

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

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter, 2nd May 2021

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| Sat   | 1st May | 6.30pm            | <b>Lily Costello b'day</b>   |
| Sun   | 2nd May | 9.00am<br>11.00am | <b>The Parishioners<br/>Priest's Int.</b>                              |
| Mon   | 3rd May | 9.00am            | <b>Leanne &amp; Dave Collins, Wedding Anniv. Ss Philip &amp; James</b> |
| Tues  | 4th May | 9.00am            | <b>John Paul Stokes RIP The English Martyrs</b>                        |
| Wed   | 5th May | 7.30pm            | <b>Bernard Wood RIP</b>  |
| Thurs | 6th May | 9.00am            | <b>Winefride Cannon, Anniv.</b>  |
| Fri   | 7th May | 9.00am            | <b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b>                         |
| Sat   | 8th May | 6.30pm            | <b>Susan Skinner RIP</b>   |
| Sun   | 9th May | 9.00am<br>11.00am | <b>Priest's Int.<br/>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, 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 Mary Nancarrow & John Bomford

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Devine, Amy Graham, Margaret O'Leary, Louis Bernard Battersby, Michael Sinclair, Philip O'Sullivan, Elsie Kettle, James Cannon, Lilian Frances Jordan, Frank Twiss, Philip Gallery, Mike O'Hare snr., Anne Ford, Bridget Jennings, Catherine McNeela, Thomas Cregg, John Duffy, Peter Duffy, Michael Callaghan, Eugeniusz Rebisz, Ernest Oldfield, Jessie Duffy, Rev Eugene Pinnington, Rt Rev Joseph Gray.

**PARLIAMENT IN OUR PARISH:** Cafod is inviting Catholics to organise a virtual meeting with their local MP to discuss how to rebuild from the pandemic in a way that tackles the major global issues of our time, including climate change and unjust foreign debts. With more than 5 million Catholics in the UK, these meetings will be a chance for local MPs to hear the voices of the Catholic community in their constituency and for us to learn what they are doing to ensure the UK plays a leading role in the global recovery. We are looking for a few members of our parish who would be interested in helping organise such a meeting with our MP Fiona Bruce. We would also like to hear from parishioners who would be prepared to attend the virtual meeting once it has been set up. If you are interested in getting involved contact [annesturman17@gmail.com](mailto:annesturman17@gmail.com).

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**The Logos & Literature: Elaborating the Divine** A series of online evening talks exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writing old and new, with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors. Every second Thursday at 7:30pm from 29<sup>th</sup> April. For info and registration <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/>

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 shall re-start Mothers' Prayers on Fridays in church from this week, and hope to restart Monday Exposition shortly. 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 15 people present. Funerals continue to be restricted to 30 people. We shall celebrate First Holy Communion with last year's and this year's groups at special Masses on Saturday mornings in late June and July, as numbers at Mass may still be restricted. 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.

### 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.

A Message from CAFOD: Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svonzo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

### Act now and stop disability abortion up to birth in NI

Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! [www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation)

For the time being only Wednesday evening and 11.00am Masses on Sunday will be streamed. If the Covid situation continues to improve this will be further reduced.

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 [stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com) by 9th May 2021. Thanks, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Christian Aid week is 10th -16th May where we will be raising funds to help communities in Kenya access a reliable water source. Donation envelopes this year will be available at the back of St Mary's. You can also donate online using the tap simple page: <https://cutt.ly/HCCA21>

Men's Meetings start again at MCC on Sat 5th June at 8.45 am, special guest Gareth Cottrell, virtually this time so sorry, no breakfast. Contact [info@middlewich.org](mailto:info@middlewich.org) for zoom. See poster for details

What's On - week commencing May 2nd 2021

- Sun 2nd: Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 3rd: 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 4th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am  
7.00pm Scripture Group. Contact Deacon Chris if you would like to join us  
( [deaconchriswells@gmail.com](mailto:deaconchriswells@gmail.com) )
- Weds 5th: Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Thurs 6th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.  
Life Groups at 7.00pm
- Fri 7th: Church open for Service of the Word and Communion at 9.00am.
- Sat 8th: Church open for Mass at 6.30pm.

Pope Francis has asked us to pray the Rosary each day in May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, please join with the Holy Father in prayer if you can.