

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

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 14th August 2016

Saturday	13th Aug	6.30pm	Fred Bagshaw b'day
Sunday	14th Aug	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int The Parishioners
Monday	15th Aug	9.00am	Thelma Woolridge b'day
Tuesday	16th Aug	9.00am	Michael Hughes RIP
Wednesday	17th Aug	7.30pm	DRF O'Keefe/Whittaker Families
Thursday	18th Aug	9.00am	Lilian & John Jordan
Friday	19th Aug	9.00am 2.30pm	Pat Schofield RIP Funeral Service for John Kenealy
Saturday	20th Aug	6.30pm	Madie Devaney b'day St Bernard
Sunday	21st Aug	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.

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, 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, John Davies, Lawrence Bratt, Tim Bradbury, Tony Nicholson, Frances Milliken, Roy Yearsley, Noah Carrick, Carol Morrison, Patricia Lewis, Lilian Kavanagh, Peter Hannon, Don Loran, Lena Cotton, Fiona Martin, Peter Cox, Peter Bradshaw, Harry Hickland, Derek Ryder, Margaret Schofield, Nancy & Stan Rosiak, John Stoneley, Sadie Everard, Keith Atkinson

ALL who have died recently, especially John Kenealy

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: John McNeela, John Sweeney, Harold Bagnall, Evelyn Davies, James Bannaghan, George Martin, Lucy Burns, Richard Adderley, Peter Gallagher, Thomas Maher, Leonard Elliott, Edna Roe, Dennis Bannaghan, John Joseph Murphy, Leo Witter, Colin Brennan, Josie Costello, Mary Smith, Betty Telfer, Mary Josephine Deasy, Sean Ryan, Fred Power, Rev John M Lyons, Rev Michael Raiswell, Rev John Blanc, Mgr. Vincent Turnbull



We welcome into our Parish Family Faith Ellen Stevens, Emily Elizabeth Walters & Josephine Louise Anne Wood who will be Baptised this Sunday

HELP! The parish Lawn mower has died and cannot be resuscitated. Does anyone have a petrol mower which they no longer need and would kindly donate? We have borrowed one for the time being but this is very temporary. The only other solution is to borrow some sheep.....and they tend to leave deposits which one doesn't get from a mower they also eat plants and shrubs in the borders!!

Facts about our Diocese:

At the moment there are 80 priests working in our diocese, supplemented by 12 from other counties who are here temporarily, currently serving 93 parishes. During the next five years, when 25 more priests retire, only a maximum of 6 new priests will be ordained. So there will be 19 less priests to serve the people, even if all the priests from other countries remain here, and no one dies before retirement age! We need to encourage more vocations and the diocese needs the funds available to train them. Otherwise there is no option but to amalgamate or close parishes.

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith, with a view to possibly becoming a catholic? If so please contact Fr Peter for an initial meeting before joining our RCIA group which meets every Wednesday evening starting in September.

LPA Pilgrimage to Walsingham. NB CHANGE OF DATE

Will take place between 6th & 9th March 2017 (3 nights). Cost is £200 per person including transport and half board accommodation. A deposit of £10 is required. Please sign the list at the back of Church or

Do you sometimes wonder why there is often a named intention for Saturday 6.30 Mass, but rarely for 9.00am and even more rarely for 10.30am on Sundays? We are only allowed one named intention each weekend, but it is very rare for someone who attends 9.00 or 10.30 to ask for an intention If you come to these Masses, have you ever thought about asking for an intention? If you don't know how to do this, just ask Molly. Remember that all Mass offerings (there is no fixed amount) go to pay Fr Peter's allowance, and at the moment we are very short of intentions.....It doesn't have to be for someone who has died.....Masses can be offered in thanksgiving or as birthday

In September we shall start training a new group of Altar Servers for the parish If you have a son or daughter who would like to become a Server and who has already received Holy Communion, please get in touch with Fr Peter on 01606 832359 for details.

St Mary's Parish Forgiveness and Eucharist Programme Sept. 2016/May 2017

Dear Parents

We would like to invite you to enrol your child in this year's Parish Forgiveness and Eucharist Programme which will take place this September for children in Year 3 and above. You can enrol after Mass over the weekends of:

10th/11th, 17th/18th, 24th/25th of September.

The programme prepares children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Forgiveness") in early December 2016 and the Sacrament of The Eucharist ("First Holy Communion") which takes place May 2017. We look forward to meeting with you.

If you have any queries you can contact us on:

Fr Peter: Tel: 01606 832359 ,

Teresa Wells: Tel: 01606 738030

Lampedusa Cross Pilgrimage Reflection

Sicilian carpenter Francesco Tuccio made rough crosses from the wreckage of a boat carrying refugees that sank near his home on the island of Lampedusa. He offered these crosses to survivors as a symbol of their rescue and a sign of hope.

A Lampedusa cross is making its way through the parishes of Shrewsbury Diocese en route to Shrewsbury Cathedral. St Mary's will display the cross as a focus of reflection for a week from Friday August 19th. On **Monday August 22nd at 7.30pm** we are holding a pilgrimage reflection in our parish centre. It will last about an hour including an act of commitment (sending a message of hope for refugees) and tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

For further details please contact Anne Sturman



THIS WEEK

Friday 9.45am Mothers' Prayers

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FOOD Bank: We need sponge puddings, custard, rice, gravy granules, packet soup, meat paste, tinned and packet potatoes, cordial, noodles and jam. **Thank you for your generosity**