

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17th January 2021

Sat	16th Jan	6.30pm	Thelma Woolridge Anniv.
Sun	17th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Day of Prayer for World Peace Priest's Int.
Mon	18th Jan	9.00am	Larry Porter RIP
Tues	19th Jan	9.00am	Special Int. T
Wed	20th Jan	7.30pm	Peter Hannon B'day
Thurs	21st Jan	9.00am	John & Margaret Stoneley St Agnes
Fri	22nd Jan	9.00am	Tess Haney RIP
Sat	23rd Jan	6.30pm	Louise Turnbull b'day
Sun	30th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only .
 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, 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 Mary Morris

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen McNamara, Eileen Cooper, Pat Kerr, James Bailey, Mary Clarke, Rose van Hove, Harry Simpson, Irene Marlborough, Margaret Stoneley, Kathleen Hough, Edwin Cannon, Gerry McGrath, James John Maddock, Angela Haran, Margaret Batty, Charlie Demsey, Morton Lambert, Anastasia Butterfield, John Bannaghan, Margaret Hollis, Dominic Flynn, Rev Henry Leay, Rev John S Wilkinson, Rev Terence Hillhouse, Rev John A Quinn.

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 sent them a cheque for £715, donated since October and have just sent another £157 and this will be doubled by the Government. Thank you all who have given.

There will be no Rosary or Mothers' Prayers in church until further notice. There will be zoom Rosary at 10.30 on Mondays. If you wish to join in contact Madelyn Devaney on 01606 833497



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Thank you those of you who have continued to join us, in person or online. Despite the Lockdown we are still allowed to gather for public worship . We have been told by the Bishop that the government does not intend to change this as Worship is good for the morale of the population and there is no evidence of it adding to the strain on the NHS. However, local authorities can close down individual churches which do not comply with the regulations so we need to show the government that we are deserving of staying open by being especially vigilant and thorough in our safeguarding. In order to help towards that, from Monday 11th we shall only have public masses on Monday and Thursday and at the weekend. Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will be streamed only and there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the time being. Public Masses will be kept as short As possible, with shorter sermons and no prayers of the faithful. Please ensure when you leave that you do not group together at the back of church or outside. A few churches in the Diocese have voluntarily closed temporarily. We shall only do this if there is a big increase in local infections or if we do not have enough stewards to open safely. We hope that these measures will only be necessary for a short time . In the meantime Fr Peter is available by appointment for any pastoral need. Let us pray that the new lockdown measures will be successful, that we will keep everyone safe and that the most vulnerable amongst us will soon be protected by the vaccine. We are delighted to hear that many of our over 80s have already received theirs!

Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

Requiem Mass for Mary Morris will be on Thurs 21st Jan at 11.30am at O.L. & St Christopher, Romiley. To follow streaming: Google Church services TV: Search Romiley. This will be followed by Cremation at Vale Royal. There are 10 spare places at Vale Royal. If you would like to go ring Stephen Morris on 07831 619871



The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund , and also on the Parish Website, and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.