

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

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Seventh Sunday of Easter, 16th May 2021

Sat	15th May	6.30pm	Luisa Spada Anniv.
Sun	16th May	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Mon	17th May	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Enid & Evan Jones Funeral Service for Sheila Mary Nancarrow Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm
Tues	18th May	9.00am	Anne Ford Anniv.
Wed	19th May	7.30pm	Peter & Veronica Craig <i>St Milburga</i>
Thurs	20th May	9.00am	John Stoneley b'day
Fri	21st May	9.00am	Mary Hannon b'day <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>
Sat	22nd May	6.30pm	Lily Costello Anniv.
Sun	23rd May	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners

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 Sheila Mary Nancarrow & John Bomford

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Emilia Anna Killinger, Ann Richards, Philip Gregory, James Moore, George Edward Fisher, Tom O'Connor, Rose Campbell, Patrick McCarthy, Mark McEnaney, Ivan Singleton, Thomas Thwaites, Mary Williams, Edward Horne, Mary Cecilia Lea, Cyril Cooper, Frank Clarke, Eileen Costello, Rev John Murphy, Rev Gerald Courell, Rev James Farrell, Rev John Brady, Rev Francis Yates, Rev Benedict Fenlon, Rev Brian McCarthy, Rev John Wright

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 for zoom. See poster for details

Christian Aid week is 10th -16th May. Please return you envelopes to church asap. You can also donate online using the tap simple page: <https://cutt.ly/HCCAW21>

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.

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Pat Bomford and family would like to say a huge thanks for all the prayers, love and support, cards, flowers etc. received in memory of John. His funeral will take place on 28th May. Attendance by invitation only due to restricted numbers.

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 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, with 30 people present. Funerals at St Mary's are now restricted to our Mass number of 50. 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. Mothers' Prayers now takes place in church after Mass each Friday.

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.

Message from CAFOD: We have a wonderful update to share with you all on our Walk for Water total – together, you have raised an incredible £820,000 to help bring safe water closer to families and ensure that no one is beyond the reach of the love and support they need to thrive. Thank you again so much for all of the amazing effort you put in during Lent!

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

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation please, email Mike Worden wordenm123@gmail.com or parish stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com

Working with their partner, Caritas India, CAFOD are helping some of the most vulnerable groups in India to survive the Covid Pandemic, thanks to your support. They are providing PPE, providing medical kits to those with manageable symptoms, setting up safely run isolation and quarantine centres and promoting lifesaving Covid and Vaccination information. To donate to help this work, please visit cafod.org.uk

A Prayer of Intercession: *"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they may experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"*



Next Sunday is Pentecost. There is an event happening on Saturday 22nd May where all Christian people are coming together to pray for a special out pouring of the Holy Spirit, starting in Rome. Please click on the link below to hear more about this ecumenical event and hear a 5 minute talk from Fr Raniero Cantalamessa on why it is important for us all to take part if we can.

<https://www.charis.international/en/pentecost-ecumenical-vigil/>

What's On - week commencing May 16th 2021

- Sun 16th: Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 17th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.
10.30am Rosary via Zoom. Please contact Madelyn Devaney if you would like to participate (01606 833497).
11.00 Funeral Service for Sheila Nancarrow (invitation only)
6.30-7.30pm Church open for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Tues 18th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am
7.00pm Scripture Group. Contact Deacon Chris if you would like to join us
(deaconchriswells@gmail.com)
- Weds 19th: Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Thurs 20th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.
7.00pm Life Groups
- Fri 21st: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.
- Sat 22nd: 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.