

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th November 2025

St Mary's RC Church

2 New King Street, Middlewich.

CW10 9EB

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Vijay Bhupathi

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Sacrament of Confession
Saturday 11.30am - 12.15pm
(also available on request)

Diary dates...

Sunday 23rd November

Caritas at Christmas Appeal 2025

"Your kindness brought hope when I had none."

There will be a **collection here on Sunday 23rd November** in support of the Caritas at Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. Every penny you give goes directly to help those most in need within our Diocese, providing crisis food vouchers, practical support, and the reassurance of care and compassion when it matters most..

Saturday 22nd November

Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage Reunion - Saturday 22nd November at St Columba's Catholic Church Have you ever been on a Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Whether you've travelled as a helper, assisted as part of the Hospitality team, or come as a pilgrim, you are warmly invited to a special Reunion Day organised by the Lourdes Hospitality. Join us at St Columba's Catholic Church for a celebration of faith, friendship, and shared memories. Mass at 2:00pm Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, share experiences, and reflect on the blessings of Lourdes. Everyone is welcome.

Please Pray for all...

Who have died recently, especially **Clarry France, Vicky Moger, Tom Marsden. Len Smith.**

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially Mike Hough, Margaret Strong, Joan Lloyd and Deacon Terry Simms.

St. Mary's Parish Middlewich
Serving St Margaret Ward Holmes Chapel

Reflection from Fr. Vijay

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 16, 2025) presents a powerful message about the end times, judgment, and the enduring presence of God. The readings—Malachi 3:19-20a, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, and Luke 21:5-19—invite us to reflect on how we live in the present while preparing for the future. So, in these final weeks of the liturgical year, the Church turns our gaze toward the end—both of time and of our personal journey. But this is not to frighten us. It is to **awaken us**. Are we living with purpose? Are we idle or engaged? Are we fearful or faithful?

The readings remind us that **God's justice is real**, but so is His mercy. The trials we face—whether personal, societal, or global—are not signs of abandonment but opportunities to witness, to persevere, and to grow in holiness.

*Let us not be distracted by the grandeur of temples or the chaos of the world. Let us fix our eyes on Christ, the true temple, and live each day as if it were our last—not in fear, but in **faith, hope, and love**.*

This Week in The Parish

Days	Activity	Time	Venue
Wednesday	RCIA	7.30pm	Parish Centre
Friday	Parents & Toddler	10.00am	Parish centre

Day	Date	Times	Holy Mass Intentions
Sat	15/11	8.30am 9.00am	Holy Rosary Gez Ford Diaconate Ordination
Sat		6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	16/11	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions
		11.00am	The Parishioners
Mon	17/11		No Mass Service today
Tues	18/11	9.00am	Len Smith RIP Dedication of the Basilicas of St.Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tues	18/11	6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed	19/11	6.00pm	Holy Rosary
		6.30pm	Clarry France RIP
Thurs	20/11	9.00am	Mass at St Mary's School
Thurs	20/11	11:00am	Requiem Mass. Victoria (Vicky) Moger
Fri	21/11	9.00am	Departed Souls of the Faithful.
Sat	22/11	8.30am 9.00am	Holy Rosary The Parishioners
Sat	22/11	6.30pm	Priest's intentions
Sun	23/11	9.00am	The Parishioners
Sun		11.00am	Deceased relatives and friends of the Curbison Family

Looking ahead...

December 5th: Talk on the 'Spirituality of Charles Dickens' 7pm in our Parish Centre

A not to be missed Advent talk presented by Fr. Paul Shaw. Refreshments will be available. Donations only on the night. Come and experience something different. All are welcome. See poster at the back of Church.

Please put your name on the list at the back of Church.

Garden Day 22nd November

We still need volunteers to help with the flower beds at the front and side of the church, and general tidying of the church grounds. Many hands make light work.

If you are interested please put your name and number on the list at the back of church, let Fr Vijay know, or ring Kath Shaw 07780473042

Donations of spring bulbs, wallflowers, primroses, violas and pansies are needed to make a stunning spring display, to lift our spirits as we enter church. They can be left in the basket in the church porch.

Would you consider donating a rose bush for Our Lady's garden in-between the church and Presbytery? Perhaps in memory of a loved one

December Saturday Mass Times (1st-25th)

Holy Mass Times will change during December

Holy Rosary 10am

Holy Mass 10.30am

Holy Hour & Confessions 11am - 12noon

Parish Office.

Office Hours:

Monday. / Wednesday 9.30 - 1.30

Friday 12noon -4pm

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Update:

During Advent we will be producing a colour version of our news letter to include Advent reflections.

In the new year we will be looking for sponsors to cover the cost of production of our new newsletter. Please contact Peter on 07831893781 if you would like more information.

FOUR BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way!

Four Wednesdays: 26 Nov | 3 Dec | 10 Dec | 17 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE on YouTube.

Registration: comeandsee.org/advent25

Anniversaries

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

(Psalm 34:18)



Anniversaries

Robert Johnson

Thomas Brannan

Bob Newell

Clifford Harrison

Thomas Jordon

Tracy & Heather
Rigby

Mgr Canon Peter
O'Neill



We welcome Casey Barns into

the family of St Mary's this Sunday

Thank You...

The family of Clarry France, whose funeral was held on 12th November, would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the clergy and parish community for all of the Mass Intentions, cards, flowers and generous donations to Mary's Meals, and for the kindness and support shown to us at this sad time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 9 young people who where confirmed at St Joseph's Winsford last Thursday at a beautiful and joyful celebration.

Please continue to pray for them as they continue on their faith journey

Food Bank Shortages...

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