

OUR NEWSLETTER

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th October 2025

St Mary's RC Church

2 New King Street, Middlewich

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Vijay Bhupathi

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Diary dates...

Sunday 19th October: St Mary's SVP

Thank you to Kate Birkenhead who talked to us last weekend about starting an SVP Group in our parish. Anyone interested in joining or finding out more are invited to a short meeting at 12pm in the Parish Centre.

Wed 22nd October: A Presentation about Assisi

Following a recent visit to Assisi, Dominic, Mary and Sr Ruth will be giving a presentation on their experience at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please join them and bring your friend. Refreshments will be provided.

Parish Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral

The pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral is this Thursday 23rd October. Fr Vijay is looking forward to joining us on the trip. Please note that the coach will leave St Mary's promptly at 9am.

Rosary Retreat Day and Jubilee Pilgrimage at Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th Oct

Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage at the Eucharistic Shrine of Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October. The Rosary Retreat will begin at 9.30am. Holy Mass celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

CAFOD: Supporting Gaza after the ceasefire

Following the ceasefire in Gaza, our support and prayers are needed more than ever. CAFOD's Church partners, working with great courage, continue to bring food, shelter, medical care and comfort to families in need. If you can, please give today and pray for lasting peace in the Holy Land. cafod.org.uk/middle-east

Reflection from Fr. Vijay

Followers of Christ will even have to put up with a great deal of unjust treatment at the hands of those opposed to God, just as the widow in the Gospel had to do. Despite this reality, we must continue to ask for God's help day and night, without giving up, never growing faint. We can always build our hope upon our Lord's words that God, in spite of any appearances to the contrary, is in fact so different from an unjust judge simply because God is all good, merciful and gracious to his children.

Too easily, perhaps, people give up praying when they don't receive the response they desire. They conclude that prayer is of no use. God answers our prayers, but not always as we expect or request, but still we believe God truly answers our prayers. The seemingly long delay of the coming of God's kingdom ought not to make us grow weary or give up in praying.

"What can be more excellent than prayer; what is more profitable to our life; what sweeter to our souls; what more sublime, in the course of our whole life, than the practice of prayer?" Here St. Augustine highlights the value of prayer in a believer's life. He must have learnt this from his mother, St. Monica who had shown such a perseverance in her prayer for her prodigal son. St. Monica: pray for us to live our life in and through prayer.

This Week in The Parish

Sacrament of Confession ~ Saturday 11.30am - 12.15pm

Days	Activity	Time	Venue
Wednesday	RCIA	7.30pm	Parish centre
Wednesday	Assisi Presentation	7.30pm	Parish centre
Thursday	Confirmation Group	7-8.30pm	Parish centre
Friday	Mothers' Prayers	9.45am	Parish Centre
Friday	Parents & Toddler	10.00am	Parish Centre

Day	Date	Times	Holy Mass Intentions
Sat	18/10	8.30am 9.00am	Holy Roary St. Luke , Priest's intentions
Sat	18/10	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	19/10	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) The Parishioners
Sun	19/10	11.00am	James & Mary Walker RIP
Mon	20/10	9.00am	Service Word & Communion St Peter Alcantara
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	21/10	9.00am	Priest's intentions, Holy Rosary
Wed	22/10	6.00pm	Holy Rosary
	22/10	6.30pm	Derek Whittaker RIP
Thurs	23/10	9.00am	Service of Word & Communion (School)
Fri	24/10	9.am	Priest's intentions
Sat	25/10	8.30am 9.00am	Holy Rosary Priest's intentions
Sat	25/10	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	26/10	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions
Sun	26/10	11.00am	Alison Browne birthday memorial

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day collection and for sharing God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours. We have raised £1006.10, £516.50 of this was giftaided which means CAFOD receives an additional £129. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, and helps find lasting solutions to poverty and climate change such as building more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water.

Looking ahead...

The Community Lunch is on Monday 10th November

Parish Fundraising Activity

Friday 14th November 2025

Bingo & Bake sale evening – Eyes down 🎯 7pm – Parish Centre
The Confirmation Group are organising the event to raise funds for the parish (St. Mary's & St. Joseph's)
EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please send donations for bingo prizes & a hamper raffle in the next two weeks and donations of bakes on the Friday.

At the end of the evening there will be an 'open mike' 🎤 opportunity for any of our young people to showcase their talents.
Please support our young people and remember them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 25th May- 1st June 2026. If you are interested, please contact Gemma 07796455509 or Madelyn for more information.

Food Bank Shortages...

Tinned: Soup, Rice pudding, Custard, Spaghetti, Ravioli.
Cuppa soup, Coffee, UHT Milk, Packet noodles, deodorant.

Parish Office update...

Please note that Fr Vijay will be, in general, taking Mondays as his day off in the week. There will be services of Word and Communion on these days. The Community lunches will continue as normal and Fr Vijay will continue to say the Holy Mass on these days.

Monday & Wednesday: 9.30am - 12.30

Friday: 1.00pm-5.00pm

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Anniversaries occurring

at this time...

**"The LORD is close to the
brokenhearted; he rescues
those whose spirits are
crushed."
(Psalm 34:18)**



Anniversaries

Michael Hogan

Mary Bannaghan

Bridget Casey

Ted Jinks

Mabel Spilsbury

Margaret Costello

John Telfer

Michael Glynn

Myles Costello

Canon Joseph Briscoe

The Rt Rev Brian Nobel

Anniversaries

John Dolan

Catherine Down

John Payne

Ann Hough

Canon Patrick Kearney

Sarah McGlinsky

Joan Thackwell

Terry O'Rourke

Mary Friery

Rev Percival Bailey

Mgr Canon Peter Walton

Please Pray for all...

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially

Mike Hough, Margaret Strong, Joan Lloyd, Clarry France
and Deacon Terry Simms.

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Serving St Margaret Ward Holmes Chapel