

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

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First Sunday of Lent 5th March 2017

Saturday	4th Mar	6.30pm	Priest's Int
Sunday	5th Mar	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Angela & Don Dutton Annivs.
Monday	6th Mar	9.00am	Briege Doyle RIP
Tuesday	7th Mar	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Wednesday	8th Mar	7.30pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Thursday	9th Mar	9.00am 9.30am	(School) Ellen Bagshaw RIP (school) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	10th Mar	9.00am	Jean O'Rourke
Saturday	11th Mar	6.30pm	Gordon Woolridge Anniv.
Sunday	12th Mar	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, Larry Porter, Gillian Robinson, John Davies, Lawrence Bratt, Tim Bradbury, Tony Nicholson, Frances Milliken, Roy Yearsley, Noah Carrick, Patricia Lewis, Peter Hannon, Don Loran, Peter Bradshaw, Harry Hickland, Margaret Schofield, Nancy & Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard Alex Randall, Tony Morris, Jean Loran, Tracy Simpson, Mary Thompson.

ALL who have died recently, especially Lena Cotton

ALL Whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Crowley, Thomas Lee, Mary McAleer, Anne Lunt, Peggy Fikrle, Nora Devaney, Thomas Jennings, Jean Quinn, Ken Littlemore, Irene Reid, Peter McHugh, Gordon Woolridge, John Evans.



Sunday 19th March 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, and a cake stall. Offers of cakes please to Debbie Stevens. Please put your name and number of bacon butties needed on the list at the back of church

The tax year 2016/17 will be coming to an end on 5th 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) by 5th 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.

FOOD BANK:

This weeks shortages are **Sweet and sour, Pasta sauce ,Milk, Jelly, Angel delight, Shower gel , Noodles, Ketchup Deodorant**

Advance Dates: New DVD on Mary's Meals Mon 13th March . Community Mass Mon 20th March. Brunch & Irish Coffee Sun 19th March, Penitential Service Mon 3rd April.

Each parish is set a target to raise over five years. This is calculated by averaging out offertory income over the past three years, then doubling the figure. This means our target is £140,000. Of this, the parish gets 30% back to spend on a named parish project. If we exceed our target we get 70% of the surplus back, and if we double our target we get 100% of the excess back! More about the parish project next week!

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday, 10 March 2017 .Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

OSCAR ROMERO—MODERN MARTYR
A play by RISE THEATRE
Friday 24th March 2017 at 7pm
All Saints Church, Carrington Lane,
Ashton-on-Mersey M33 5WL
See poster for details. Admission by donation

Please pray for the LPA pilgrimage to Walsingham this week. Fr Peter , Fr Simon, Fr Paul & Deacon Tony will all be going, together with about 45 parishioners

Please take a Lent Leaflet from the back of church so you know what is happening in the parish during Lent.

“ OUR MISSION TOGETHER”

Thank you to those parishioners who have already discussed this with Fr Peter. More of you will be invited in the next few weeks and will be invited to consider making a pledge for five years, or a one-off donation. 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 or can be obtained from the Pilgrimage Office: St Alban's, 30 Mill 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.

Please pray for Natasha Spann & Alice Querci as they go to the Cathedral this afternoon for the Rite of Election, preparing to become Catholics at Easter.

THIS WEEK

Monday	6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Mary's
Monday	6.15pm	PEP Children	PC1,2,3,4
Wednesday	8.15am	RCIA	PC 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	PC 4
Friday	10.00am	Parents & Tots	PC 2,3
Saturday	10.00am	PEP Children & Parents: Stations	St Mary's