

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

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Third Sunday of Advent, 13th December 2020

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| Saturday | 12th Dec | 6.30pm | Carol & Sheila Bagshaw |
| Sunday | 13th Dec | 9.00am | Priest's Int |
| | | 11.00am | The Parishioners |
| Monday | 14th Dec | 9.00am | John Devaney b'day |
| | | 6.30pm– 7.30pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Tuesday | 15th Dec | 9.00am | John Stoneley |
| Wednesday | 16th Dec | 7.30pm | Dec. Friends of France/Howman Families |
| Thursday | 17th Dec | 9.00am | Private Int. |
| | | 9.30-11.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Friday | 18th Dec | 9.00am | Leanne Collins RIP |
| Saturday | 19th Dec | 11.00am—1.00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6.30pm | Rex Lloyd Anniv. |
| Sunday | 20th Dec | 9.00am | The Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | Priest's Int. |

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday 11.00– 12.00 and on request
Sacrament of baptism : By appointment

Please Pray for

ALL who are sick at home and in hospital: Stephen Grey, Margaret McCallum, Sara O'Brien, Jamie Connor, John Bomford, 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, Simon Finn



ALL who have died recently, especially Larry Porter, Tess Haney & John Bratt

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Kilkenny, Clarence de Soysa, Jane Conroy, William Joseph Egan, James Trelfa, John Devaney, Mary Turnbull, Robert Murray, Annie O'Brien, Elizabeth Twigg, Alice Jones, Bridget Naughton, Frank Bannaghan, Margaret Heyes, Patrick Morgan, Ellen Riley, Tommy Cannon, Maria Jakubik, Margaret Traynor, Dorothy Nussbaumer, Rev Bernard Hewitt, Canon Rudolph Luczka, Rt Rev Hugh Singleton, Rev Daniel Canning, Canon John Mooney, Rev John Hoskinson

World Gifts are CAFOD's range of life-changing virtual gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of poor communities and families in developing countries. World Gifts are an amazing way to make a difference! You buy a virtual gift, get a gift card to pass on and your donation will then change someone else's life. World Gifts start from as little as £4 and are real examples of CAFOD's life-changing work from its projects around the world. For more information please visit www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or phone 0808 14 000 Mon to Fri 9.30-5.30. A small number of catalogues are available at the back of church. Thank you

Welcome back to Mass. 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 until now. We can now celebrate funerals in church with up to 30 people, weddings with 15 and Baptisms with six.

As gathering for public worship is now allowed, Fr Peter will only stream 11.00am Mass on Sundays on the parish facebook page. If you have an intention booked for a weekend Mass it will now be celebrated at the Mass which you booked. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays 11.00-12.00 and by appointment

Advent is a time of preparation, preparation for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. A bit like Lent, many people like to try and find an extra way to pray and prepare so we are planning some extra activities this year:

12.00 noon (Mon-Sat): The Angelus; the beautiful prayer announcing the Incarnation. Father Peter will stream this live on our Facebook page.

Daily Reflections: The clergy will be offering a daily reflection each day (except Sunday) through Advent to help us with our preparation. These will be very short with a suggested Bible reading for you to follow up with if you wish. They will be on the Parish Facebook page each day through Advent. Father Peter is also planning to stream Morning Prayer of the Church at 8.30am during the last week of Advent.

Next Sunday, 20th Dec. at 3.00pm we will gather outside church to sing socially distanced Carols and we will decorate the tree. Please follow one way system and stay two meters apart.

Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

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. There are Christmas cards at the back of church 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.

Foodbank Christmas Shortages:

St Marys

Toiletory 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

Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid by entering our quiz. It raised an amazing £476 for Christian Aid and our thanks go out to everyone for their entries and donations. The Quiz winner was Wendy Bond-congratulations Wendy! Anyone wishing for a set of the answers please email carolineawood18@gmail.com or phone on 01477 535746

Christmas Masses: The 50 places available at 4.30 & 6.30 Masses were fully booked by 4.00pm on Saturday. Today (Thursday) there are still a few places available at 11.00pm but these will soon go.

How to Book. Send an email to stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com giving your name, phone no., and how many people. Babies in arms do not count but all children over 12 months count. You will receive a reply telling you if you have a place or not. If you cannot email, ring the presbytery during office hours. You cannot leave an answerphone message, you must speak live to someone, or you will not know if there are still places available.

If you have booked and no longer need places, please let us know so that we can give the places to someone else.

PART-TIME SUPPORT WORKER ASSISTANT FOR MOCOCO HOUSE

Are you passionate about making positive changes in young people's lives?

Why not apply to become a Support Worker Assistant at MoCoCo House.

We are seeking a passionate and caring individual to join our assistant team.

Previous care or support experience within the social care sector would be advantageous but is not essential.

Please see notice board for more details. If you are interested please send your CV to our HR Officer, Nicola nicola@middlewich.org

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