

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

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**Third Sunday of Easter, 18th April 2021**

Sat	17th Apr	6.30pm	<b>Mary Walshe Anniv.</b>
Sun	18th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>
Mon	19th Apr	9.00am	<b>Anthony Gallagher, sick</b>
Tues	20th Apr	11.00am	<b>Funeral Service for Edith Wilson</b>
Wed	21st Apr	7.30pm	<b>Special Int. EJ</b>
Thurs	22nd Apr	9.00am	<b>Joanne Barthorpe Anniv.</b>
Fri	23rd Apr	9.00am	<b>James Dean RIP St George</b>
Sat	24th Apr	6.30pm	<b>Louise Turnbull Anniv.</b>
Sun	25th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Priest's Int. The Parishioners</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, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Simon Finn, Mike O'Hare .

ALL who have died recently, especially Edith Wilson

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Cregg, Ted Higgins, Winifred Williams, May Shirley, John Costello, Leonard Farrington, Louise Turnbull, Richard Purcell, Frances Bannaghan, Margaret Johnson, Jack Cavaney, Michael James Bannaghan, Laura McClean, Veronica Barrett, Thomas Cannon, James A Cannon, Mary Ryan, Catherine Costello, Mary Edwards, Cicely Sant, Lawrence Lynch, Rev John Flood, Rev John Gannon, Canon Patrick J Egan

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](mailto:stmonicas_primary@warrington.gov.uk) Informal visits to school: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Closing date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15th April 2021 we have raised an amazing total of £2,090 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. We have also added a further £200 from the CAFOD box at St Mary's to our fast Day total. Well done!

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 **except Tuesday**, when Tony is leading a funeral service, which has no public access. There is no other service that day Many thanks to the stewards for their continued service. 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.

We are now seeing a great increase in requests for Baptism, and suggest that, if you want to arrange a baptism before the end of this year, you should contact us in the next month. 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.

Please tell all your fellow parishioners how safe it feels in church and encourage everyone to be part of the real, not just virtual, community again. Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

**The Wishing Well** is a health and wellbeing charity based in Cheshire. They are seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals to south Cheshire residents. 2 hours per day, anything from one to six days a week. Mileage allowance paid. If you can help ring Gill Tarrant on 01270 256919 or email [gill.tarrant@wishingwellproject.net](mailto:gill.tarrant@wishingwellproject.net). Details on notice board at back of church.

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](mailto:worthingtonkr@gmail.com)

### Take action to stop the climate crisis

This year the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host two major international meetings, the G7 and the UN 'COP 26' climate talks. Britain is in a unique position to show global leadership to tackle poverty, inequality and climate change. As citizens we need to ensure that the Prime Minister does not miss this opportunity. Cafod is inviting us to sign their petition asking the Prime Minister to show the ambition needed to stop temperatures rising above 1.5 degrees and to put the people worst affected by the crisis at the heart of the talks.

Visit [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim). Petition cards are available at the back of church for those who prefer.

We are looking to start helping young people prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation which, all things being well, will take place in November this year. The preparation is for anyone who is in Year 8 or older who would like to learn more about our faith and who Jesus is. Have you got questions about God? What the Church teaches and why? Need help understanding what prayer is? Not sure whether you have a relationship with God or not, or who the Holy Spirit is? This is an opportunity for you to come and ask those questions and where we can help you to find the answers. Dates and times for meeting are still to be arranged, but will be confirmed asap. Please let us know if you are interested or if you would like to find out more, email Mike Worden [wordenm123@gmail.com](mailto:wordenm123@gmail.com) or parish at [stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com) by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021. Thanks, we look forward to seeing you soon.

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What's On - week commencing April 18th 2021

- Sun 11th: Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 12th: 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 13th: Funeral Service for Edith Wilson at 11.00am (family only)  
No Scripture Group this week
- Weds 14th: Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Thurs 15th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.  
Life Groups at 7.00pm
- Fri 16th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Sat 17th: Church open for Mass at 6.30pm.