

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

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord, 28th March 2021

Sat	27th Mar	6.30pm	<b>Sick Friends</b>
Sun	28th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>
Mon	29th Mar	9.00am	<b>Sally Green</b>
Tues	30th Mar	9.00am	<b>Ints of Maureen O'Keefe</b>
Wed	31st Mar	7.30pm	<b>Peter Craig RIP</b>
Thurs	1st Apr	7.30pm	<b>Harry Hickland, Anniv. Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
Fri	2nd Apr	3.00pm	<i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>
Sat	3rd Apr	8.00pm	<i>Paschal Vigil &amp; First Mass of Easter</i>
Sun	4th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment  
 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, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Paul Hughes, Deacon Philip White, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Simon Finn, Mike O'Hare, Canon Brendan Hoban



ALL who have died recently, especially Peter Craig

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary O'Keefe, Marie Dakin, Anthony Carr, Thomas Costello, Bill Armsden, John Edward Molloy, Mary Carter, Eugene McNamara, Patrick Ryan, Robert Quinn, Ellen Reynolds, Harry Hickland, Margaret Mary Barry, Ada Taylor, Theresa Hazell, Tori Morrey, William Foley, James Jennings, Joseph Turnbull, Mary Fahey, Eileen Morris, Eileen Gilbert, Ellen Mannion, Rev Fred Beddow, Canon Joseph Cahill, Rev Charles Woods, Rev Peter Bravey, Rev Michael Lloyd, Rev George Crespin.

New Offertory Envelopes: We will attempt to deliver the remaining named boxes over the next couple of weeks. (We hope you have updated your address on our parish records, if not let Molly know asap) . If you are able to collect yours from the presbytery, (or ask someone to do this for you) it would be very helpful. Please ring to arrange this.

Thank you for your generous response to Cafod Lent Fast Day. We have just sent off cheques totalling £629.20. This is, of course, in addition to the money donated to our Walk for Water appeal. Our original target for this was £500. Thanks to a few hardy parishioners and their generous families and friends, the total given so far is £1,392. Can we make it £1,500 by the end of Lent .....enough for two complete village water installations? Think of the difference it would make to the lives of the people in those communities. You can put money through the presbytery door, marked "Walk for Water"  
 Or donate at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-parish-middlewich-walk-for-water>

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. This week we will continue to have a public Mass every weekday. 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. 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. **Arrangements for Easter:** Unlike last year when Fr Peter had to celebrate the Triduum alone, we shall be able to have a congregation this year, but numbers at all services will be limited to 50, so demand will exceed supply! We have decided to have a booking system as we did at Christmas. It will be necessary to book for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday 9.00 and 11.00am. All services except Sunday 9.00am will also be streamed. Booking, for parishioners only, by email to the parish office, stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com stating clearly which service you wish to attend, how many places you need & giving your phone no. If you cannot email please ring the presbytery, but do not leave an answerphone message. There are still a few places available for Sat 8.00pm & Sun 9 & 11am. All the Services will be shorter than usual as we have strict instructions on what we are allowed to do, and many of the usual rituals will be omitted .  
 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" It's going well, keep up the steps and the giving!

### HOLMES CHAPEL ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN AID GROUP Giving Thanks for our Vaccines



Here in Middlewich & Holmes Chapel, as more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK. For the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, there is little hope of a vaccine rollout. These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare. Christian Aid is already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks we can do more.

**Please give thanks with a donation to help protect our global neighbours while the vaccine is out of reach.** We have set up an online giving page with Tap Simple on this link:  
<https://events.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-364b6>

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## What's On - week commencing March 28th 2021

- Sun 28th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord. Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 29th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.  
10.30am 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 30th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am  
No Scripture Group this week or next.
- Weds 31st: Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Thurs 1st: Holy Thursday. 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in church and streamed on our Facebook page.
- Fri 2nd: Good Friday. 3.00pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion in church and streamed.
- Sat 3rd: Holy Saturday. 8.00pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter in church and streamed.

**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](mailto:stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com) so that we can send you a link.

**Confirmation:** Over the last year we have not been able to offer preparation for Confirmation. If restrictions ease as planned then we hope to start our programme in September and will shortly be providing more information. Please pray for our young people at this time.

**Reflections:** This week's reflections will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday centred on the Triduum.