

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

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First Sunday of Lent, 18th February 2018

Saturday	17th Feb	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sunday	18th Feb	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Bishop Ian Murray
Monday	19th Feb	12.00pm	Deceased Relatives McGrory Family
Tuesday	20th Feb	9.00am	Private Int. (Y)
Wednesday	21st Feb	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Lillian Kavanagh RIP
Thursday	22nd Feb	9.00am	Deceased Relatives Jakubik Family
Friday	23rd Feb	9.00am	Private Int.
Saturday	24th Feb	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sunday	25th Feb	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. Spann Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday 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, Margaret Schofield, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Tony Morris, Jenny Ogden, Michael O'Keefe, Don Hartill, Frank Cosgrave, Ethan Spann.



ALL who have died recently.

ALL Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Ruane, Margaret McCarthy, James Millington, Doug Crebbin, Jack Costello, Josef Poziemski, Leonard Batty, Winefride Lannon, Peter Rogers, Veronica Craig, Eleanor Hind, Katherine Lawrence, Susan Penny, Arthur Battersby, Christopher Callaghan, Rose Raftery, James Challinor, Renee Lomas, Declan McIlroy, Myles Costello, John Buffini, Norah Gilligan, Seconda Washington, Rev Patrick Egan, Rev Breandan McDonald.

Advance Dates: 4th March
Craft Stall, 11th March
Mothers' Day, 18th March
Irish Coffee Morning,
19th March Community
Mass & Lunch
1st April Easter Sunday

Celebrate North West Weekend 2018
Macclesfield, 28—29 April
A family celebration for children, young people and adults. See poster. For further information contact 01706 640359, email northwest@celebrateconference.org
www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/northwest

Foodbank Shortages this week: Tinned Fruit, Meat paste, Rice Pudding, Cordial

Pancake Party: We raised over £200 for Christian Aid. Many thanks to all helpers!

St Nicholas Catholic High School is joining with the local parishes to celebrate Lent with a community **Mass at St Mary's, Middlewich, on Sunday 4th March 2018**. 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.

The tax year 2017/18 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, worthingtonkr@gmail.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

All God's Creation is very good. **Women's World Day of Prayer** Friday 2nd March 2018. 1.30pm United Reform Church Middlewich, 7.00pm Goostrey Methodist Church, Goostrey. This year's service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America and reminds us that we have a responsibility to care for this wonderful world we live in. We will join an estimated 3 million people in a great wave of prayer encircling the globe as we pray for the people of Suriname. This is a service for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it and is not simply for women

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider GiftAiding your donation by completing the form on the donation envelope. The extra 25p reclaimed in every pound will help feed more hungry people. Many thanks. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and return it next weekend.

Symposium VI – The Eucharist: Maelstrom of Love on Saturday 3 March, St Ambrose College, Hale Barns and Sunday 4 March, Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Room

All information related to the Symposium is found on the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/symposium, together with an on-line registration form www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration which is very easy to complete

THIS WEEK

Monday	12.00pm	Community Mass & Lunch	St Mary's
Monday	6.30pm	Exposition	St Mary's
Monday	7.45pm	Scripture Group	PC 1
Thursday	2.00pm	Stations of the Cross	8 Lockerbie Cl
Thursday	7.30pm	PPT Meeting	PC 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	PC 1