



Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich
serving St. Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel

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Dear Friends,

“I have come to set the earth on fire” - (Luke12:49).

We know well how Jesus was rejected by many at different stages of his life. But he never left his Way, the way to the Father. We are all called to be loyal followers of Jesus in walking the same Way. Today Jesus invites us to recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises made probably as babies and renewed every year at Easter Vigil Mass and during the recitation of the creed on every Sunday and solemnity. In this sacrament we participate in the rejection, suffering and death of Jesus. If we are loyal to Jesus in keeping our Christian values and not compromise with the world to walk easy, then the Father will give us too the glory of His Son. Christ's final victory over sin and death greatly encourages us to be righteous in life come what may. May God pour out His Spirit upon us to transform our lives for His glory and for the transformation of the world we live in.

Fr. Vijay

Time with the Lord and Dine with Friends Saturday 30th Aug 25

You are invited to an Exciting Event by St. Margaret's at Holmes Chapel at *Alex and Andrea Chetwood's House – the Old Byre, Twemlow Lane, Cranage, W4 8EX (next door but one to the Birtles Riding School)*

11.00 am: Holy Hour and Confessions

12.30pm Dine with all the friends around

**Handmade Neapolitan Wood Fired Pizza
Indian Pork Curry, Coriander with Tomato Chutney**

Please sign up asap as the numbers are limited.

All Donations will go to St Margaret Ward Church funds

More Volunteers needed hospitality, cleaning and garden teams

The hospitality team prepare refreshments after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday in the Parish Centre. Cleaning can be done at a time which suits and takes about an hour and a half. Cleaning duties are on a rota and are approximately once every six weeks. More helpers would encourage our loyal team! Information from Debbie Stevens text 07928520537 for (hospitality/cleaning) or send a message to the Parish email or mobile.

Thank You to Kathleen Shaw and Elaine Roberts who join Kevin Kerr, Mark Hopton and Shane Murray in the gardening team.

Thank You to Maria Cruickshank and Marylene for volunteering as new members of the hospitality team.

Baptism This Sunday

We welcome into our Parish Family
Master Arthur John Campbell

Congratulation to the new Mr & Mrs Kattakayam

On Wednesday Father Simon married:

Freddy Thomas Kattakayam and Jasleen Kaur Batra

Sat	16 th Aug	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary The Parishioners Thelma Woolridge RIP anniversary
Sun	17 th Aug	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions Frank Holbrook RIP Please join us in the Parish Centre after Mass
Mon	18 th Aug	9.00am 6.30pm	Priest's intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	19 th Aug	9.00am	Priest's intentions
Wed	20 th Aug	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Jack Laverick anniversary (2 nd Aug), <i>St Bernard</i>
Thurs	21 st Aug	9.00am	Priest's intentions, <i>St Pius X</i>
Fri	22 nd Aug	9.00am	Priest's intentions, <i>The Queenship of the Blessed VM</i>
Sat	23 rd Aug	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Priest's intentions DRF of The Garner and Lloyd families
Sun	24 th Aug	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am to 12.15pm

Sacrament of Baptism: By arrangement

Please Pray for All

Who are sick at home and in hospital: especially Mike Hough, Catherine McIntosh, Margaret Strong, Janine Jackson, Deacon Terry Simms and Doreen McLoughlin.

Who have died recently: especially Frank Holbrook and Joan Reid.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Maher, Leonard Elliott, Edna Roe, Dennis Bannaghan, John Joseph Murphy, Leo Witter, Colin Brennan, Josie Costello, Mary Smith, Betty Telfer, Mary Josephine Deasy, Sean Ryan, Fred Power, Edward McGarvey Jnr, Margaret Bailey, Thomas Shannon, James O'Grady, Elizabeth Edwards, Monica Horricks, Patrick Jordon, Danny O'Brien, Ted Hughes, Rev John Blanc, Rev Francis Rice, Mgr Canon Vincent Turnbull, Rev Patrick O'Brien, Rev Christopher Jenkins.

Food Bank Shortages

Cream crackers, Crisps, Fruit juices (long life) and Snack meals.

Shrewsbury Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025

Parish Jubilee Trip to Shrewsbury Cathedral **23rd October 2025**

Depart St Mary's Middlewich 9am

return to Middlewich hopefully by 6pm.

Please sign up, indicating payment method, your meal preference, all meals served with filter coffee or tea.

There is the option after lunch to go into Shrewsbury town

Please sign the form at the back of church.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

We are running a pilgrimage to Medjugorje on **25th May – 1st June 26.**

The cost of the pilgrimage is £799 per person, based on two people sharing (£934 for a single room). This includes

- Travel - return flights from Manchester–Dubrovnik.
- Airport duty & passenger taxes
- 1 x 20kgs suitcase for the aircraft hold.
- 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast 4* Hotel in Medjugorje.
- A full pilgrimage programme for the week, with a local guide in Medjugorje.
- travel insurance is an extra £65 up to 80 years of age if you do not have your own cover)

If you are interested, please contact Gemma (07796 455509) or see Madelyn Devaney for more information. A deposit of £300 per person is required **before 31st October 2025.**

Dates for the Community Lunches

The dates for the Autumn/Winter Community lunches are:

Monday September 22nd

Monday October 13th

Monday November 10th

Monday December 8th