

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

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Second Sunday in Lent, 28th February 2021

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| Sat | 27th Feb | 6.30pm | Sr. Ann Ryan RIP |
| Sun | 28th Feb | 9.00am 11.00am | The Parishioners Priest's Int. |
| Mon | 1st Mar | 9.00am | Mary Fewtrell Anniv. St David |
| Tues | 2nd Mar | 9.00am | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Wed | 3rd Mar | 7.30pm | For Young People (public and streamed) |
| Thurs | 4th Mar | 9.00am | Ints of E & D Jones |
| Fri | 5th Mar | 9.00am | For Our Parish (public and streamed) |
| Sat | 6th Mar | 6.30pm | Gordon Woolridge Anniv |
| Sun | 7th Mar | 9.00am 11.00am | Priest's Int. The Parishioners (public and streamed) |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only .

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment

Please Pray for

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, Canon Brendan Hoban



who have died recently, especially John Dempsey

whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Rush, Agnes Lester, Brenda Wakefield, Ronald Francis McLoughlin, Patrick O'Shea, Francis Costello, James Ruane, Michael Jennings, Maurice Henry Jones, Harry Beaver, Catherine Clarke, Carola Murphy, Sheila Higginson, Christine Flynn, Amy Murphy, John Crowley, Thomas Lee, Mary McAleer, Anne Lunt, Peggy Fikrle, Rev Henry E G Rope, Rev Bernard Lyons

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WANTED: Project Manager for Middlewich & District FoodBank: Part Time (20 hrs a week flexible hours) 1 year contract with view to being extended Salary: £11,440 per annum (£20,020 FTE) Middlewich based, mixture of home and location based working. The Foodbank Project Manager is the face of the Middlewich & District Foodbank and key contact for partners, agencies, community groups and charities looking to work with us. In partnership with the Trustees and steering group, the Manager is responsible for guiding the development of the Foodbank project, including its material resources, financial assets, reputation, partnerships and volunteer body. The Manager oversees the operation of the Foodbank, with responsibility for its efficiency and standards in accordance with The Trussell Trust franchise model. For further information and to request an application form, please contact: simon.drew@middlewichparishchurch.org.uk Closing date for applications is 12.00, Tuesday 9th March 2021 and interviews will be held week commencing 15th March . Full details at back of church and on parish website

A suggested Prayer of Intercession: "We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us"

Thank you those of you who have continued to join us, in person or online. We hope that, with falling infection rates, more of you will feel confident enough to return to Mass. We have been told by the Bishop that the government does not intend to change the decision to allow public worship as it 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. **The big change this coming week is that, from now on, we are having a public Mass every weekday, except Tuesday this week when there will be no Mass as Fr Peter has a medical appointment.** Many thanks to the stewards who have made this possible. There is still no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the time being. 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 . It is becoming increasingly obvious that the lockdown, coupled with vaccinations, is reducing infection rates. Bishop Mark is hoping to inform us of any relaxation in restrictions asap. Until we are able to return to a more normal pattern of worship, Fr Peter is available by appointment for any pastoral need. 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. 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" It's going well, keep up the steps and the giving!

Newsletter: Don't forget to let us know if you wish to receive the extended newsletter online. Send an email to stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com.

Friday, 26th Feb, is CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope available at the end of mass. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice
Many thanks for your support . **Please return envelopes asap**

The tax year 2020/21 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please contact Ken Worthington ([01606 737070](tel:01606737070) , worthingtonkr@gmail.com) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

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

What's On - week commencing Feb 28th 2021

- Sun 21st : Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 22nd: Church open for Mass at 9.00.
10.30 Rosary via Zoom. Please contact Madelyn Devaney if you would like to participate (01606 833497).
6.30pm Stations of the Cross via Zoom (see below if you would like to join us)
- Tues 23rd: Church closed, No Mass or service.

7.00pm Scripture Group via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Chris if you would like to join us (07751 136957).
- Weds 24th: Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Thurs 25th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.
- Fri 26th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am. It will also be streamed on Facebook at 9.00am.
- Sat 27th: Stations of the Cross will be streamed on Facebook every Saturday through Lent at 11.00 am. Church open for the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross: Various members of the Parish will be leading Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings through Lent via Zoom. These will all have a slightly different "flavour" from the traditional Stations and will offer the opportunity for different reflections. If you would like to join us please email stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com so that we can send you a link.

Life Groups: The successful Alpha courses that have been run over the last couple of years have generated great feedback. It was apparent that there was still a hunger for people to have an opportunity to continue to meet and openly discuss their faith and relationship with Jesus. The Parish has started a number of small "Life Groups" which meet every two weeks on Thursday evenings around 7.30-9.00pm via Zoom. The format is: General introduction/chat/social time, watch a short video, then an open discussion as to what people made of the video. If anyone is interested in joining a Life Group please contact Gemma McGrory at gemma.maria@btinternet.com