

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, 19th December 2021

Sat	18th Dec	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd Anniv.
Sun	19th Dec	9.00am	The Parishioners (H Chapel)
		11.00am	Priest's Int.
		4.00pm	Carols round the Tree
Mon	20th Dec	9.00am	Bert & Trudie Whitehead
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	21st Dec	9.00am	John Stoneley
Wed	22nd Dec	7.30pm	Annie, Clarence & Mary Costello
Thurs	23rd Dec	9.00am	Tess Haney anniv.
Fri	24th Dec	6.15pm	Carols
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.30pm	The Parishioners
		10.00pm	Special Int.MP
Sat	25th Dec	9.00am	(H Chapel) John Bomford RIP Nativity of the Lord
		11.00am	Dutton Family
Sun	26th Dec	9.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int.
	<i>Holy Family</i>	11.00am	Ken & Marie Page

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only
 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 & Peter Cloney



ALL who have died recently.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Traynor, Dorothy Nussbaumer, David Andrews, Mary O'Neill, James Cannon, Christine Clapham, Marie Therese Loughlin, Ivy Dean, Patrick Egan, Thomas Arthur Eckersall, William Glynn, Annie Costello, Francis Risker, Arthur Geoffrey Broughton, Crispin Clapham, Peter Clarke, Stephen Barton, David Gilligan, Frances Dolan, Barbara Gadd, Rev John Mooney, Rev John Hoskinson, Rev Thomas Hurley, Rev Denis Herlhy, Rev Kevin Molloy, Rev Norman Carew

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.**

N.B. The wearing of masks in church is now a legal requirement unless you are medically exempt

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N.B. In an attempt to keep us all as safe as possible, at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, once seats are full no more people can be admitted, no matter who they are! Standing will not be allowed and no extra seats will be provided, so do come early. The 11.00am Mass will be streamed for those who cannot be accommodated.

SYNOD 2021-2023: A separate two sided sheet is available today with the bulletin, giving details of parish meetings Please take a copy home and read it. The info is also on the website.

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. You can give still online by scanning the poster at church. We have sent £112 collected so far and there will be a basket for more contributions in front of the crib as usual.

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 £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

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan. **There is a basket at both churches for donations.**

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

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.

Our sale of crafts finally raised £500 for Mary's Meals. We have also had several generous donations from parishioners, so we can now send them a total of £1,135. When doubled this will feed 143 children for a year. Well done everyone! Any further donations received before the end of January will also be doubled!

There are baskets at both churches for your contributions to the cost of Christmas Flowers. Thank You

