

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

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Second Sunday of Advent 10th December 2017

Saturday	9th Dec	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sunday	10th Dec	9.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners
		10.30am	Mary McAleer Anniv & Mal Scott birthday
Monday	11th Dec	12.00pm	O'Keefe & Whittaker Families
Tuesday	12th Dec	9.00am	Private Int.
Wednesday	13th Dec	7.30pm	DRF France/Howman families St Lucy
Thursday	14th Dec	9.00am	(School) John Devaney Anniv. St John of the Cross
		9.30am	School) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.00pm
Friday	15th Dec	9.00am	Private Int.
Saturday	16th Dec	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd Anniv.
Sunday	17th Dec	9.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int.
		10.30am	The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation : 10.30am—12.00pm at St Margaret's
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 .

ALL Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charles Regan, Alfred Francis Barry, Mary Jane Down, Margaret Trelfa, Helen Patterson, Adrian Prescott, Edward Horne snr., John Cannon, Annie Kucharczyk, Mary Kilkenny, Clarence de Soysa, Jane Conroy, Wiliam Joseph Egan, James Trelfa, John Devaney, Mary Turnbull, Robert Murray, Annie O'Brien, Elizabeth Twigg, Alice Jones, Canon Aelred Rigby, Rev James Devlin, Canon Andrew Campbell, Rev Bernard Hewitt, Canon Rudolph Luczka

Thank you to all who bought Cafod World Gifts. We have sent £412 to CAFOD, and we know some of you have also bought gifts on line. Thank you.

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 Dec so we need them before Christmas. So far since this offer started we have sent £1,337

Sainsbury's and ditching Fairtrade: A copy of Sainsbury's CEO's response to our letter about their ditching of the Fairtrade mark on their red and gold label tea is on the Cafod noticeboard. As a result of our signatures Cafod has now managed to secure a meeting with their CEO.

Christmas Mass Times: 23/4th weekend as usual, then at St Mary's, Sunday 6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm First Mass of Christmas, 11.45pm Carols, 12.00am Mass, Monday 9.00am Mass at St Margaret's Holmes Chapel (omitted from H Ch Christmas Card). 10.30am at St Mary's

There are still some Books of Raffle tickets left at the back of church if anyone can sell more. Monies and stubs must be returned by Wednesday this week as the draw takes place next Sunday.

Carols Round the Tree

Come and join us this 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



Shrewsbury Online Liturgical Calendar: For those of you who are *Universalis* users or are interested in an online/mobile app of the Divine Office and Mass Readings and prayers, the Shrewsbury Calendar is now available via www.universalis.com or can be downloaded through the app store on your phone or tablet.

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).

Please pray for Rachel Davidson, Simon Davis and Jim Clews as they celebrate the Rite of Entry this Sunday. This is the first formal step on their journey to become Catholics next Easter.

Thanks to a very generous cheque, we raised 978.40 for the Clergy Training Fund. Thank you. There is still time to donate Online via Paypal to the Fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund



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.



THIS WEEK

Monday	12.00pm	Community Mass & Lunch	St Mary's
Monday	6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Mary's
Monday	7.45pm	Scripture Group	PC 4
Wednesday	8.15pm	RCIA	PC 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	PC 4
Friday	10.00am	Parents & Tots	PC 2,3
Friday	7.30pm	Advent Reflection	St Margaret's
Saturday	10.30am-12	Sacrament of Reconciliation	St Margaret's
Sunday	11.45am	Raffle Draw	PC 2,3