

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, 22nd November 2020

Sunday	22nd Nov	11.00am(streamed)	Bernard & Hilda Mulvington, Annivs
Monday	23rd Nov	9.00am (streamed)	DRF Scott Family
		11.00am (streamed)	Funeral Service for Brian Millington
		6.00pm	Facebook Rosary
		6.30pm– 7.30pm	Church open for Private Prayer
Tuesday	24th Nov	9.00am (streamed)	Leanne Collins RIP <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>
		9.30-11.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
		7.00pm	Zoom Scripture Group
Wednesday	25th Nov	7.30pm	DRF Dennis, Wildman & Naughton Families
Thursday	26th Nov	9.00am	No Mass or Service. Church open for private prayer 9.30—11.00am
Friday	27th Nov	9.00am (streamed)	Dave & Family
Sunday	29th Nov	11.00am (streamed)	Michael & Rosemary Tolkien, Wedd Anniv.

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 Brian Millington & Margaret Webster

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charles Reid, John Duffy, Jimmy Crawley, Clifford Hatton, Martin McNeela, Mary Labeledz, Andy Clarke, Bridget Egan, Liam Flynn, Mary ellen Nolan, Desmond Spilsbury, Aleksander Alderman, Sheila Bagshaw, Rev John Ryan, Rev James McGinley, Rev Peter O'Neill

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-events@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.

Please note that there is no Mass on Thursday as Fr Peter has a hospital appointment, but Deacon Chris will open church for private prayer at 9.30

Parish Office Hours are now: 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.

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 Mass or Service on Thursday, but church will be open for prayer at 9.30am.

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.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you those who donated to this on line, We received only three offerings through the parish. It is not too late to donate in church or online this week

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/news-press/7th-worldwide-adoration-and-prayer-21st-november>

If you wish to join the zoom rosary on Mondays, at 10.00am please email Madelyn for a link: madelyndixon@btinternet.com

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Some people are wondering what is going to happen here at Christmas. We have no control over whether we are open for Mass or not, but have made plans, praying that the outcome of the government's deliberations will be positive. If we are open for Mass there will be the same restrictions as before this lockdown, including a maximum of 50 at each Mass.

Fr Peter will celebrate three Masses on Christmas Eve, at 4.30pm, 6.30pm and 11.00pm and two on Christmas day, at 9.00 and 11.00. There will be a booking system for the first three Masses (not open yet) and no one extra can be admitted. The Christmas day Masses will be "first come first served" with a strict cut-off of 50

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@gmail.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.

Foodbank Christmas Shortages: St Marys

Toiletry Gift Sets,
 Mince Pies
 Treacle/Chocolate Puddings
 Gravy, Peanuts/ Nut Selection/
 Crisps



Please donate the items into the baskets at Lidl, Morrisons, Jaks, Waitrose-Sandbach and Sainsburys- Holmes Chapel. Larger donations can be delivered to us at Middlewich Police Station, 35b Queen Street, Middlewich, CW109AR