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

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Third Sunday of Advent, 15th December 2019

Saturday	14th Dec	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd Anniv. St John of the Cross
Sunday	15th Dec		(H Chapel) Priest's Int. The parishioners
Monday	16th Dec	12.00pm	John Devaney Anniv.
Tuesday	17th Dec	9.00am	Birthday, MT
Wednesday	18th Dec	7.30pm	Don & Anne France
Thursday	19th Dec	9.00am 9.30am	(School) DRF O'Keefe & Whittaker families (School) No Exposition
Friday	20th Dec	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Saturday	21st Dec	6.30pm	Anne, Clarence & Mary Costello
Sunday	22nd Dec		(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 Armitt, Betty Hickland
- ALL who have died recently
- ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jane Conroy, William Joseph Egan, James

 Trelfa, John Devaney, Mary Turnbull, Robert Murray, Annie O'Brien, Elizabeth Twigg, Alice
 Jones, Bridget Naughton, Frank Bannaghan, Margaret Heyes, Patrick Morgan, Ellen Riley,
 Tommy Cannon, Maria Jakubik, Margaret Traynor, Dorothy Nussbaumer, David Andrews,
 Mary O'Neill, James cannon, Christine Clapham, Marie Therese Loughlin, Ivy Dean, Canon
 Rudolph Luczka, Rt Rev Hugh Singleton, Rev Daniel Canning, Rev Peter Daly, Canon John
 Mooney, Rev John Hoskinson, Canon Thomas Hurley, Rev Denis Herlihy, Rev Kevin Molloy

Advance Dates: Sunday 22nd Dec Raffle Draw

A 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.

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.

Thank you for your Donations to the Clergy Formation Fund. We have sent a cheque for £450.35 to the Diocese.

The final day for returning Raffle ticket stubs & money is this Wednesday, 18th December

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

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 18thDecember 2019, commencing in the Hospital Chapel at 11.00am. All welcome

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

PL EASE 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

Mothers' Prayers & the Toddler Group have met for the last time this term. They will restart the second week in January.

In January we are hoping to have the unsatisfactory Heating System in the Parish Centre improved. The problem has now finally been diagnosed. We are also having work done on the ventilator which lets in rain. These jobs may cause a couple of days disruption. Please be patient. There is no gain without pain!

There will be a collection this weekend 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. Caritas now care for all the people previously involved with the Children's Society, as well as refugees, and although they are partly funded by Our Mission Together, they still need extra help as poverty problems are increasing.

We welcome into our Parish Family Marcus Alexander Ging Cheung Lee who will be Baptised this Sunday.



We are running ALPHA starting from Thursday 16th January 7pm-9pm at St. Mary's school. ALPHA is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. It is for everyone and open to everyone, no matter where you believe you are on your faith journey. If you would like to come to the first evening and see what it's all about, then please let us know. Or if you would like to know more please give us a call (Gemma 01606 837539).



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 this 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	10.30am	PEP Celebration Mass	St Mary's			
Monday	12.00pm	Community Mass & Christmas Lunch	St Mary's			
Monday	6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Mary's			
Monday	7.30pm	The Nativity Story	PC 1			
Wednesday		RCIA	PC 1			
Sunday	12.00pm	Raffle Draw	PC 2			