

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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11th July 2021

Sat	10th July	6.30pm	Maggie Hannon b'day
Sun	11th July	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Mon	12th July	9.00am 6.30pm	Private Int. EJ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	13th July	9.00am	George Ely b'day
Wed	14th July	7.30pm	Tangay Percies RIP
Thurs	15th July	9.00am	Thanksgiving St Bonaventure
Fri	16th July	9.00am	George & Joyce Kenyon
Sat	17th July	6.30pm	Anne Casey b'day
Sun	18th July	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.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary McDermott, Eric Brewer, Fred Bagshaw, Nora Anne Tully, Ron Yearsley, Roy Hewitt, Sarah Millington, William Bannaghan, Solomon Glover, Michael Hughes, Brian Clarke, Elizabeth Christall, Joseph Regan, Anne Baker, Margaret Mary Steven, William Innes, Molly Galbraith, Lily Theresa Whalley, Mary Kirkham, Sr Ruth, Ann Haggerty, Rev James Gaskell, Rev Albert Knight

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

Thank you those who contacted their MP about the proposed change to the abortion laws. There were so many objections that the motion was withdrawn. No doubt a further attempt will be made at a later date, so please be prepared to use your power to object again!

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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

The Tues Scripture Group will be taking a break now until September.

WANTED: Double Knitting wool for use for charity knitting. Please leave at back of church

With 19th July only just over a week away, it is now certain that there will be considerable relaxation of the restrictions to which we have become accustomed, but please do not think that this means no restrictions in church immediately. We will have to wait until the Bishops' Conference has decided to what extent we can change from present practice, and this will take at least a few days, perhaps more. Until we receive an update on the numbers allowed for Baptisms and Weddings, they still stand at 30. Funerals at St Mary's are now restricted to our Mass number of 50. Even though we already know that the wearing of masks is to be optional, we would encourage as many people as possible to wear them for Mass. Even if you personally feel confident, remember we wear masks primarily to protect others. Until further notice, stewards and cleaners will still be needed as at present.

We have celebrated last year's First Holy Communion and this year's at six Masses on the past three Saturdays . 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.

Please pray for Deacon Stephen Roberts who will be ordained priest with two others at St Anthony's Wythenshawe on Friday. Many of you will know Stephen as he has frequently been at Mass at St Mary's. He will celebrate his first Mass here the following morning, but unfortunately, as numbers will still be restricted, the Mass is by invitation only
 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.

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME: Free places are now available for children and young people eligible for free school meals. This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Cheshire East.

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Children will be able to access hundreds of free sessions throughout the summer holidays, including specific provisions available for children with SEND or additional needs. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

To view the activities and find out how to book a place, visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FIS and clicking on the 'things to do' section or by searching 'family information service events'. Any families who don't have access to the internet are advised to contact a professional they are working with who can enrol on their behalf.

For more information about the programme in Cheshire East visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/HAF

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration will run from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th August. The 3-day course will be led by two excellent and experienced lecturers and tutors, who have taught at the Maryvale Institute for many years and worked with many dioceses and seminaries around the UK and abroad. The course will offer lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, for example around the relationship of faith and science. We are offering residential options as well as non-residential, for those more local and wishing to drive in daily.

The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation.

More information and registration is at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>