

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

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 6th September 2020**

Saturday	5th Sept	6.30pm	<b>Holbrook Ints</b>
Sunday	6th Sept	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>
Monday	7th Sept	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>Julian Davies RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tuesday	8th Sept	9.00am	<b>No Mass or Service</b> <i>Nativity of BVM</i>
Wednesday	9th Sept	7.30pm	<b>No Mass or Service</b>
Thursday	10th Sept	9.00am	<b>No Mass or Service</b>
Friday	11th Sept	9.00am	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
Saturday	12th Sept	6.30pm	<b>Priest's Int.</b>
Sunday	13th Sept	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Winefride Laverack b'day</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request**  
**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, Larry Porter, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Roy Yearsley, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Mary Morris, Michael McCluskey, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Paul Hughes, Deacon Philip White, Martin Armitt, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Tess Haney, Michael Ward



ALL who have died recently, especially Patricia Robinson & Pauline McManus

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frederick Anderson, Roy Derek Henry George Crumplin, Jonathan Williams, Patrick McNeela, Lisa Conlon, Fred Smith, Teddy Anderson, Brian Bratt, Lily Carey, Arthur Coles, Thomas Cannon, Martin Mahon, Rev Terence Boylan, Rev Michael English, Rev Cornelius O'Kelly, Rev Edward McCann, Rev Ivor Kind, Rev James Fox, Rev Denis Bowskill, Rev Joseph Russell, Rev Francis Gordon

**Scripture Group** every Tues at 7.00pm  
 We use Zoom and look at the scripture (particularly the Gospel) for the following Sunday. If you would like to join in send an email to: [stmarysmiddlewichvents@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmiddlewichvents@gmail.com) as we will need your e-mail address to send the Zoom invitation (e-mail addresses will not be used for any other purpose). This is open to anyone, not just parishioners.

**Welcome back to Mass. If you are coming :**  
**Wear a mask; Social distance when queuing;**  
**sanitise your hands on entry: Follow the one way system and instructions from stewards (wearing aprons to identify them). Communion in the hand only, no chalice. Instructions will be given by Fr Peter. Strict limit of 50, no exceptions. Box for offerings at back of church. Leave promptly, as instructed, at the end of Mass, not before. THERE ARE NO TOILETS AVAILABLE. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE PARISH CENTRE**

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Dear Parishioners,  
 After this weekend, on 7th September, Fr Peter is going on holiday. He will be away for three weeks, but only two weekends. Consequently there will no longer be Mass every day. The usual weekend Masses will continue, with Fr Jim Robinson celebrating the Masses and our two Deacons distributing Communion. There will be Celebrations of the Word & Communion on Mondays and Fridays, after this coming week, but no services on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Stewards and cleaners will be present as usual at all Masses & services  
 Because Fr Peter is the technician behind the streaming of live Masses, this cannot happen without him, so 11.00am Mass will not be streamed during his absence.  
 Monday evening Exposition, Monday morning Rosary and Friday morning Mothers' Prayers will continue as usual. There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation until Fr Peter returns.  
 Last weekend's Masses were again well attended, with numbers more evenly divided between the three Masses, but still room for a few more people at every Mass.  
 The usual rules still apply: You will only be allowed in if you are wearing a face mask and there is a strict limit of 50 people per Mass. The same rules apply to weekday Mass. Masses will be shorter than usual but the good news is that you will be able to receive the Eucharist, but only the host and only in the hand. There is to be no congregational singing, you must remain one metre apart, except from members of your own household, and must sanitise your hands as you enter church. You must enter down the side aisles, sit only in the marked places and exit via the centre aisle. This process, and the numbers, will be overseen by two stewards at each Mass. Please follow their instructions. If 50 people have already entered you will be asked to come to another Mass There is still no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, so those who can come during the week are encouraged to do so. After each Mass you will be asked to leave promptly and church will have to be closed and thoroughly cleaned in preparation for the next Mass. The provision of the Masses is dependant on there being sufficient volunteers as stewards and cleaners. We have sufficient volunteers until the end of September but offers of help for future weekends and weekdays should be emailed to the parish office.

We are now allowed to celebrate weddings, funerals and baptisms with up to 30 people, but there are still many restrictions attached to these celebrations, and this permission could be reversed if there are more lockdown restrictions. There is no indication of a possible end to these rules, so we need to make the most of what we CAN do, and not dwell on what we can't!  
 Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris

### Prayers for the Season of Creation

Inspired by Laudato Si , Pope Francis has established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This marks the beginning of Creation Time running until the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. Cafod has produced nine brief reflections asking St Francis to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. These prayers can be used over nine days and can be found at [cafod.org.uk/novena](http://cafod.org.uk/novena).

There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Gathering in St Mary's car park this Sunday, 6th September at 6.30pm. All welcome. Details from Deacon Chris

### St Mary's Parish Reconciliation and Eucharistic programme October 2020 – May 2021

Dear Parents  
 We would like to invite children in year 3 or above to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (*Forgiveness*) and Eucharist (*First Holy Communion*). The programme will take place a little differently this year as we will not be able to meet for sessions. Together with the Catechists of St Mary's parish and St Mary's School we will be able to support every family as we journey towards the children receiving the Sacrament of Forgiveness in December and First Holy Communion in May 2021.  
 We look forward very much to speaking with you.  
 If you have any queries please contact us on: Fr Peter: Tel: 01606 832359; Teresa Wells: Tel: 01606 738030; Janet McKinlay: Tel: 01606 832164; Sharon Coyne: Tel: 01606 841083

Every Blessing  
 Fr Peter and Team