RIP</i>
Thurs 7/5	9.00am	Holy Mass <b>School</b>
Fri 8/5	9:00am	Holy Mass.
Sat 9/5	10.30am	Holy Mass <i>Margaret, Jim &amp; John Strong RIP</i>
Sat 9/5	6:30pm	Holy Mass <i>Louise Turnbull RIP (Anniv 19th April)</i>
Sun 10/5	9.00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass
Sun 10/5	11:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass <i>Celebration First Holy Communion</i> <i>Presentation prior to Baptism Maddison Lillian Anne Hough</i>

## Anniversaries

Patrick Devine

Amy Graham

Margaret O'Leary

Louis Bernard Battersby

Michael Sinclair

Philip O'Sullivan

Elsie Kettle

Thomas McNeela

Graham Faulkner

Rev Eugene Anthony  
Pinnington

## Anniversaries

James Cannon

Lilian Frances Jordan

Frank Twiss

Philip Gallery

Mike O'Hare (Snr)

Anne Ford

Bridget Jennings

Catherine McNeela

Michael O'Hare

The Right Rev Joseph Gray  
Bishop of Shrewsbury 1999

## Anniversaries

Thomas Cregg

John Duffy

Peter Duffy

Michael Callaghan

Eugeniuzsz Rebisz

Ernest Oldfield

Jessie Duffy

Anne Griffiths

Monica Hulse



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

*Also those who are sick at home and in hospital especially:  
Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Catherine McIntosh,  
Margaret Scarlette & John Brazier*