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

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 15th November 2020

Sunday	15th Nov	11.00am(streamed) Pat Taylor, Anniv
Monday	16th Nov	9.00am (streamed) Special Int. (Y) 6.00pm Zoom Rosary 6.30pm– 7.30pm Church open for Private Prayer
Tuesday	17th Nov	9.00am (streamed) Clifford Harrison & Bill Richards Annivs. 9.30-11.00am Church open for Private Prayer 7.00pm Zoom Scripture Group
Wednesday	18th Nov	11.00am (streamed) Requiem Mass for Betty Nulty
Thursday	19th Nov	11.00am (streamed) Requiem Mass for Leanne Collins
Friday	20th Nov	9.00am (streamed) Jeremy Matthews RIP
Sunday	22nd Nov	11.00am (streamed) Bernard & Hilda Mulvington, Annivs

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment only

Sacrament of baptism: In emergency only during lockdown.

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, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Tess Haney, Simon Finn
- ALL who have died recently, especially Leanne Collins, Brian Millington and Betty Nulty.
- ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Johnston, John Egerton, Thomas Brannan, Tom Flynn, Bob Newell, Charles Heathcote, Clifford Harrison, Bill Richards, Thomas Jordan, Elsie Shirley, Tracy & Heather Rigby, Anthony Wardle, Helen Costello, Harold Bramwell, Michael O'Donnell, Archbishop John Aloysius Murphy

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: stmarysmiddlewichevents @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.

CAFOD invites us to send a message to the brave this Advent All around the world, brave men and women are fighting for justice and freedom, and many are losing their lives in the process. They are taking on powerful interests in an attempt to protect local communities. This Advent, will you make a gesture of solidarity and write a Christmas card to one of CAFOD's Defenders? You could write a card to Maisoon Badawi, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, who works for YeshDin, the Israeli human rights organisation. She works tirelessly to help Palestinian victims of human rights violations as they fight for their rights. Detailed instructions and information about other Defenders can be found at cafod.org.uk/ messagetobrave. Completed cards can be handed in to church or put through the presbytery door up until Sunday December 6th. Many Thanks.

David, Abbie and Aaron want to thank everyone for their overwhelming love and prayers during Leanne's illness and passing. We are so sorry you can't all be with us in church on Thursday but would ask if you come to pay your respects outside, please observe social distancing guidance.

During the present four week lockdown we are not allowed to have public masses or services. Unlike during the previous lockdown we are allowed to open church for private prayer, which is usually happening on Mondays 6.30-7.30pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30-11.00am. You must still wear a mask, sanitise your hands, sign in, follow the one way system, social distance, and follow stewards' instructions, exactly as you have been doing for Mass. Also, unlike last time, we can celebrate funerals in church with up to 30 people. Weddings and Baptisms are not allowed except in emergency.

Please note that this week there will be no open church for prayer on Thursday. As the Masses on Wednesday and Thursday are both Requiem Masses there will not be Mass at the usual time on those days.

As gathering for public worship is not allowed, Fr Peter will now stream all Masses on the parish facebook page, but please note that there will be no Saturday 6.30 or Sunday 9.00 Mass. If you have an intention booked for a weekend Mass it will be celebrated at 11.00am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will only be available by appointment during lockdown. If you are able, please use the online opportunities to stay in touch for the next four weeks.

Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

From November onwards Parish Office Hours will be as follows: 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-5.00 on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00–12.00 on Saturday. Outside of these times you can leave a message, or send an email and we will contact you.

GOOD NEWS: From now until the end of January Donations to Mary's Meals will be doubled by the government. You can give online, in church or put an envelope through the presbytery door. When you visit church for private prayer there are Christmas cards for Mary's meals on sale, £5 for 10, or gift cards for £5 each or £15.90 to feed a child for a year.

The Eucharistic Congress, scheduled to take place in Bucharest in 2020, has been deferred to September, 2021. As part of the preparation for this event, the International Organising Committee is inviting all Catholics to mark the Feast of Christ the King by joining in a time of adoration and prayer on Saturday, November 21st 2020. All the information needed to do so can be accessed via this link:

https://www.iec2020.hu/en/newspress/7th-worldwide-adoration-andprayer-21st-november

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is being held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

If you are visiting Church for private prayer, please leave your donation in the basket provided near the entrance.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is now available

at <u>www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund</u> This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

If you wish to join the zoom rosary on Mondays, please email Madelyn for a link: madelyndixon@btinternet.com

The Holmes Chapel Ecumenical Christian Aid Group has produced a Quiz to raise funds to support Christian Aid's Autumn Appeal as the Autumn Fair cannot take place this year. If you would like to take part please email anneokeefe@ymail.com or felicitychipperfield @gmail.com to obtain a copy of the quiz. Instructions explaining how to make a donation and return your answers will be provided with the quiz. There will be a prize of £10 for the winning entry and the closing date is November 30th 2020. Thank-you for your support.

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