

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

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First Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2016

Saturday	26th Nov	6.30pm	Sheila Bagshaw Anniv
Sunday	27th Nov	9.00am 10.30am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners
Monday	28th Nov	9.00am	Private Int
Tuesday	29th Nov	9.00am	Michael & Rosemary Tolkien Wedd Anniv.
Wednesday	30th Nov	7.30pm	Gordon Woolridge B'day
Thursday	1st Dec	9.00am 9.30am	(School) Tom Finigan RIP (School) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.00pm
Friday	2nd Dec	9.00am	Private Int.
Saturday	3rd Dec	6.30pm	Priest's Int
Sunday	4th Dec	9.00am 10.30am	The Parishioners Kathleen Gray b'day

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request only this week
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, Larry Porter, Gillian Robinson, Ellen Bagshaw, John Davies, Lawrence Bratt, Tim Bradbury, Tony Nicholson, Frances Milliken, Roy Yearsley, Noah Carrick, Patricia Lewis, Lilian Kavanagh, Peter Hannon, Don Loran, Lena Cotton, Fiona Martin, Peter Bradshaw, Harry Hickland, Margaret Schofield, Nancy & Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard Alex Randall, Tony Morris, Jean Loran, Andy Clarke

ALL who have died recently, especially Anne Marie Tolley

ALL Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget Egan, Liam Flynn, Mary Ellen Nolan, Desmond Spilsbury, Aleksander Alderman, Sheila Bagshaw, Margaret English, Revd Norman Keen, Mary McGorty, John Francis O'Neill, Mary Griffiths, Brigid Mary Sweeny, Reg Hambley, Mary McAleer, James Edward Ellison, Bernard Barnes, Winefride Pace, Betty Murphy, Wendy Billington, Rev Peter O'Neill snr., Rev Joseph Russell, Rev Jack Warnock, Rev John O'Sullivan, Rev Patrick O'Brien, Rev Mgr Terence Welch

LOURDES HOSPITALITY
MASS: All members of the Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality are invited to Join us for the celebration of holy Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, 8 December at 7.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Joseph's, Wheatland Lane Seacombe, Wallasey, CH44 7ED.

DOCTORS AND NURSES FOR THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: We are always looking for doctors and nurses to help with the care of our sick pilgrims on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Next year's pilgrimage will be from 27/28 July until 3/4 August. If you would like to learn more about the role of a doctor or nurse on the Pilgrimage or would like to join us please contact the Pilgrimage Director, Fr David Long at St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey, CH44 5UG.

Queen Street United Reformed Church:
Exhibition of Christmas Songs and Carols Sat 3rd Dec 10 -4, Sun 4th 12noon to 4.00pm.
Refreshments are being served and all donations are for the NSPCC

The Big Sing: This Sunday, 27th, we will host Christian Aid's Big Sing at St Mary's at 6.30pm There will be carols and readings and a guest speaker. A collection will be taken for Christian Aid.

Happiness: theatre production for all ages Fri 9th Dec at 7.00pm at St Nicholas High School. Free admission and refreshments. See poster for

FOOD BANK: Surplus Beans are available at the back of church. Please concentrate your efforts on donating **tinned fruit** as we are very short

Advance dates: 150th Anniversary Celeb Mass Thurs 8th Dec., Advent Family Celeb 11th Dec., Christmas Community Mass & Lunch, 12th Dec Raffle Draw, Brunch & stalls 18th Dec

Cafod's 2016 Christmas World Gifts catalogue is available at the back of both churches, please take one home or look online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts to see the gift range. Cafod World Gifts are a way to give fun and meaningful Christmas gifts to the people you love, and give the gifts of health, hope and joy to children and families in developing communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a

Please pray for the young people who were Confirmed last Friday and for the children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday

Advent Reflection: "I was a Stranger..." Sun 4 Dec 4:30 – 6:30pm, Wistaston Hall, Crewe, CW2 8JS. Organised by the Commission for Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility and led by Mary Kilcoyne (Cath Children's Soc), you are invited to join us to reflect on our personal and community responsibility in light of the current migration situation. All are warmly welcome!

This year we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St Mary's Parish. There will be a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Mark, on Thursday 8th December at 7.00pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All parishioners, families and friends are invited to join us.

Today the annual Collection for the **Clergy Education & Training Fund** is being held. Special Envelopes are available for you to use. If you use weekly Offertory Envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number. If you do not have this, or you give to your Parish by means of a Standing Order, write in your name and full address (including postcode). It will then be possible to claim Gift Aid on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme.

If you prefer, you can donate Online via Paypal to the Fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund, where you can also take advantage of Gift Aid. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends, and I would ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese.

With every good wish,

(ACAT) Actions by Christians Against Torture-2016 Christmas Greetings Campaign. Cards and messages of support can bring hope to those suffering torture, imprisonment or persecution because of their faith or their work as Human Rights defenders. The 2016 Christmas Greeting Campaign List is available at www.acat.org.uk or if you do not have access to the internet, please contact Anne Sturman on 01477 537761 for further details. Many Thanks.

WANTED: folk to help man the Churches Together stall at HC Christmas Market. - a ½ hour slot on Sunday 4th December. Lists at both doors

THIS WEEK

Monday	6.15pm	PEP Children	PC 1,2,3,4
Monday	6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Mary's
Wednesday	8.15pm	RCIA	PC 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	PC 4
Friday	10.00am	Parents & Tots	PC 2,3
Saturday	10.30am	First Forgiveness	St Mary's