

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

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Second Sunday of Advent, 8th December 2019

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.
Monday	9th Dec	9.00am	Annie & George Howman, Annivs. <i>Immac Concept of BVM</i>
Tuesday	10th Dec	9.00am	Annette Morris 88th Birthday
Wednesday	11th Dec	7.30pm	The Homeless
Thursday	12th Dec	9.00am 9.30am	<i>(School)</i> John Stoneley <i>(School)</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 2.00pm
Friday	13th Dec	9.00am	Thanksgiving <i>St Lucy</i>
Saturday	14th Dec	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd Anniv. <i>St John of the Cross</i>
Sunday	15th Dec	9.00am 10.30am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. The parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request only this week
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, Betty Hickland

ALL who have died recently

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Egan, Denis Charles Magee, Doris Bannaghan Thomas James Bowen, Charles Regan, Alfred Francis Barry, Mary Jane Down, Margaret Trelfa, Helen Patterson, Adrian Prescott, Edward Horne snr., John Cannon, Annie Kucharzyk, Mary Kilkenny, Clarence de Soysa, Canon Aelred Rigby, Rev James Devlin, Canon Andrew V Campbell, Rev Bernard Hewitt.



Advance Dates: 14th Dec Ministers & Catechists Follow Up, 16th Dec Community Mass & Christmas Lunch, Sunday 22nd Dec Raffle Draw

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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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.

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 today, 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

Catechists & Ministers: There will be a Follow-up session with Caroline and Reuben next 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

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

There will be a basket at the back of church for the next three weekends for your contributions to the cost of Christmas Flowers

Please pray for the children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday evening at 6.00pm. Because of this there will be no Exposition this Monday

There will be a collection next week for Caritas, to help them give presents to children in needy families this Christmas. We shall also have our usual basket by the crib to help them.

PLEASE USE YOUR PHONE !... to take a photo of the Hope for Justice Poster at the back of Church and either entrance in St. Margaret's. There is a link to follow to nominate the Charity for £1000. Closing date 20th December. Thank you. Charity number 1126097. Change lives. End Slavery

There are copies of letters at the back of church, both from Bishop Mark & from the Bishops' Conference, which you are asked to read and consider before voting in the General Election on Thursday.



Why not take time to relax for a couple of hours and think about what Christmas is really all about? We will be showing the film "The Nativity Story" (2006) in the parish centre on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm. This is the only special Advent event in the parish this year and all parishioners are warmly invited to come along



		This Week	
Sunday	3.30pm	Carol Service	St Mary's
Monday	6.00pm	First Forgiveness	St Mary's
Tuesday	9.45am	Sr Ruth's prayer Group	St Mary's
Wednesday	8.15pm	RCIA	PC 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	PC 4
Friday	9.45am	Parents & Tots	PC 2,3