

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

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th July 2021

Sat	3rd July	6.30pm	The Parishioners <i>St Thomas</i>
Sun	4th July	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int Veronica Barrett, 1st Anniv.
Mon	5th July	9.00am 6.30pm	Leanne Collins, b'day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	6th July	9.00am	Annie & Patrick O'Shea
Wed	7th July	7.30pm	Simon Finn
Thurs	8th July	9.00am	Megan & Al O'Shea
Fri	9th July	9.00am	Lisa Maria Barraclough, Anniv.
Sat	10th July	6.30pm	Maggie Hannon b'day
Sun	11th July	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Int.

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: Mary Jump, Henry Garrity, Ted Reid, Cathy Boughen, Roger Hazel, Margaret McNeela, Leonard Glynn, James Griffiths, Nora Mitchell, Bridget Clewes, Thomas Loughlin, Gustav Emil Nehrllich, Thomas Cannon, Maud Griffiths, Veronica Ward, William Maddock, Constance Mary Cornwell, Lisa Maria Barraclough, George Bratt, Canon Maurice Abbott, Canon Robert Falton

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation please, email
 Mike Worden wordenm123@gmail.com or
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We welcome into our Parish
 Family Harriet Francis
 Walker-Jordan who will be Baptised
 this Sunday



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The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales.

This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

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. When the government finally relaxes restrictions we will still have to wait for the Bishops to tell us to what degree we can return to normality. 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 have celebrated last year's First Holy Communion at four Masses on the past two Saturdays and will celebrate with this year's group at two Masses next Saturday. 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 26 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. Numbers are increasing but by coming ten minutes early you can be sure of a place. 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

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

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!"

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