

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

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First Sunday of Advent, 1st December 2019

Saturday	30th Nov	6.30pm	The Parishioners <i>St Andrew</i>
Sunday	1st Dec	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. Gordon Woolridge b'day
Monday	2nd Dec	9.00am	May Lee RIP
Tuesday	3rd Dec	9.00am	Jane Laverack Anniv. <i>St Francis Xavier</i>
Wednesday	4th Dec	7.30pm	Mary Collins, Anniv.
Thursday	5th Dec	9.00am 9.30am	<i>(School)</i> Mary McAleer Anniv. <i>(School)</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 2.00pm
Friday	6th Dec	9.00am	Kathleen Gray b'day
Saturday	7th Dec	6.30pm	Carol & Sheila Bagshaw <i>St Ambrose</i>
Sunday	8th Dec	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, Sara O'Brien, Jamie Connor, John Bomford, Nathan Carter, Larry Porter, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Roy Yearsley, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Karen Potts, Fr Pat Munroe, Mary Morris, Michael McCluskey, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Angela Kitchen, Fr Paul Hughes, Deacon Philip White, Martin Armit

ALL who have died recently

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brigid Mary Sweeny, Reg Hambley, Mary McAleer, 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, Bernard McDermott, Rev Joseph Russell, Rev John O'Sullivan, Rev Jack Warnock, Mgr Terence Welch, Rev Patrick O'Brien



Advance Dates: 8th Dec Carols round the Tree
9th Dec First Forgiveness, , 10th Dec St Nicholas
Invitation, 14th Dec Ministers & Catechists Fol-
low Up, 16th Dec Community Mass & Christmas
Lunch

Lenten Walsingham Trip. Depart Monday 16th and return Thursday 19th March 2020. Cost is £220 which includes coach transport and three nights half-board accommodation. Letters containing full details available at back of church. Contacts: Fr Paul Standish or Deacon Tony Ford

Please do your best to sell as many Raffle Tickets as possible and put the stubs and money in the bin at the back of church or through the presbytery door or in the Holmes Chapel Bag
There are extra books available if you didn't get your tickets or can sell extra.



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Thank you for your generous contributions to the cost of the new church carpet at St Mary's. £1,481.30 was given, plus £245 Gift Aid

St Mary's Monthly Coffee Morning is this Monday. Why not come and bring a friend? It has been suggested we put out a basket for (optional) contributions to Mary's Meals.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION Please bring back your envelopes as soon as possible.

Catechists & Ministers: There will be a Follow-up session with Caroline and Reuben on Sat Dec 14th, 10-12, which will deal with any problems arising from the training day, and also give a chance to learn about the courses for anyone who could not attend last time.

Christmas Food bank Shortages

Requests for St Mary's
Cracker Selection Pack, Yule Log Selection Boxes, Biscuit Selection Fruit Juice, Crisps or Nuts Tinned Ham

There is a list at the back of St Mary's of items needed for the Raffle Hamper. If you are willing to provide an item please put your name and phone no. against it.

Parishioners are warmly invited to support our chaplaincy team in Leighton Hospital by joining us for a seasonal celebration of carols and scripture readings on Wednesday 18th December 2019, commencing in the Hospital Chapel at 11.00am. All welcome

Tuesday is a day of special prayer for all Refugees and Migrants

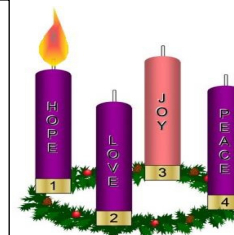
We welcome into our Parish family Indie Olivia Barnes who will be Baptised this Sunday.



N.B. There is a change to the previous times of Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve at St Mary's, 6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm First Mass of Christmas. 9.45pm Carols, 10.00pm Mass during the Night.
Christmas Day 9.00am at St Margaret's, 10.30am at St Mary's.

Alleluia! The work on St Mary's is finished on time. We hope you are all pleased with the results. The church looks beautiful in time for Advent. Please treat the new paintwork and carpet with care! Our thanks to everyone who made a pledge with Our Mission Together. Without the £35,000 raised by OMT towards the cost, we could not have afforded it. Thank you all for your help.

The Brunch & Stalls last Sunday was a great success, both socially and financially. The stalls and café raised £700. Many thanks to all who helped and all who supported our efforts.



St Nicholas High School would like to invite members of parishes to join us for an Advent Lunch and Celebration here at St Nicholas Catholic High School. On 10th Dec. The afternoon will last from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and will include refreshments and entertainment. We may be able to provide some transport if needed. In the first instance we can offer twelve spaces per church community. Please sign the list at the back of church to give an idea of the uptake. It would be lovely to have a real community gathering here at St Nicholas especially at this time of the year. Tickets now available from Fr Peter. Last chance to sign up.

BIG THANK YOU. Thank you to the many people who have delivered the Holmes Chapel Churches Together Christmas Card and to those who helped with the packing. You will be blessed.

Our Annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 8th December at 3.30pm, followed by mulled wine & mince pies and party food for the children. Carols and readings will be shared in our beautiful church before a time of celebration in the Parish Centre. Please join us for this opportunity to focus on and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas

This Week

Monday	9.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning
Monday	6.30-7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	8.15pm	RCIA
Thursday	1.00pm	Craft Group
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers
Friday	9.45am	Parents & Tots

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