

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

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Palm (Passion) Sunday, 5th April 2020

Sunday	5th Apr	10.30am	Harry Hickland Anniv.
Monday	6th Apr	9.00am	Mary Fewtrell RIP
Tuesday	7th Apr	9.00am	Aileen McBride RIP
Wednesday	8th Apr	7.30pm	Thanksgiving JB
Thursday	9th Apr	7.30pm	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	10th Apr	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	11th Apr	8.30pm	Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Sunday	12th Apr	10.30am	Jack Laverack b'day

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request in extreme need
Sacrament of Baptism On hold until further notice.

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, Emily Wickham, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Elaine Trower, Glyn Maddock



ALL who have died recently, especially Deacons Fred Beddow & Peter Bravey

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Janek Mandziak, Frank Reynolds, Robert Swarbrick, Tom Kerr, James Maddock, Dorothy Lawrence, Eileen Morris, Laura Brewer, Andrew Freer, Eliza Clegg, John Christopher Kerrigan, Joan Kerrigan, Amand Jane Kerrigan, Linda Williams, Martin Williams, James O'Hare, Canon Alfred McNally, Rev Kevin Daley, Rev Wilfrid Kelly, Rev Paul Sidoli

Cafod Fast Day:
Thank you for your generosity. Our parish donated £927.20, a good increase on last year's total.
Visit the Cafod website
www.cafod.org.uk
for extra prayer resources & online children's liturgy

Food Bank Shortages: Long life milk, whole or semi skimmed, Long life juice, Jellies, Tinned spaghetti, spaghetti hoops, baked beans with sausages (not baked beans on their own, we have plenty of those!) Please use collection points at supermarkets whilst church is closed. Thank you for the wonderful response to the need for volunteers. There are sufficient now for present needs, but we will let you know if the situation changes.



Dear Parishioners,

You will have heard by now that the Bishops' Conference has suspended the public celebration of Holy Mass. This decision was not taken lightly but as Christians it is our duty to do what we can to support our neighbours.

Unfortunately we are no longer allowed to have church open for private prayer. We want you to know that Fr Peter will be saying Mass privately in the church at the normal times so please join him in spiritual communion. Masses will be offered for the intentions requested on specific dates. Any new requests for Masses should be put through the presbytery door. Fr Peter thinks he has now mastered the technology, with the help of Deacon Chris, and he will put our daily Mass on St Mary's RC Parish Middlewich Facebook page. He will also put Exposition on there on Monday evening 7.00-7.30pm. You can also follow us on @stmarysparishmiddlewich. Fr Peter will also celebrate and stream a shortened version of the Easter Triduum.

There are various other ways to participate in Holy Mass. There will be live streams available from Shrewsbury Cathedral (details at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>) Wythenshawe: <http://wythcc.co.uk/> and in our own deanery at St Alban's Macclesfield www.stalbanmacc.org.uk/stalbanslivestream.html, also from several other parishes in the diocese. You can also read all the prayers and scriptures for daily Mass at: www.magnificat.com/free and the scriptures for Mass at: www.universalis.com/mass

Other useful sites: The National Catholic Shrine to Our Lady at Walsingham has a full broadcast schedule – including Mass, Rosary, Vespers, Exposition, Mass in Latin and even some talks. Visit its [Livestream area](#). The producers of the Magnificat have kindly provided [complimentary access to its online version](#) to help people follow the Mass and pray from home. The website, www.ChurchPaper.co.uk, contains over 600 editions of the many newspapers.

If anyone requires the Sacrament of the Sick, please ring the presbytery. It is not permitted to take communion to the sick, except in danger of death.

If you are aware of any elderly or self-isolating people who need help with shopping or picking up prescriptions please ring the presbytery as we have a list of volunteers who can help.

On a practical note, we still have to pay bills so, if you are in a position to do so, please put offertory envelopes through the presbytery door: your generosity will be much appreciated. Thank you those who have done this in the past two weeks, the envelopes amounted to £395., extremely useful! The usual weekly collection is £500-600. Some new boxes of envelopes have been delivered, but lock-down came in the middle of our delivery system. We are trying where possible to deliver boxes whilst on daily exercise, but this will not cover all areas. If you wish to change to giving by standing order, either permanently or during the "no public Mass era," please see the information below.

We would also ask that those of you who are able, continue to donate items for the Food Bank, as there will be more clients needing help as the crisis continues. Whilst church is not open, please use the collection points at supermarkets.

Please pray for our Parish Community and for those affected by this pandemic and do not be downcast. Remember the words of Our Lord: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." *Jn 14:27 (NRSV)*

Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris

If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact Ken Worthington on 01606 737070