

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

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27th June 2021**

Sat	26th June	6.30pm	<b>The Parishioners</b>
Sun	27th June	9.00am	<b>Priest's Int.</b>
		11.00am	<b>Clarence Costello Anniv.</b>
Mon	28th June	9.00am	<b>Winefride Laverack Anniv.</b>
	Vigil Mass	7.30pm	<b>The Parishioners</b>
Tues	29th June	9.00am	<b>Sheila Lewis</b>
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>		
Wed	30th June	7.30pm	<b>Private Int. Y</b>
Thurs	1st July	9.00am	
Fri	2nd July	9.00am	
Sat	3rd July	6.30pm	<b>The Parishioners St Thomas</b>
Sun	4th July	9.00am	<b>Priest's Int</b>
		11.00am	<b>Veronica Barrett, 1st Anniv.</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.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Frances McGrath, Mary Vose, Jean Nicholson, Helen Goodier, Joseph Cooper, William Stoneley, Tom Browne, Charles F Lawrence, George Johnson, John Jennings, Jessie Poziemski, Edward Bownes, Kathleen Bridgen, Gerry Martin, Russell Simpson, Bob Buckley, James Nugent, Joseph Costello, Rev Desmond Friel

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Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Thank you those of you who have continued to join us, in person or online. It is good to know that one dose of the vaccine gives 70% protection even against the latest variant and two doses 90% 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. Dates until the end of October are now full. We have not received any update on the numbers allowed for Baptisms and Weddings, which currently stands at 30. Funerals at St Mary's are now restricted to our Mass number of 50. As the hoped for relaxation in restrictions has been delayed for another month we will have to be patient. Until we are able to return to a more normal pattern of worship, Fr Peter is available by appointment for any pastoral need.

For Masses during the week we no longer need to have stewards before the Mass, but cleaners afterwards are still needed. At weekend Masses and Funerals, where 50 people are allowed, we still have to have two stewards and cleaners . We shall celebrate First Holy Communion with last year's and this year's groups at special Masses on the next three Saturday mornings. These masses are for the families concerned only and have been arranged so that the families do not occupy places needed by other parishioners at our normal weekend Masses. Please pray for these children & their families. We have also recently welcomed 25 young people to our Preparation for Confirmation programme. They will be Confirmed in November. There is still time to join the programme. Mothers' Prayers now takes place in church after Mass each Friday. Mass on Wednesday evenings & 11.00am Sunday will be streamed until numbers are no longer restricted, but please come in person if you can There have been plenty of spare places at all Masses this past couple of weeks. 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.

Activity Days for 10-16 year olds: Football, Rounders, Rugby. See poster for details. To take part contact [salt.wars@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:salt.wars@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

CAFOD. We have just sent cheques for £625. This includes donations given during lockdown and £355 from Donations in memory of John Bomford



Ecumenical Prayer & Praise, this Sunday 27th June at 6.00pm at St Mary's, hopefully outside!

**Day for Life.** Thank you for your contributions of £158 to the special collection last week. The Bishops' Conference are concentrating on challenging the attempt to legalise "assisted Suicide" and the money will be used for this fight

**A message from Mary's Meals**  
 Join our wonderful community of Mary's Meals monthly givers before 31 August and your first three donations will be tripled – all thanks to a group of generous supporters who have promised to make funds available up to £50,000.

Help us access all this funding by setting up a monthly Direct Debit today and the [impact of your kindness will go three times further!](#) We're currently reaching more than 1.8 million children and we hope, with your support, two million children will soon be able to enjoy a daily meal at school.

Your regular gift could help children like nine-year-old Khushbhoo from India. She says: "Mary's Meals gives me strength and extra energy to study. The food provided all through the week is delicious!"  
 Visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**Christian Aid week Collection:** A very big Thank You to everyone in and around Holmes Chapel & Middlewich who supported us during our **May** Christian Aid Week. The magnificent sum of £2055.73 including Gift Aid of £193.00 was raised. **Can we also report that** the GiveStar OnLine donation page to "Give thanks for Your Vaccine" will remain open through the Summer as more age groups have the opportunity to have the Vaccine. Money raised through this page on the link <https://cutt.ly/HolmesChapel> is being used by Christian Aid to **directly support** vaccine supplies **within** India where the need **remains** greatest. Any queries on **this** please contact Caroline Wood – Co-Ordinator- on 01477 535746