

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

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First Sunday of Lent, 6th March 2022

Sat	5th Mar	6.30pm	Priest's Int
Sun	6th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners (H Chapel) For World Peace
Mon	7th Mar	9.00am 6.30pm	Sheila Crouch RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm
Tues	8th Mar	9.00am	Devaney Family
Wed	9th Mar	2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (H Chapel) Stations of the Cross Thanksgiving, Charlesworth Family
Thurs	10th Mar	9.00am 12.00pm	People of Ukraine Requiem Mass for Peter Labeledz
Fri	11th Mar	9.00am	The Needy & Hungry of the World (Cafod Fast Day)
Sat	12th Mar	11.00am 6.30pm	Exposition and Reconciliation until 12.00pm Gordon Woolridge Anniv
Sun	13th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners

ALL Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am—12.00pm
 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, 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 Labeledz, Nora Hopton & Kevin Crumplin

whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Lee, Mary McAleer, Anne Lunt, Peggy Fikrle, Nora Devaney, Thomas Jennings, Frances Milliken, Jean Quinn, Ken Littlemore, Irene Reid, Peter McHugh, Gordon Woolridge, Roy Yearsley, John Evans, Peter Craig, Maureen Flynn



We request that you continue to wear Masks in church, as a sensible precaution, and for the reassurance of our more vulnerable parishioners

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Foodbank Shortages: Easter Eggs, Crisps, Liquid Soap, Shower gel (men & Women), Tampons UHT Milk, Toilet rolls. No more Beans, Pasta, Soup or jam for now thank you.

Opportunities for Prayer & Reflection during Lent

Wednesdays at 2.00pm: Stations of the Cross, St Margaret's
Wednesdays at 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross, St Mary's
Thursdays at 9.45am: The Chosen (film) Parish Centre
Saturdays 11.00am—12.00pm: Exposition and Reconciliation.
 These will happen every week except for week beginning 14th March when only the St Margaret's Stations & Sat Exposition will take place, as all the clergy, together with parishioners, will be on pilgrimage in Walsingham. There may also be a Passover meal (volunteer cooks needed) and a Penitential Service, dates later.

Synod Update We have now submitted the findings of our Synod Listening sessions to the Diocese. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing excerpts from the findings in the bulletin. This week we are focusing on our first reflective question: **What does it mean to you to be Catholic?** • We are a supportive community • Being Catholic brings blessings to me and my family • We need to be open-minded and be moved by the Spirit • It's a privilege to be able to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments • Sharing my faith and never hiding my faith • Faith-based schools are a blessing • Being a Catholic has brought many opportunities for friendship. It's wonderful being part of God's family. • Offers guidance and structure to enable beliefs to grow. This also brings with it a sense of responsibility to act in a loving, caring way, promoting our faith to strangers as well as friends and family. • Being part of a family/belonging - both locally and worldwide caring for me not only in a spiritual way but as a person, an individual. • Being able to celebrate the Mass, knowing God's love and receiving communion anywhere in the world and connecting with other members of Gods family regardless of any language barrier. Lots of friendships and all centralised around our Lord Jesus Christ.

Continuing this Thursday, 10th March, Fr Peter will be presenting DVD episodes of The Chosen, the ongoing series based on the Gospels .We will meet in the parish centre on Thursday mornings, 9.45-11.00. Tea & coffee will be available. Although many people use the free Chosen App, it's good to view it as a group on the large screen and finish with a brief time of conversation & prayer. It doesn't matter if you missed the earlier sessions.

CAFOD LENT 2022 Calendar

CAFODS online Lent Calendar of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we journey through Lent and prepare for Easter. There is a calendar for adults and a separate one for children. You can sign up to receive the calendar entry for each day direct into your inbox by following the links below:

For adults <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-calendar> For children <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families/Family-Lent-calendar>

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/lent

CAFOD: Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: CAFOD's sister organisation Caritas Ukraine and other caritas agencies in neighbouring countries are already on the ground helping people affected by this conflict. They are working to provide food, blankets and warm clothes to families forced to leave everything behind. Please donate to the appeal at: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

Stop new abortion threat. Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP