

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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 31st January 2021

Sat	30th Jan	6.30pm	Priest's Int
Sun	31st Jan	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Stephen McEnaney RIP
Mon	1st Feb	9.00am	Enid & Evan Jones
Tues	2nd Feb	9.00am	Fr Lawrence Lawler <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>
Wed	3rd Feb	7.30pm	Hilda & Bernard Mulvey RIP <i>St Werburgh</i>
Thurs	4th Feb	9.00am	Family Unity
Fri	5th Feb	9.00am	John Hartley RIP <i>St Agatha</i>
Sat	6th Feb	6.30pm	Alan Woodbine & Ronnie Dickenson <i>Ss Paul Miki & Comps</i>
Sun	7th Feb	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.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dr James Murphy, Brian Kelly, Ethel Mann, Margaret Ryder, Elizabeth O'Brien, Lilian Whittaker, John McHugh, Daniel Nugent, Bridie Devaney, Jane Whittingham, Noreen Lanahan, Thomas Roland Kettle, Violet Riley, Maureen Hopkin, Florence Roberts, Gabriel O'Reilly, Peter Costello, Martin Ruddy, Patrick O'Gorman, Canon John McHugh, Rev James Molloy, Rev James Harding

GOOD NEWS: Donations to Mary's Meals have been doubled by the government during December and January . We have just sent a further £70 so the total given and doubled is now £942 . Thank you all who have helped with this.

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 January 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 (including Tony & Fr Peter) have already received theirs!
Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be live streamed on church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford> from St Vincent de Paul, Knutsford at 9.30am on 11th February 2021. A recording will be available to watch on the church services TV website.

We will then be hosting a zoom social gathering that evening at 8pm, if you would like details to join in please email secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent?

We have formed a small parish team who are taking on Cafod's Walk for Water challenge this Lent to help give the boot to water poverty across the world. We would love to have a few more people or families join our challenge. We are walking 10,000 steps every day for the 40 days of Lent. If you don't think you could do 10,000 steps as an individual, why not do it as a household total of 10,000 steps instead? It doesn't matter how you do it, just as long as you put your heart and soul into it. Please let us know if you plan to join us or if you have any queries by emailing: annesturman17@gmail.com We have set up a whole parish just giving page <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-parish-middlewich-walk-for-water> so all you need to do is to encourage friends and family to sponsor you and start walk. You can also donate by putting money through the presbytery door in an envelope marked "Walk for Water"

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

There is still time to donate to this, until next weekend, 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.