

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

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Dutton, 2 New King Street, Middlewich ☎01606 832359 Deacons: Rev Tony Ford, 01270 759511
 Rev Chris Wells 01606 738030 www.stmarysparishmiddlewich.org.uk . E mail: stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com
 Shrewsbury Diocese is a Registered Charity St Mary's School 01606 832164 E mail admin@

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24th January 2021

Sat	23rd Jan	6.30pm	Louise Turnbull b'day
Sun	24th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners
Mon	25th Jan	9.00am	Rosina King RIP <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>
Tues	26th Jan	9.00am	Eileen Gilbert b'day <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>
Wed	27th Jan	7.30pm	Mary Ryan RIP
Thurs	28th Jan	9.00am	Private Int. (R O) <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>
Fri	29th Jan	9.00am	Annie & Patsy O'Shea
Sat	30th Jan	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sun	31st Jan	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Stephen McEnaney RIP

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.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dennis Bratt, Denis Broad, William Molloy, Vera Williams, Bridget Mahon, Joseph Gray, Henry Jordan, James Ellison, Anthony Lawless, Patrick Clarke, Harriet Lannon, Martin Tully, Clive Richard McMillan, Ethel Loughlin, Florrie Kelly, Harry Bailey, Tess Hough, Wilfrid Cooper, Bill Costello, Lily Cesario, Canon Edmund Quinn, Mgr. Francis McGuinness, Mgr. Hugh McHugh, Rev Donnan Peter Baron, Mgr. Canon Percival Rees, Rev James Joseph Matthews, Rev John Frederick Thompson

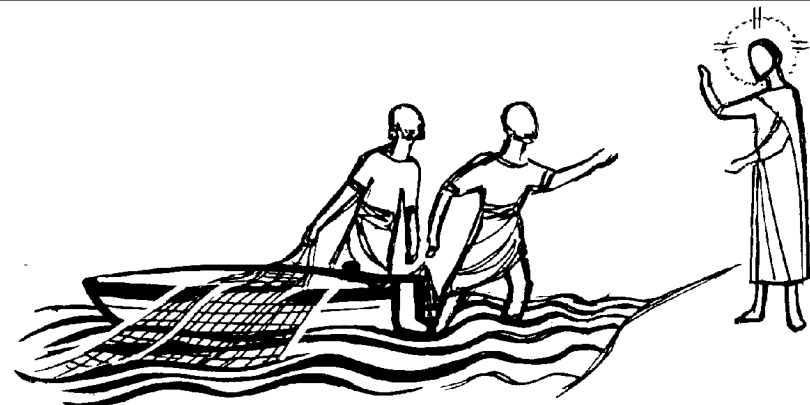
GOOD NEWS: From now until the end of January Donations to Mary's Meals will be doubled by the government. You can give online, in church or put an envelope through the presbytery door. We have sent them a cheque for £715, donated since October and have just sent another £157 and this will be doubled 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



The parish of St Mary Middlewich sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the parish/diocese for the benefit of the parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

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 and some of our over 70s have already received theirs!
Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.



Today is a day of special dedication to The Word of God, a day of prayer for openness to the Word of God, instigated by Pope Francis in 2019.

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

There is still time to donate to this, either in church or on line. 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.