



Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich
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Dear Friends,

Thank You to Andrea and Alex Chetwood who kindly hosted last Saturday. Many of us enjoyed Time with The Lord and Dine with Friends and the truly scrumptious Wood Fired Pizza and Fr. Vijay's special Pork curry.

Please welcome Fr. Jim Robinson who will be here for this Weekend's Masses.

This Sunday is a Celebration Mass for the children who have enrolled onto the First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion Programme (FF & FHCP). The children will be presented with a bible and medal at the end of Mass.

The programme starts on Monday 8th September at 6.00pm in the Parish Centre. There is a parents meeting while the children are with the catechists for this first session.

Thank you to our: FF & FHCP children, parents, and catechists.

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 more new members, Ken & Carol Worthington and Marilyn Eddeleston, who join the Gardening Team and Madeline and Peter Broadbent who join the hospitality team in October.

Charismatic Prayer Group at St Wilfrid's Parish

Northwich are starting a charismatic prayer group on Monday 22nd September 7pm at St. Bede's, Weaverham. All are welcome. They are hoping to repeat this each month.

Blessed Carlo Acutis – Trip to St Anthony's , Wythenshawe

The first Millennial Saint is about to be canonized – Saint, Carlo Acutis. St Anthony's, Wythenshawe have a strand of hair from blessed Carlo, if there is sufficient interest we have been invited to visit. We are thinking in November/ early December. Please email the Parish email address if this would be of interest.

Next MCC MEN's Breakfast Saturday 20th September 9.00am

The Next Community Lunch is on Monday September 22nd

There is no charge for the meal but donations are welcome to cover costs. Please sign the list at the back of church by Sunday September 14th if you wish to join us to give an idea of numbers. Thank you.

This Week in The Parish

Monday	FF & FHCP	6pm	Parish Centre
Thursday	Confirmation Group	6pm-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Friday	Parents and Tots	10.00am	Room 2,3

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7th September 2025

Sat	6 th Sep	6.30pm	Tom O'Hare anniversary
Sun	7 th Sep	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions The Parishioners Please join us in the Parish Centre after Mass
Mon	8 th Sep	9.00am	Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tues	9 th Sep	9.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wed	10 th Sep	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thurs	11 th Sep	9.00am	(School) Service of Word and Holy Communion
Fri	12 th Sep	9.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Sat	13 th Sep	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	14 th Sep	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Elizabeth McDaid intentions Priest's intentions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By arrangement

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 and Deacon Terry Simms.

Who have died recently: especially Doreen McLoughlin.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick McNeela, Lisa Conlon, Fr. Michael English, Fred Smith, Teddy Anderson, Brian Bratt, Lily Carey, Authur Coles, Thomas Cannon, Martin Mahon, Mary Hodgkinson, Thomas Clarke, Charles Crabbe, Sara Roberts, Fr. Joseph Russell, Rev Edward McCann, Rev Alban Greenwood, Rev Ivor Kind, Rev James Fox, Rev Dennis Bowskill, Rev Gerard Doherty, Rev Francis Gordon.

If you have any updates, please email the Parish using the link below

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Food Bank Shortages: Long life Milk, Crisps and Chocolate.

Parish Jubilee Trip to Shrewsbury Cathedral 23rd October 2025

The list has now closed, the remaining spaces have been offered to St John Vianney and St Joseph's Parishes. In the unlikely event of a Pilgrim having to cancel, please inform the Parish office asap. If you would still like to go on the Pilgrimage, we will be holding a reserve list so please send an email to the Parish email address

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**.

Jubilee Evangelisation Event Sharing Hope with a Broken World

with guest speaker Mark Saunders ([see poster at the back of Church](#)) **on Saturday 13th September 10.30am-2.15pm at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine**, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. To book email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Radio Maria

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