

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

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First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2015

Masses & Services

Saturday	28th Nov.	6.30pm	Sheila Bagshaw, Anniv.
Sunday	29th Nov	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Monday	30th Nov	9.00am	Michael & Rosemary Tolkien, Wedd Anniv. <i>St Andrew</i>
Tuesday	1st Dec	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Wednesday	2nd Dec	7.30pm	Gordon Woolridge b'day
Thursday	3rd Dec	9.00am 9.30am	(School) Collins Family <i>St Francis Xavier</i> (School) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	4th Dec	9.00am	Mary Collins Anniv.
Saturday	5th Dec	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sunday	6th Dec	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. Catherine Gray b'day

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm
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, Barry Egerton, 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



ALL who have died recently

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret English, Revd Norman Keen, Mary McGorty, John Francis O'Neill, Mary Griffiths, Brigid Mary Sweeny, Reg Hambley, Mary McAleer, James Edward Ellison, Barnard Barnes, Winefride Pace, Betty Murphy, Wendy Billington, Sylvia Clarke, Franciska Jeglic, Annie O'Donnell, Rev Joseph Russell, Rev Jack Warnock, Rev John O'Sullivan, Rev Patrick O'Brien, Rev Mgr Terence Welch

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY 12 noon St. Luke's Hall Sunday 29th November - Advent Sunday. If anyone is unable to deliver on Advent Sunday but could do it the following day - or even later in the week - then that would be OK. Lot more houses this year ! We need at least 20 volunteers.

Christian Aid Big Christmas Sing, U. R. C Middlewich Sun 29th Nov at 6.30pm
Raising funds to fight malaria in Nigeria. Get people to sponsor you to sing ten carols or come along and join in and sponsor someone. Donation envelopes at the back of church.

Food Bank Christmas Treat Tree: Would you like to contribute towards our Christmas Hampers for families in need in Middlewich and surrounding areas? It's easy: Choose a tag
☐ **Replace your tag with a bauble**
☐ **Bring your donation by 13 December**
☐ **Spread the love of Christ this Christmas**

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.

Christmas cards for the Holy Land

Christmas cards give us a simple but effective way to offer to our fellow-Christians in the Holy Land, our encouragement, support and prayers. They feel isolated and frightened. Knowing that we have not forgotten them is very important to them. So this Christmas, we are inviting you to send a religious Christmas card to a Christian Church in the Holy Land. Slips with detailed instructions on what to do, with a name of a church in the Holy Land and a Christmas greeting in both Arabic and English for you to put inside your card are available in a box at the back of church. Please bring the completed card back to church next weekend so we can send all of the cards together, to the leader of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. His staff will then transfer your card to the parish you have chosen. Many Thanks

Food Bank Tesco Christmas Collection, next weekend, 3,4,5 Dec. Can you help for an hour please. Sign the list at the back of church & leave your telephone number

Operation Christmas Child A big thank you to everyone who supported this, your shoeboxes are now on their way.

Thank you all who supported the Fair. Proceeds will be announced next week. More Raffle Tickets are available this weekend. Please sell as many as you can and return the stubs and money promptly. Draw will take place on Sun 13th Dec. So far only enough money has come in to cover the cost of prizes

Mary's Meals is a charity which every day feeds over a million children across four continents who would otherwise go to school hungry, or not be able to go at all. £12.20 can feed a child for a year. Come and watch a half hour film about this in the Parish Centre on Mon 14th Dec at 7.30pm to see how the parish can help. We hope to support this charity as an on-going project, not just for Christmas!

Have you heard of the CAFOD FUN RUN? It's in Bollington on Monday 28th Dec from 11.00am. We are entering as a parish, aiming to raise £500 so we don't pay entry fees. Sponsor/donation forms are available at the back of both churches. Why not come and run off your turkey etc.? Run, jog or walk 1, 3 or 4.5 miles. Families welcome. More details on the Cafod website under Home events, or contact Ruth Ward on 01606 832436. If you want to take part please fill in an entry form. Marshals & Cake bakers also needed

Advance Dates: First Confessions Mon 7th Dec, School Carols in Church Thurs 10th Dec, Carols Round the Tree Sun 13th Dec, Christmas Community Mass & Lunch Mon 14th Dec

This Week

Monday	6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Mary's
Monday	7.30pm	Scripture Group	PC 1
Wednesday	8.15pm	RCIA	PC 1
Thursday	1.00pm	Craft Group	PC 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	PC 4
Friday	10.00am	Parents & Tots	PC 2,3