

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

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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th February 2017

Saturday	25th Feb	6.30pm	<b>Bob Milliken</b>
Sunday	26th Feb	9.00am 10.30am	( H Chapel) <b>Priest's Int.</b> <b>The Parishioners</b>
Monday	27th Feb	9.00am	<b>Private Int.(Y)</b>
Tuesday	28th Feb	9.00am	<b>Kathleen &amp; Frank Jones</b> <i>St David</i>
Wednesday	1st Mar	9.15am 12.00pm 7.30pm	(School) <b>The Parishioners</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> (H Chapel) <b>Priest's Int</b> <b>Stephen Jackson RIP</b>
Thursday	2nd Mar	9.00am 9.30am	(school) <b>Tom &amp; John Stoneley</b> (school) <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.00pm</b>
Friday	3rd Mar	9.00am	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b>
Saturday	4th Mar	6.30pm	<b>Priest's Int.</b>
Sunday	5th Mar	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) <b>The Parishioners</b> <b>Angela &amp; Don Dutton Annivs.</b>

**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, John Davies, Lawrence Bratt, Tim Bradbury, Tony Nicholson, Frances Milliken, Roy Yearsley, Noah Carrick, Patricia Lewis, 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, Tracy Simpson

ALL who have died recently, especially Margaret Thomas

ALL Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Winifred Reid, Bernard McManus, Catherine Higgins, Roger Clegg, Tom Stoneley, John Rush, Agnes Lester, Brenda Wakefield, Ronald Francis McLoughlin, Patrick O'Shea, Francis Costello, James Ruane, Michael Jennings, Maurice Henry Jones, Harry Beaver, Catherine Clarke, Carola Murphy, Sheila Higginson, Christine Flynn, Amy Murphy, Rev Henry E G Rope, Rev Bernard Lyons, Rev Paul Turner



On Sunday 19th March we will celebrate St Patrick by having Brunch & Irish Coffee after 10.30 Mass. There will be a craft stall, as the following weekend is Mothers' Day, and gifts will be available to buy

The tax year 2016/17 will be coming to an end on 5<sup>th</sup> April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please contact Ken Worthington ([01606 737070](tel:01606737070), [worthingtonk@yahoo.com](mailto:worthingtonk@yahoo.com)) by 5<sup>th</sup> April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

So far 20 parishes have completed the "Our Mission Together" Initiative. The money raised so far has enabled the Diocese to open a Drop-In Centre in Wythenshawe, appoint a part time worker for refugees and a part time worker to look after the needs of sick and retired clergy. The money from our parish will go to fund other outreach projects and to start the essential repair work on St Mary's

"A Recovery of Mercy : the radical experience of Grace through all our addictions" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on Sat 11 March 2017. If you are aged between 18 - 35 then you are more than welcome to join us when we will be led by Damien Prescott, the Director of 'Olive Branch Recovery Communities'. The day will start approximately at 9.30pm until approx 5pm (exact times to be confirmed nearer the time) and will take place at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS . Payment will be by anonymous donation (suggested cost £20 & £15 for unemployed/student). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan at [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net) tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947. Wistaston Hall is accessible by public transport but please contact Siobhan to discuss the possibility of

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to recruit for two posts, Assistant Director of Schools and also a Surveyor. Details including job descriptions and application forms can be found on the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

See Posters on Notice Boards

**Advance Dates:** Comm.Mass Mon 20th Mar Brunch & Irish Coffee Sun 19th March

### " OUR MISSION TOGETHER"

**Thank you to those parishioners who have already discussed this with Fr Peter. More of you will be invited individually in the next few weeks and will be invited to consider making a pledge for five years. We will keep you informed of the amount pledged each week. REMEMBER: It has three aims:**

- 1.Strengthening and advancing the mission of our parishes**
- 2.Enabling a new generation of priests in their discernment and training, supporting our faithful priests in service and providing for those moving into retirement**
- 3.Developing our Church's mission and social outreach**

**In the next few weeks every parishioner will have the chance to find out more about this, to ask questions and to consider ways in which you can help.**

**Copies of the Bishop's letter introducing the initiative are still available**

### SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

All are invited to join this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes which will take place between 27/28 July and 3/4 August. The theme of the Pilgrimage is "The Almighty has done great things for me!" Brochures and Booking Forms can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage Website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or can be obtained from the Pilgrimage Office: St Alban's, 30 Mil Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD. We would be pleased to hear from any doctors or nurses who would like to join the Pilgrimage Team. For more information contact the Pilgrimage Director, Fr David Long, at the above address or telephone 0151 638 1520.

### FOOD BANK:

This weeks shortages are packet noodles, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes and tinned potatoes.

**Volunteers needed. See notice board**

### THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>PEP Children</b>	<b>PC1,2,3,4</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Pancake Party</b>	<b>PC 2,3</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>RCIA</b>	<b>PC 1</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>PC 1</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Mothers' Prayers</b>	<b>PC 4</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Tots</b>	<b>PC 2,3</b>