

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent 26th March 2017

Saturday	25th Mar	6.30pm	Special Int, K&J <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Sunday	26th Mar	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Monday	27th Mar	9.00am	Dr Stephen Jackson RIP
Tuesday	28th Mar	9.00am	Tony Barton Anniv.
Wednesday	29th Mar	2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	(H Chapel) Stations of the Cross * Stations of the Cross Teresa Salvi RIP
Thursday	30th Mar	9.00am 9.30am	(School) Maggie Hannon (school) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	31st Mar	9.00am	Ints of Jessica Lapworth
Saturday	1st Apr	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sunday	2nd Apr	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) Priests' Int. Briege Doyle & Hazel Edmonds RIP

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 Gerald Duffy

ALL Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Ruane, Vera Kathleen Mercer, Tony O'Reilly, Gerard Shirley, Ellen Horsfield, Mary O'Keefe, Marie Dakin, Anthony Carr, Thomas Costello, John Edward Malloy, Mary Carter, Eugene McNamara, Patrick Ryan, Robert Quinn, Ellen Reynolds, Rev George Barrett, Rev Joseph Cahill, Rev Charles Woods, Rev Michael Lloyd, Rev George Crespin



*Stations this week at 24 Slaters Close, H Chapel. Ring 01477 533767 to arrange a lift or for directions

Middlewich & District Foodbank – New Project Manager Required
The trustees of Middlewich & District Foodbank are seeking to appoint a new voluntary project manager to oversee the day to day operation of the foodbank. The post holder will work in partnership with the trustees and steering committee to ensure the operational efficiency and standards of the foodbank. The foodbank is a Trussell Trust franchise foodbank. A job description is available. For further information contact: Debi Williams – info@middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk
Fr Peter: stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com

FOOD BANK: This week's shortages are Long Life Green & Blue Milk

'New Offertory Envelopes' will be available for collection at all Masses on this weekend. Please note - Only use the new envelopes from 8/9 April, after which the old ones should be discarded.'

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: This Lent Fast Day our parish raised £1659.07 for CAFOD. Thank you for your support. This incredible amount will help more hardworking people like Florence in Zambia to turn something as small as a tiny fish into something amazing, like an education for her children.

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. contact the Pilgrimage Director, Fr David Long, at the above address or telephone 0151 638 1520.

Prayer Cards and discussion leaflets on Building a Missionary Parish are available at the back of church. If anyone wishes to use them for house groups please do. Unfortunately the material has only just arrived, too late to be included in our Lent

We welcome into our Parish Family Freya Grace Webster who will be Baptised this Sunday



Advance Dates: Penitential Service Mon 3rd Apr, Comm Mass & Lunch Mon 24th

Thank you to all who supported our St Patrick's celebration. We raised £180.90 for parish Funds and £230.54 for Mary's Meals.

Enrolment for Confirmation: Anyone Year 8 or above wishing to join this years programme for celebrating the Sacrament in November should enrol by emailing stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com, giving contact details, or ring 01606 837539 or 01606 737072.

"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.

30% of the money raised by Our Mission Together will come to the parish to be used for a named project. We discovered three years ago that £150,000 needs to be spent on St Mary's Church to renew brickwork and pointing outside and remove and replace all the interior plasterwork, which has separated from the brickwork and is likely to collapse if not remedied in the next three years. If we reach our OMT target this will give us £46,000 towards this . The Diocese will lend us the rest of the money so the job can be done asap, and we will have ten years to pay back the debt. It is a lot of money but the only other option is to let the

THIS WEEK

Monday	6.30pm	Holy Hour with Exposition	St Mary's
Wednesday	8.15am	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
Saturday	10.00am	PEP Parents & Children	PC 2,3