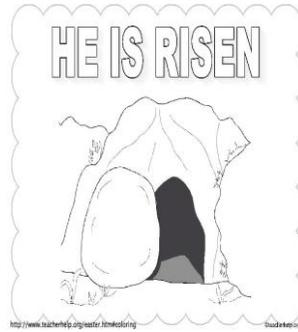


NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The resurrection! No one saw it happen: it is too big for that. But in the resurrection of Jesus all of creation is risen, and we human beings walk 'in newness of life' as St Paul says. The resurrection is, in the words of Pope Benedict, a cosmic event of love, shattering death.



In the hidden power of the resurrection people of all faiths and none struggle to live good lives in a darkened world—we are all in the birth-pangs of becoming resurrected people. I am one of them. I ask the risen Lord that my life may be an instance of the resurrection. Gerard Manley Hopkins speaks of the comfort of the resurrection. Lord, may it be truly a comfort for me when life is hard or when death draws near to me or those I love. We shall all rise in Christ.

First Eucharists: On Sunday 12th May and Sunday 19th May our school children will be receiving their First Eucharist. The 11:00am Masses are the most popular and on Sunday 19th it is likely that there will only be standing room available once the children and their families are seated.

Joke: How do you make Holy Water? You take some regular water and boil the devil out of it. 😊

Thank you: Father Pat Clarke wishes to thank all at St Joseph's for their kindness in making the recent WINGS donation after the flooding in Brazil.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm. that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"
 Philippians 2:2

21st APRIL 2019 EASTER SUNDAY (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL	8:00pm	The Great Vigil - People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY	9:30am 11:00am	Margaret Matthams RIP Joe Davies
Monday 22nd April	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 23rd April	10:30am	Funeral Service – Mary McGee RIP
Wednesday 24th April		No service
Thursday 25th April	9:30am	Mark O'Neill sick
Friday 26th April	9:30am 7:30pm	Geraldine Doherty St George's Fish and Chips Supper
Saturday 27th April	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sunday 28th April	9:30am 11:00am 3:00pm	Tony Kearns RIP Abundia & Dante Oliveros RIP 1st Anniversary Divine Mercy Mass – St Mary's Middlewich
Monday 29th April	9:30am	Flood victims

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Pat McQuillan

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS
We are still collecting unwanted spectacles/cases to be sent to the Missions. If you have any that you no longer need please bring them in.

- St George’s Fish & Chip Supper:** A reminder that the St George’s Fish and Chip supper is on Friday 26th April. The evening starts at about 7:30pm and the food will be served at about 8:30pm.
- Sponsorship request:** Tony Montgomery is running the Manchester Half Marathon with his daughter Lucy to raise money for St Luke’s Hospice. Tony and Lucy would very much appreciate sponsorship to help the hospice in its work in helping so many patients and their families. There is a sponsorship form in the porch if anyone would like to donate.
- Coffee morning:** Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday raised the sum of £135. Thanks to everyone who organised the coffee morning and to those who came to support it. The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday May 14th, everyone is welcome to come along for coffee and cake.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES
If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:
Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.
.....
St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading John 20: 1-9



It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved.

'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.

Simon Peter, following him, also came up, went into the tomb, saw the linen cloths lying on the ground and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.

Till this moment they had still not understood the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



Divine Mercy Sunday: On Sunday 28th April at St Mary’s in Middlewich there is a Divine Mercy Mass with Father Jim McGrath. The Mass starts at 3pm, confessions are at 2pm.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”
St Francis of Assisi

St Nicholas PTFA - Wine tasting at St Nicholas'

Our fabulous and extremely popular Wine Tasting evening returns on Friday 17th May from 7pm - 11pm, at St Nicholas'

Once again is expertly hosted by Jon Campbell from DeFine Wines. Jon will share this knowledge through a fun wine related quiz where you will enjoy tasting 8 wines complemented with some sharing platters. All we need now is you

Wine will also be available to purchase on the night. Don't miss out on a great, relaxed and fun evening out. Purchase your tickets early. If you are part of a bigger group and want to ensure sitting together we encourage you to book your tickets together as a table and we will reserve your seats. St Nicholas' parents can book through parentpay and parishioners are invited to book through Eventbrite - go to their website at www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for 'Define'.

St Nicholas to Lourdes

St Nicholas is again joining the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 25th July to 2nd August. This is open to students from St Nicholas who are in Year 11,12 or 13. Booking forms and more information are available from Mairie Gelling, the school chaplain. Bookings need to be made by the end of April.