

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

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th July 2021

Sat	24th July	6.30pm	<b>Mary Walker Anniv.</b>
Sun	25th July	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>
Mon	26th July	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>Hilda &amp; Jim Duffy Anniv. Ss Joachim &amp; Ann Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	27th July	9.00am	<b>Dorothy &amp; Edward Reilly</b>
Wed	28th July	7.30pm	<b>Gavin McAleer b'day</b>
Thurs	29th July	9.00am	<b>Newly Ordained Priests &amp; Deacons St Martha</b>
Fri	30th July	9.00am	<b>Brenda &amp; Peter Shackleton 50th Wedding Anniv.</b>
Sat	31st July	6.30pm	<b>Priest's Int. St Ignatius Loyola</b>
Sun	1st Aug	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Private Int. EJ 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, Mike O'Hare .

ALL who have died recently, especially Simon Finn, Richard Burnside and Peter Croshaw

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mildred Wells, Jean Tunney, David Clarke, Mick Woodward, Dorothy Worthington, James McGorty, John Jordan, Leila Quinn, Joseph Harrup, Edward McSpadden, Annie Gilligan, John Oldfield, Christopher Wood, Dora Greenwood, Dorothy Richardson, Barbara Parkin, Provost John Burgon, Rev Gerard Corcoran



If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in November please, email Mike Worden [wordenm123@gmail.com](mailto:wordenm123@gmail.com) or the parish [stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com)

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Congratulations to Denis & Kathleen Hannifin who were married at St Mary's on Friday



This weekend sees a change of staff in the Parish: Our thanks go to Tricia Bickerton who has been caretaker of the Parish Centre for almost the whole of Fr Peter's stay in Middlewich. We wish her well in her return to the field of education. Her place will be taken by Helen Armsden, who will also be booking secretary for the Centre. Her phone no is 01606 737781. email [helenarmsden@btinternet.com](mailto:helenarmsden@btinternet.com) Until further notice the centre can only be used by groups which have public liability insurance and can supply us with a full Risk Assessment

Thank you for the donations of wool. Annette now has sufficient to keep her busy for a while!

Despite the complete relaxation of the restrictions to which we have become accustomed from last Monday, please do not think that this means no restrictions in church immediately. The Bishops have said that they do not envisage Sunday Masses returning to normal before Advent, but that Parish Priests should decide at what pace the restrictions should be relaxed, taking into account local conditions. However, there is increasing concern about the rapidly escalating numbers of cases of the virus so, in common with many other parishes, we have decided to keep the restrictions in church as they are, including the wearing of masks, signing in, the sanitising of hands, the social distancing measures, and the stewarding of weekend Masses until at least the end of August. This is disappointing, but is the only way to ensure the safety of our whole church family. Many people will be on holiday during this time so there should not be a problem with the restricted numbers. The same limit of 50 will be applied for weddings, baptisms & funerals. The safety concerns mean that, unfortunately, for the time being, St Margaret's will remain closed for worship.

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 currently below maximum due to holidays. 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](http://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](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/HAF)

**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration** will run from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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/>

The Parish Centre has been unused for a long time and needs a "Post-Covid Clean" before we can attempt to return to normal activities. Many hands make light work: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, any age, any colour, any sex! Two dates: Thurs 29th July 9.45am and Sat 31st July 9.00am. Please sign the list at the back of church or email or ring the parish. If you have a steam mop please bring it. If you have one and can't come to help, please can we borrow it? So far only middle aged ladies & one family! Any men available? : tuition given if necessary!!