

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

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Easter Sunday, 4th April 2021

Sat	3rd Apr	8.00pm	<i>Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter</i>
Sun	4th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Mon	5th Apr	9.00am	Thanksgiving EJ
Tues	6th Apr	9.00am	Melvyn Scott RIP
Wed	7th Apr	11.00am 7.30pm	Requiem Mass for Peter Craig Michael McCluskey RIP
Thurs	8th Apr	9.00am	Tim Hitchen Anniv.
Fri	9th Apr	9.00am	Mothers' Prayers' Ints.
Sat	10th Apr	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	11th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. George & Mary Stevens

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, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Simon Finn, Mike O'Hare .

ALL who have died recently, especially Peter Craig, Canon Brendan Hoban & Rev Philip White

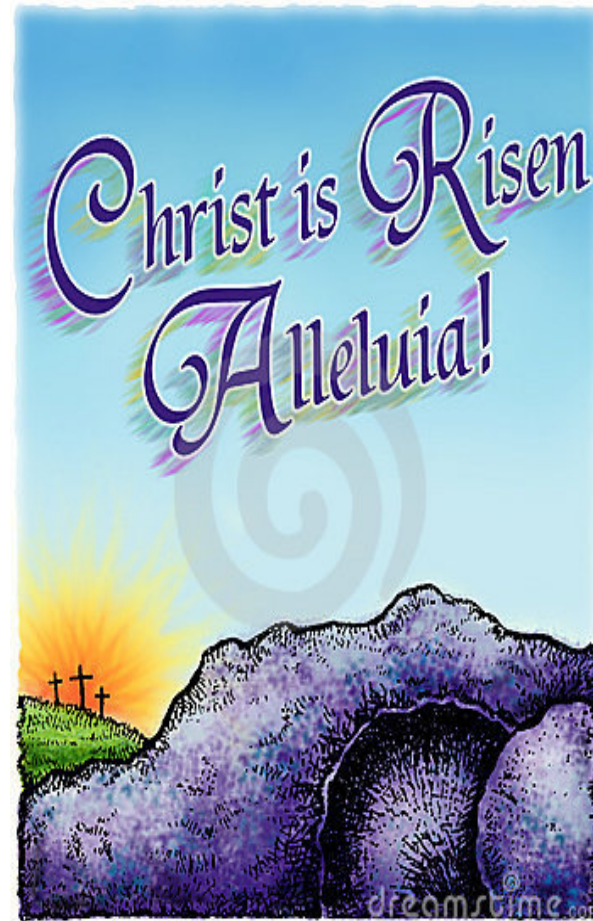
ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Janek Mandziak, Charlie Egan, Frank Reynolds, Robert Swarbrick, Tom Kerr, James Maddock, Dorothy Lawrence, Eileen Morris, Laura Brewer, Andrew Freer, Rev Keith Brigham, Canon Alfred McNally, Rev Kevin Desmond Daley, Rev Wilfrid Kelly, Rev Paul Sidoli.

St Monica's Catholic Primary School, Appleton are advertising for a deputy head teacher. CES application form, job description and personal specification can be requested by emailing the school office. **E-mail: stmonicas_primary@warrington.gov.uk Informal visits to school: Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th May 2021. Closing date: Monday 17th May 2021 at 10 am**

Walk for Water Congratulations to every one of the team members who took part over the past 40 days in the Walk for Water Challenge and completed 400,000 steps. As at 31st March 2021 we have raised an amazing total of £1735 which far exceeds our initial target of £750 for one community water supply! A big heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners, families and friends who have supported and sponsored us so generously. Together we have all made a difference to the lives of people like Abdella in Ethiopia. If anyone would still like to sponsor us the justgiving link on the parish website is still active or donations can be put through the presbytery door.

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. Weddings and baptisms are now allowed, but only with 6 people present. Funerals continue to be restricted to 30 people.

Thank you all those who booked for the Easter Services. It was good to celebrate with the maximum number of congregation at all services except the Easter Vigil. May the Risen Christ bless us throughout the coming year. We pray that next year there will be no limit on numbers and no omitting of parts of the liturgy.
 Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.



An increasing number of parishioners are now giving their offertory by standing order or on line, which is great as it means less work in our accounts dept. However, there is one disadvantage for Fr Peter. Most of you are aware that all Christmas & Easter Offerings go into the Stipends account to help to pay his allowance. If you pay by standing order this does not happen, so income to this account is diminishing. A few of you are already aware that if you still wish to contribute to these and other special collections, you can have a small set of special offertory envelopes which can be used through the year. These are numbered so the parish can claim gift aid on your contributions and you can write on each one the purpose for which you intend it. If anyone else wishes to have a set of these envelopes, please contact Ken Worthington on 01606 737070 or e mail worthingtonkr@gmail.com

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) . All named boxes are now out for delivery.

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 April 4th 2021

- Sun 4th: Easter Sunday. Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 5th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.
10.30am Rosary via Zoom. Please contact Madelyn Devaney if you would like to participate (01606 833497).
- Tues 6th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am
No Scripture Group this week.
- Weds 7th: 11.00am Requiem Mass for Peter Craig (family only).
Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Thurs 8th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am
7.00pm Life Groups
- Fri 9th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am, also streamed on Facebook
- Sat 10th: Church open for Mass at 6.30pm

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.