

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, 20th December 2020

Sat	19th Dec	6.30pm	<b>Rex Lloyd Anniv.</b>
Sun	20th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>
Mon	21st Dec	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>John &amp; Margaret Murray Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	22nd Dec	9.00am	<b>Annie, Clarence &amp; Mary Costello</b>
Wed	23rd Dec	11.00am 7.30pm	<b>Funeral Service for John Bratt Carole Browne b'day</b>
Thurs	24th Dec	10.00am 4.30pm 6.30pm 11.00pm	<b>Church open for prayer until 12.00 The Parishioners Priest's Int. Dec Rel France/Howman Families</b>
Fri	25th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Dutton Family Private Int.</b>
Sat St	26th Dec Stephen	10.00am <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Leanne Collins RIP NO MASS</b>
Sun	27th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Maureen Potts b'day The Parishioners</b>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only this week  
 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, Mike O'Hare



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

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Andrews, Mary O'Neill, James Cannon, Christine Clapham, Marie Therese Loughlin, Ivy Dean, Patrick Egan, Thomas Arthur Eckersall, William Glynn, Annie Costello, Francis Risker, Arthur Geoffrey Broughton, Crispin Clapham, Peter Clarke, Stephen Barton, David Gilligan, Frances Dolan, Barbara Gadd, Maisie Hughes, Canon Thomas Hurley, Rev Denis Herlihy, Rev Kevin Molloy, Rev Norman Carew

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

This year our celebration of the nativity of the Lord will be very different, but there is great joy in the Christmas Message, no matter how simply it is celebrated. Perhaps the simplicity will help us all to concentrate on the essential. May you and your families find great joy and strength in celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

On a practical note: We can still only have 50 people at Mass. The 4.30pm Mass & the 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve are fully booked. There is a seating plan and you must sit where you are told so we can place families together. If you have not booked and you turn up, we cannot let you in, no matter who you are! The same will apply to 11.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve if someone books the final five places which are currently available.

Do not ask to book places for Christmas Day 9.00 & 11.00am. We have stated from the beginning that these will be first come, first served, so if you want a place: come early. Church will be open from 8.30am and 10.30am.

The 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve and the 11.00am on Christmas Day will be streamed, so if you cannot get a place at Mass you can follow on line. Remember also that the Christmas Season continues after Christmas day, so you can attend Mass another day. (but please note that there is no 6.30pm Mass on "Boxing Day", Feast of St Stephen)

May the peace of the Christchild be with you all.

Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

**If you have booked for one of the Christmas Eve Masses and no longer need places, please let us know so that we can give the places to someone else.**

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](mailto:carolineawood18@gmail.com) or phone on 01477 535746

**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. We have just sent them a cheque for £715, donated since October and this will be doubled by the Government. Thank you all who have given.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Larry Porter on 30th Dec at 11.30am & for Tess Haney on 5th Jan at 12.00 noon.

