

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

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3rd October 2020

Saturday	3rd Oct	6.30pm	Luisa Spada
Sunday	4th Oct	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Ints The Parishioners
Monday	5th Oct	9.00am 6.30pm	Private Int. Y <i>Rosary follows mass—everyone welcome</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Thomas
Tuesday	6th Oct	9.00am	Holbrook Ints
Wednesday	7th Oct	11.00am 7.30pm	Funeral Service for Nancy Barber Private Int. O.L. of the Rosary
Thursday	8th Oct	9.00am 9.30-12.00	Private Int. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	9th Oct	9.00am	People of Ukraine <i>Mother's Prayers follows mass</i>
Saturday	10th Oct	11.00-1.00pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Kathleen McKee RIP
Sunday	11th Oct	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday 11.00am –12.00pm & On request .
Sacrament of baptism : Please ring the presbytery for details of what is possible

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 Armit, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Tess Haney.



ALL who have died recently— Nancy Barber & Kathleen McKee

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Doris McSpadden, James Malone, Bernard Barnes, Jane Sponge, Norman Charles Rota, Carol Webster, Francis Horricks, Ernie Nicholson, Norman Bailes, Anthony Ruane, Bridget Dolan, Wilfrid Wittingham, Margaret Daniels, John Egan, Arthur Adderley, Jim McDermott, Maureen Hitchen, Rev Patrick Brizzell, Rev Vincent Davenport

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: stmarysmiddlewich@stmarysmiddlewich.org.uk 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 PLEASE 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

It has become obvious that we are not likely to see a relaxation in the rules governing our worship for at least six months, so we must endeavour to remain positive and find creative ways of being Church. We are hoping to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each week, not only on Monday evenings, but also on Thursday mornings from the end of Mass until 12.00, and on Saturday mornings from 11am to 1.00pm. During the first hour of this Fr Peter will normally be available to offer a socially distanced Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The government has introduced new rules which affect our celebration of some Sacraments. We can still have 30 people in church for a funeral but only 15 for a wedding, including the couple, photographer and organist, and only six for a Baptism, including the parents and godparents. There are still many restrictions attached to these celebrations, and this permission could be reversed if there are more lockdown restrictions.

The number for Masses at St Mary's is still 50, but masks must be worn and social distancing maintained. We are sure you all know the rules by now. The provision of the Masses is dependent on there being sufficient volunteers as stewards and cleaners, two for each weekend Mass and one for each weekday. We also need volunteers from time to time for weddings and funerals. The same people have volunteered now for several months and could do with some reinforcements. Rotas are planned separately for each week, so you do not have to make a long term commitment. Offers of help for future weekends and weekdays should be emailed to the parish office. 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

URGENT REQUEST—Can we please have Volunteers to Steward/clean this coming Wednesday from 10.30am for the funeral service of Nancy Barber. Contact Deacon Chris if you can help.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day Friday October 9th

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/

give or by using one of the envelopes. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising by telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.*

Churches Together in Middlewich

Next Prayer & Praise evening will be this **Sunday 4th Oct, 6.30pm at MCC**, outside (assuming no other restrictions are imposed!) The last one was fabulous. Please come and be blessed as we bless others in prayer. Everyone welcome –*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

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