

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

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Second Sunday of Lent, 13th March 2022

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.(H Chapel) The Parishioners
Mon	14th Mar	9.00am	Pat Taylor b'day
Tues	15th Mar	9.00am	No Mass or Service
Wed	16th Mar	2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (H Chapel) No Stations No Mass or Service
Thurs	17th Mar	9.00am	No Mass or Service <i>St Patrick</i>
Fri	18th Mar	9.00am	Helen Sheard RIP
Sat	19th Mar	11.00am 6.30pm	Exposition & Reconciliation <i>St Joseph</i> Priest's Int
Sun	20th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Raymond & Pauline Smyth 50th Wedding Anniv.

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 Nora Hopton & Kevin Crumplin

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lilian Rota, Carlo Rota, Mary Jane Jennings, Mary Armstrong, John O'Brien, Andrew Frazer, Daniel Murphy, Bridget Egan, Thomas Bannaghan, Margaret Eveline Hartley, Tom Kerr, Thomas Gadd, Mary Fahey, Canon Joseph Howe

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 This week we are once again sharing excerpts from the listening gatherings regarding our second reflective question. **Participation:** the people of God talk and listen graciously to one another about questions that matter: Q.2 What are some of your experiences of the Church doing something well? *Fr Peter, in coping with the difficulties during lockdown, by providing regular Masses via video link. We acknowledge how this has helped many people stay connected and the parish is ever grateful that we had this facility available to us.* Open and welcoming to other churches. *Universal church, reaching out to other faiths.* Different groups, helping to grow each others faith, for example, alpha Different groups, helping to grow each others faith, for example, alpha groups, liturgy groups, life groups* Sticks to its guns and remains true to its principles, eg pro life. * Parish community always rally round and act together when things need to be done. *Excellent pastoral care. *Open to other denominations. *The Pope is a breath of fresh air in how he is leading the Church to be a more modern. *Holy Mass can be followed all over the world no matter what the language. *Being part of a family, a force for good in the world. *During COVID, online did really well; online retreats were excellent ; good messages to the world that we had something to offer. *Our parish community is very strong and we support each other. *Preparing and administering the sacraments are always available and we have an excellent parish priest in our community. *In general we mark milestones very well with good preparation for sacraments; we celebrate the liturgy well with uplifting music *We need to be a strong and confident parish to go out into our community and spread the word.

Next week we will look at what the Church has not done so well, and how we can learn from those experiences. The following week, we will look at our dreams for the future church and what this means for us in our parish community.

St Michael's Chaplet: Every Thursday in Lent at 7.30pm The login details are: Meeting ID: 895 9437 7357 Passcode: Ukraine

Ladies Morning at MCC Brooks Lane, Middlewich, Sat 2nd April at 9.00am Speaker Dr Joyce Ameh. Book early, places limited, email canalside@middlewich.org

Holmes Chapel Christian Aid Group - DEC Ukraine Appeal

We are sure that, like us, you are appalled by what is happening in the Ukraine.If you are wondering what you can do to help, we have set up an online Donations page feeding directly into the Christian Aid DEC Ukraine Appeal and can be found on this link:

<https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/holmes-chapel-dec-ukraine-appeal>

Please share the online link with family and friends who may also wish to help by donating to this most awful humanitarian disaster which is almost beyond understanding and comprehension.

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