

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

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**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, 22nd August 2021**

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| Sat   | 21st Aug | 6.30pm            | <b>The Parishioners</b>                                    |
| Sun   | 22nd Aug | 9.00am<br>11.00am | <b>Thanksgiving for Mark &amp; Kara<br/>Priest's Int.</b>  |
| Mon   | 23rd Aug | 9.00am<br>6.30pm  | <b>Private Int<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> |
| Tues  | 24th Aug | 9.00am            | <b>Private Int EJ</b>                                      |
| Wed   | 25th Aug | 6.30pm<br>7.30pm  | <b>Reception of Peter Croshaw<br/>Tom Gibney RIP</b>       |
| Thurs | 26th Aug | <b>11.00am</b>    | <b>Requiem Mass for Peter Croshaw</b>                      |
| Fri   | 27th Aug | 9.00am            | <b>Arthur Wilson RIP</b>                                   |
| Sat   | 28th Aug | 6.30pm            | <b>Anne Casey Anniv.</b>                                   |
| Sun   | 29th Aug | 9.00am<br>11.00am | <b>Priest's Int.<br/>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 Peter Croshaw.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward McGarvey Jnr., Margaret Bailey, Thomas Shannon, James O'Grady, Elizabeth Edwards, Monica Horricks, Patrick Jordan, Danny O'Brien, Ted Hughes, Rene Costello, Thomas O'Keefe, George Dean, David Hughes, Carol Bagshaw, Patrick Kelly, Maggie Battersby, John McAleer, Peter Worthington, John Kehoe, Wesley Johnston, Anne Casey, Winefride Jordan, Mary Kathleen Furlong, Winifred Gowling, Phyllis Wormald, Rev Patrick O'Brien, Rev Christopher Jenkins, Rev Brendan Huggard

We welcome into our Parish Family Freddie Stephen Morris who will be Baptised this Sunday



Please take care parking at church and, unless you are disabled, park in the car park rather than in front of church. There have been a couple of near misses with playing children recently and parents have complained about lack of care from some of our recent congregations. We are sure no one would wish to cause injury to local children, so avoiding parking there is the best way to be sure everyone is safe.

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

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Despite the complete relaxation of the restrictions to which we have become accustomed, 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 high numbers of cases of the virus and hospitalisations, 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. We hope to relax this on the weekend of 25th/26th September, subject to there being no local surges in the number of cases of the virus. Until then the limit of 50 will be applied for Mass, weddings, baptisms & funerals. We are also hoping to re-open St Margaret's that weekend, subject to a satisfactory safety report. Please note that the morning Mass at St Mary's will remain at 11.00am. 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.

### CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

### St Mary's Parish Reconciliation and Eucharistic programme September 2021 – May 2022

Dear Parents

We would like to invite children in year 3 or above to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (*Forgiveness*) and Eucharist (*First Holy Communion*). Enrolment will take place over the weekends of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September after the 11am Mass. The Catechists of St Mary's parish and St Mary's School we will be able to support every family as we journey towards the children receiving the Sacrament of Forgiveness in December and First Holy Communion in May 2022.

For children in year 3 attending St Mary's School the enrolment forms will be sent home with your child. If you would like your child to enrol on the programme please fill in the form and return it at one of the weekend Masses mentioned above when we can give you more details and a schedule. We look forward very much to speaking with you. If you have any queries please contact: Teresa Wells: Tel: 07596 408581  
 Every Blessing,  
 Fr Peter and Team

