

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

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Easter Sunday, 12th April 2020

Sunday	12th Apr	10.30am	Jack Laverack b'day
Monday	13th Apr	10.00am	NHS Workers
Tuesday	14th Apr	9.00am	Mary Fewtrell RIP
Wednesday	15th Apr	7.30pm	DRF O'Keefe/Whittaker Families
Thursday	16th Apr	9.00am	Angela Dutton
Friday	17th Apr	9.00am	Don Dutton
Sunday	19th Apr	10.30am	Louise Turnbull Anniv.

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 Charlie Egan

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Madeline Mary Rutledge, Annie Acton, Frank Chalinor, Clement Bannaghan, Elizabeth Rush, Lodzia Jaskiewicz, Margaret Hatton, Patrick Jordan, Agnes Mary Loughlin, Catherine Anne Duncan, Kathleen Hunter, Patrick Dolan, Peter Kerrigan, Mary Ellen Horne, James Cragg, Ted Higgins, Winifred Williams, May Shirley, Rev John T Daley, Rev Andrew J Campbell.

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.

For those of you with Sky TV, Pope Francis' Easter morning Mass will be broadcast on 588, EWTN at 10.30am



Dear Parishioners,

For all of us, this must be the strangest Easter ever, but, remember that Jesus burst out of lock-down on Easter morning and, although we are physically confined, we must not allow ourselves to be spiritually restricted by our present situation. Remember that He overcame sin and death for us, and that is more powerful than any virus. Whilst we are all missing the support of our parish family, we are very aware of the power of prayer to unite us, as we pray for the physical safety and mental strength we all need at this time.

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 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. Thank you those who are tuning in and sending appreciative comments, it helps to make celebrating Mass alone a little less strange. 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 already, the envelopes amounted to £395., extremely useful! The second batch of envelopes, including Easter Offerings, will be counted after this weekend. Some new boxes of envelopes have arrived, 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, "Jesus is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia"
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