

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

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Second Sunday of Advent, 5th December 2021

Sat	4th Dec	6.30pm	Gordon Woolridge b'day
Sun	5th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners (H Chapel) Priest's Int.
Mon	6th Dec	9.00am 6.30pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	7th Dec	9.00am	Cynthia & Charlie Egan <i>St Ambrose</i>
Wed	8th Dec	7.30pm	Emily Wickham RIP <i>Immaculate Conception of B.V.Mary</i>
Thurs	9th Dec	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Dennis Kelly
Fri	10th Dec	9.00am 11.30am	Annette Morris 90th Birthday Funeral Service for David Carter
Sat	11th Dec	6.30pm	Ints. Of O'Hare Family
Sun	12th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int.(H Chapel) The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm
 Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment

ALL **Please Pray for**

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 & Peter Cloney



ALL who have died recently, especially Dennis Kelly, David Carter & Moira McNulty

whose anniversaries occur at this time: Annie O'Donnell, Ann Smith, Denis Kenny, Annie Howman, Hilda Morris, Edith Duffy, Basil Mannion, Bernard McDermott, John Egan, Denis Charles Magee, Doris Bannaghan, Thomas James Bowen, Tess Haney, Charles Regan, Alfred Francis Barry, Mary Jane Down, Margaret Trelfa, Helen Patterson, Adrian Prescott, Canon Aelred Rigby, Rev James Devlin.

This Friday 10th December Annette Morris will celebrate her 90th birthday. The 9.00am Mass is for her intentions and she would like as many friends as possible to join her for tea, coffee and cake after Mass in the Parish Centre.

Many thanks to all who supported our Craft Stall last weekend. When all debts have been collected we shall have the magnificent total of £450 to send to Mary's Meals, which will of course be doubled!

Items needed by the Foodbank: Tinned ham, Custard, Rice pudding, Macaroni cheese, Ravioli, Spaghetti in tomato sauce, Tinned vegetables, Tinned potatoes, Fruit juice, Tea & Coffee. Food can now be left in the box in St Mary's church porch. **Carrier Bags & Bags for Life urgently needed.**

Our Scripture Group is taking place on Tuesdays at 7.00pm. We meet for about an hour using Zoom. If you would like to join the group please contact Deacon Chris (deaconchriswells@gmail.com)

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SYNOD 2021-2023: Pope Francis has launched a 'Church-wide listening process' and is inviting all the People of God to be part of the discussions in deciding what God is calling the Church to be. Over the coming weeks we will publish dates for gatherings and would encourage everyone to get involved. In addition to the planned gatherings, there will be ways of including the housebound and other people who do not wish to attend groups.

We are currently planning our parish gatherings and a formation day for those who have volunteered to act as hosts. Do watch this space as it will be updated regularly with dates, venues and news regarding the Synod process. For more information please contact Peter de Vere. Tel 07831 893781

Caritas Shrewsbury, who support vulnerable families in our Diocese throughout the year, are having their annual Christmas appeal over the next few weeks. They would like the money by 3rd December if possible, so that they can plan extra support for the families at Christmas, and cope with any emergencies which arise. There is a basket available at both churches, or you can give online by scanning the poster at church

World Gifts: From solar lamps to energy saving stoves, from water for a family to providing emergency food and shelter, World Gifts are a way to support those most in need. Gifts start from from £4 for a queen bee. Catalogues are available at the back of church or can be viewed online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts. Many thanks for your support

On Sunday 19th December we are hoping to have Carols in Church at 4.00pm and invite the children to decorate the tree. Please invite your friends to join you and have a good sing as we look forward to the coming of the Lord.

A Message from Mary's Meals

From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! Your kindness brings joy to more than two million children around the world who we serve – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

We have just sent off cheques for £84.50 to World Mission Sunday & £363 to Mary's Meals. We hope to send them more money before the end of January. The Clergy Formation collection yielded £223.86 in cash.

Parish Office Hours are now: 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-5.00 on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00– 12.00 on Saturday. Outside of these times you can leave a message or send an email and we will contact you.

Mass Cards are on sale again at the back of St Mary's, priced at a very reasonable 70p. Please put the money in the wall box to the right of the card stand

N.B. The wearing of masks in church is compulsory unless you are medical-ly exempt

