

Parish of St Mary, Middlewich & St Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel

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Fourth Sunday of Advent 20th December 2015

Masses & Services

Saturday	19th Dec.	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd Anniv.
Sunday	20th Dec	9.00am 10.30am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners
Monday	21st Dec	9.00am	Whittingham Family
Tuesday	22nd Dec	9.00am	Annie, Clarence & Mary Costello, Annivs.
Wednesday	23rd Dec	7.30pm	Carole Clancy
Thursday	24th Dec	6.00pm 6.30pm 11.45pm 12.00am	Carols & Readings First Mass of Christmas The Parishioners Carols Mass: Thomas Eric Taylor, Ann Caulfield & Ida Norbury
Friday	25th Dec	9.00am 10.30am	Priest's Int. Clare Dutton
Saturday	26th Dec	10.00am 6.30pm	Frank Stevens, Anniv St Stephen Cecily Waite, 96th B'day
Sunday	27th Dec	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request only
Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

Please Pray for

ALL who are sick at home and in hospital: Stephen Grey, Margaret McCallum, Marlene Perry, Barbara Gadd, Sara O'Brien, Jamie Connor, John Bomford, Terry O'Rourke, Peggy O'Dea, Tony Darlington, Nathan Carter, Carol Bagshaw, Larry Porter, Gillian Robinson, Ellen Bagshaw, Beryl Bradburn, John Davies, Lawrence Bratt, Tim Bradbury, Tony Nicholson, Frances Milliken, Roy Yearsley, Sam O'Rourke, Noah Carrick, Sue Mason, Carol Morrison, Harry Whittle, Patricia Lewis, Lilian Kavanagh, Howard Elliott, Peter Hannon, Don Loran Lena
Cotton, Fiona Martin, Peter Cox, Peter Bradshaw

ALL who have died recently

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Andrews, Mary O'Neill, James Cannon, Christine Clapham, Marie Therese Loughlin, Ivy Dean, Patrick Egan, Thomas Arthur Eckersall, William Glynn, Annie Costello, Francis Risker, Arthur Geoffrey Broughton, Crispin Clapham, Peter Clarke, Stephen Barton, David Gilligan, Frances Dolan, Maisie Hughes, Canon Thomas Hurley, Rev Denis Herlihy, Rev Kevin Molloy, Rev William Corcoran

May the Lord bless you all with peace and joy this Christmas

There will be a basket at both churches this weekend for your contributions to the cost of Christmas Flowers.

Food Bank Items needed :Long life fruit juice, cordial, ketchup, pull-ups 4,5,6, sugar, jam, babywipes.

CAFOD – Fun event, Walk, Jog, Run 28th December 2015. We are making this a parish event; there are 3 parts, you may sign up for 1, 2 or 3 of the elements, poster and forms at the back of both churches the choice is yours. Please note the sponsorship waivers the entry fee. •Participants to actively take part on the 28th • Sponsors, remember gift aid if you can • Marshalls • Bakers. Have you thought of using this event as part of your preparations for Christmas? Almsgiving, time for prayer and reflection whilst training for the event! Nothing too strenuous, week one 10 mins walking each day, week two 15 mins each day, week three 20 mins each day, you may like to do this alone, with a friend or invite a neighbour to join you, this could be time for getting to know someone, chatting or walk and pray. (if you have any health concerns please check with your doctor or practice nurse before exercising) More details on the CAFOD website, Home events or contact Ruth on 01606 832436

Please take home a Cafod World Gift catalogue available at the back of both churches or go to www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.Giving World Gifts to people you love makes a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world-by purchasing Food for a family or a Winter survival kit you can help Cafod's partners provide sanctuary and support to traumatised refugees.



Thank you to everyone who bought/sold tickets for the Big Christmas Draw. A full list of winners is on the notice board at both churches. Total profit from the draw was £873. Added to the income from the Fair this makes the total raised £2,454. This will be used for the repair/ refurbishment/ painting of the out side of the Parish Centre, which will benefit the whole community.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:

Bishop Mark will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year of Mercy from 17-21 October 2016. We will visit the major Basilicas of Rome including passing through the Holy Door at St Peter's. In addition there will be a General Audience with the Holy Father and a visit and Holy Hour at the Venerable English College. Flights are from Manchester and accommodation is on a half board basis with lunch included on the first day, The cost is 695 pounds in a twin room or 565 pounds in a triple room. A very limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of 130 pounds. Numbers are restricted to 100 so early booking is recommended. Full information and booking forms are available from your Parish Priest or can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. Alternatively contact Fr David Long on 0151 638 1520.

The Year of Mercy began on 8th December. To help us celebrate it the Diocese are putting on a series of talks in the New Year:

At Ellesmere Port on Wednesdays
January 13th, 20th, 27th Februsry 3rd, 7.30—9.00pm. At St Winefride's School, Shrewsbury on Saturdays January 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th 10.30am—12.00. Details on notice boards at both churches.

Pope Francis on Mercy: Jesus Christ is the face of God's mercy. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.

This Week
No meetings or events