

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

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7th February 2021**

Sat	6th Feb	6.30pm	<b>Alan Woodbine &amp; Ronnie Dickenson Ss Paul Miki &amp; Comps</b>
Sun	7th Feb	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Priest's Int. The Parishioners</b>
Mon	8th Feb	9.00am	<b>Ints of Mark</b>
Tues	9th Feb	9.00am	<b>Ints of Pat &amp; John Bomford</b>
Wed	10th Feb	7.30pm	<b>Private Int. St Scholastica</b>
Thurs	11th Feb	9.00am	<b>Jane Laverack b'day</b>
Fri	12th Feb	9.00am	<b>Private Int</b>
Sat	13th Feb	6.30pm	<b>The Parishioners</b>
Sun	14th Feb	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Priest's Int. Thanksgiving for Ian &amp; Rachel Camacho</b>

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: John Nolan, Agnes Griffiths, Basil Greenwood, Margaret Tillier, Julia Hazell, Philip Dunn, Marjorie Pointer, Winifred Wells, Leonard van Hove, Catherine Cannon, Winefride Costello, James Hussey, Carmen Lanni, John Galbraith, Patricia Ward, Martha Frances Harkes, Mary Slater, Mary Elden, Teresa Cavanagh, Sarah Anne Costello, Ada Bannaghan, Marion Brett, William Gallagher, Monica Kenyon, Fred Ruscoe, Harry Clark, Mgr Provost Henry Kelly, Rev John A Lyons, Canon William Briscoe, Canon Edward Coonan, Rev Michael Wagstaffe, Rev Edward Carroll

**Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain.** A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

A suggested Prayer of Intercession for this week: - *"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"*

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 week-end. 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 are very grateful to those stewards who have continued to serve us faithfully, despite their own reservations Without them public Mass could not continue. We hope that these measures will only be necessary for a short time. It was good to hear this week of falling infection rates and rising vaccination figures, though we were less happy to be aware of several breaches of the rules. Please try to be patient and keep the rules: Yes it is difficult for everyone, but the more people do it, the shorter time it will last . 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 It is also good to see some of our parishioners stepping up to help the NHS in this mammoth task  
**Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.**

## **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 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](mailto:annesturman17@gmail.com). We have set us 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 encourage friends and family to sponsor you and start walking. You can also donate by putting money through the presbytery door in an envelope marked "Walk for Water"

Newsletter: What's happening in the Parish? Hi everyone, We will shortly begin to send out an extension to the newsletter to give you details of what's coming up in the next week or so. The current single page newsletter doesn't give us enough room. We also need to review and reset our email database for the newsletter so this is a good time to do it. If you would like to receive the new newsletter electronically each week, can you please send an email to the parish ([stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com)) indicating that you are happy for us to send the newsletter to you. We will not use your email for any other purpose and you can be removed from the list at any time by contacting the presbytery. **Please do this even if you currently receive the Newsletter email. We need to renew all your permissions. Thank you**

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What's On - week commencing Feb 7th 2021

- Sun 7th : Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 8th: Church open for Mass at 9.00.  
Rosary via Zoom. Please contact Madelyn Devaney if you would like to participate (01606 833497).
- Tues 9th: Church closed, Mass will be streamed on Facebook at 9.00am  
Scripture Group via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Chris if you would like to join us (07751 136957).
- Weds 10th: Church closed, Mass will be streamed on Facebook at 7.30pm
- Thurs 11th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.  
Life Groups will meet by Zoom at 7.00pm.
- Fri 12th: Church closed, Mass will be streamed on Facebook at 9.00am.
- Sat 13th: Church open for the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Our final series of reflections on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary will be on the Facebook page and website on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We are hoping to offer some extra times of prayer throughout Lent. There will be Stations of the Cross (streamed and/or Zoom), Reflections on the Gospel, and a Novena to St Joseph leading up to his feast day on March 19th. If there is anything else you would like us to provide please let us know and we'll see if we can fit it in.