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

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First Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2017

Saturday	2nd Dec	6.30pm	**The Parishioners**
Sunday	3rd Dec	9.00am	(H Chapel) **Priest's Int**
		10.30am	**Kathleen Gray Anniv**.
Monday	4th Dec	9.00am	**Gittoes Family**
Tuesday	5th Dec	9.00am	**Collins Family**
Wednesday	6th Dec	7.30pm	**Private Int**
Thursday	7th Dec	9.00am	*(*School*)***Alice Richards b'day, Alan Bickerton** *St Ambrose*
		9.30am	School**) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.00pm**
Friday	8th Dec	**11.00am**	**Requiem Mass for John Dutton** *Immac. Conception of BVM*
Saturday	9th Dec	6.30pm	**Priest's Int.**
Sunday	10th Dec	9.00am	**(**H Chapel) **The Parishioners**
		10.30am	**Mary McAleer Anniv & Mal Scott b'day**

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request (PEP Children Saturday 10.30am)
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, Tony Darlington, Nathan Carter, Larry Porter, Gillian Robinson, John Davies, Lawrence Bratt, Tim Bradbury, Tony Nicholson, Frances Milliken, Roy Yearsley, Noah Carrick, Peter Hannon, Don Loran, Margaret Schofield, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Tony Morris, Tracy Simpson, Jenny Ogden, Michael O'Keefe, Don Hartill,

ALL who have died recently , especially John Dutton

ALL Whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Edward Ellison, Bernard Barnes, Winefride Pace, Betty Murphy, Wendy Billington, Sylvia Clarke, Franciska Jeglic, Annie O'Donnell,Ann Smith, Denis Kenny, Annie Howman, Hilda Morris, Edith Duffy, Basil Mannion, Betrnard McDermott, John Egan, Denis Charles McGee, Doris Bannaghan, Thomas James Bowen, Mgr Terence Welch, Rev Patrick O'Brien.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY IN H.CHl Thank you to the packers and the Posties for the Annual Christmas Card delivery in Holmes Chapel. So many offers of help. Wonderful. Thank you all very much. B & P Shackleton

HELP FOR HC CHRISTMAS MARKET. SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER Are you able to offer a ½hour slot to man the Churches Together Stall, please? Any time between 5.00 and 6.30 phone 077 39 38 87 14 . Bren Shackleton

Operation Christmas Child A big thank you to everyone who contributed to or filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas child, the boxes are now on their way

3 Private Donors have offered to double any contributions to Mary's Meals until 31 Dec, up to £1.9 Million. We have just sent them a cheque for £810, so they will receive £ 1620 ! Any further donations will be sent before 31st December so we need them before Christmas

There is a Thank you from Mary's Meals for our 810.00 donation on the Board at St Mary's . Thanks to more generous donations, box emptying and Confirmation Group fundraising over the past three years, we now have a further 500.00 to send.

Calling all cake bakers! A repeat of last month's effort would be marvellous! Our second Brunch & Stalls is next Sunday, 10th December and we need donations of bottles for the bottle tombola. If you didn't get raffle tickets last weekend (or have already sold them) please take an envelope from the back of church, and return counterfoils and money to the bin on the table.
PLEASE SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND IF YOU WANT BACON BUTTIES OR VEGGIE ALTERNATIVE NEXT SUNDAY

Please bring back envelopes for the Clergy Training Fund asap.. If you prefer, you can donate Online via Paypal to the Fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund

Carols Round the Tree

Come and join us next Sunday 10th December at 4.00pm in the Parish Centre. We will celebrate the festive season with some short readings, some lovely carols, and afterwards some party food for the children and mulled wine and mince pies for the adults. The school choir will sing for us and our little ones from our toddler group will sing a song for Jesus. We look forward to sharing this special time with you and your family

DAY FOR CATECHISTS: The next meeting for Catechists will be an opportunity for *Sharing Best Practice*. Miss Caroline Farey (Maryvale Institute & The School of the Annunciation) will listen to your exchanges, and offer practical advice for the situations you are facing. Venue: Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port; Sat 13 Jan 2018, (9:30) 10:00-11:50. See poster with relevant information. Enquiries: Barbara Davies (07730 526821); Registration: Helen Jones (helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

St Nicholas Catholic High School is joining with the local parishes to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent - 3rd December 2017 with a community Mass at St Joseph's, Winsford. An invitation is offered to any young person of high school age (not necessarily at St Nicholas') to come and help prepare the Mass and then celebrate as a community with families and parishioners. Preparation time will begin at 3.00pm with Mass at 5.00pm and refreshments to follow. As this is a diocesan event, young people attending by themselves will need to have a parent consent form completed. St Nicholas students can collect these and get more details from the School Chaplain. Forms are also available in the parish. We hope that young people from across our parishes will be able to join us with their families

On Saturday 2nd December from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 3rd December from 12noon to 4pm Queen Street United Reformed Church in Middlewich are putting on the exhibition "Aspects of Christmas" Refreshments are being served throughout the weekend and any donations received are for the NSPCC.

Power to be: At the beginning of July we collected signatures on postcards calling on the UK to speak up for support for local, renewable energy at the World Bank. Thank you the pressure is paying off, recently the Secretary of State for International Development stressed the strong voice that the government has at the World Bank as a major shareholder and emphasised the importance of speaking up to make sure that energy spending benefits the world's poorest people. Cafod are working to secure a parliamentary debate to raise awareness of the campaign amongst MPs.

Advance Dates:9 Dec First Confessions. 10 Dec Brunch & stalls, children's Advent Gathering with Carols 11th Dec Community Mass & Christmas Lunch 17th Dec Raffle Draw

THIS WEEK

Sunday	**3.00pm**	**LPA Young People's Mass & Social**	**St Joseph's**
Monday	**10.15am**	**Care Group**	**PC 1**
Monday	**6.30pm**	**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**	**St Mary's**
Monday	**7.45pm**	**Scripture Group**	**PC 4**
Wednesday	**8.15pm**	**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**
Sunday	**11.45am**	**Brunch & Stalls**	**PC 2,3**
Sunday	**4.00pm**	**Carols round the Tree**	**PC 2,3**