

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

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**Third Sunday of Lent, 20th March 2022**

Sat	19th Mar	11.00am 6.30pm	<b>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation St Joseph Priest's Int</b>
Sun	20th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Raymond &amp; Pauline Smyth 50th Wedding Anniv.</b>
Mon	21st Mar	9.00am	<b>DR O'Keefe/Whittaker Families</b>
Tues	22nd Mar	9.00am	<b>Paul Duffy RIP</b>
Wed	23rd Mar	2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross (H Chapel) Stations of the Cross Private Int</b>
Thurs	24th Mar	9.00am	<b>Private Int.</b>
Fri	25th Mar	9.00am	<b>Private Int The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
Sat	26th Mar	11.00am 6.30pm	<b>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation St Joseph The Parishioners</b>
Sun	27th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Priest's Int People of Ukraine</b>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am—12.00pm

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment

### 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, 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 .



who have died recently, especially Kevin Crumplin

whose anniversaries occur at this time Sr M de Sales, William Jennings, Michael Haysler, Bernard Cannon, Kathleen Wait, Christopher Williams, Bert Hough, Helmut Fuchs, Elvin Hughes, Hannah Kerrigan, Carmel Elliott, Mary Cannon, Bridget McHale, Margaret Groarke, Winifred Parkin, Theresa Gore, Margaret Ruane, Vera Kathleen Mercer, Rev George Barrett

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 There will also be a Passover meal on Saturday 2nd April .(volunteer cooks needed). Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend. We need Numbers by next weekend at the latest

**Synod Update :** This week we will look at excerpts from the responses for our third reflective question: **Participation:** the people of God talk and listen graciously to one another about questions that matter: **Q.3** What are some of your experiences of when things have not gone so well? \*More Catholic Teachers in Catholic Schools. • Sexist language enshrined in the Mass. NOT acceptable to group women under the heading of 'man; men; mankind'. Outdated and offensive • 2014 Synod on the Family. What has changed? There was a question about married priests. What happened to that? Ignored? Blocked? • Lack of women in "higher level" roles. Sense of inequality - eg: allowing married anglicans to convert to the priesthood. The need for clarity in the decision making process. Laity feel a lack of explanation on such matters which can be misleading and lead to a lack of understanding and frustration. Difficulty sometimes experienced by some wanting to become Catholic because of marriage and divorce complications. Difficult for RCIA catechists when someone with all their heart wants to participate in the sacramental life. • Perceived attitude of the church, especially in the media, on issues such as homosexuality, abortion rights, end of life issues. More clarification from the "top" to put the loving, caring ministry of the Catholic church at the forefront when explaining the Church's stance on such important issues. Offering solutions and walking alongside everyone, especially when they are facing such issues and offering practical help, perhaps promoting adoption etc. as an alternative solution. • More transparency over the serious issues of child abuse within the Catholic Church - accountability and acknowledgment of past/current transgressions. • We fail young people in the community by not providing enough clubs or team social events in a Catholic context. Next week we will look at our dreams for the future of our church.

In the end, the goal of this synodal process is to see what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. Walking the synodal path brings us towards deeper communion, greater participation, and more robust missionary spirit. The Synod is an invitation for the Church at all levels to be formed in a spirit of synodality, to grow and learn as the People of God, and in so doing, become the "pilgrim Church" it is meant to be. As we reflect on our experiences of the synod so far, we should now start to look beyond the listening phase.

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** You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) . Last chance for church donations this weekend.

There will be a **collection for Easter Flowers next weekend.** During the pandemic we have been unable to raise funds as we used to, and we all love our church to look nice for this very special season. Thank you for your generosity

New collection envelopes will be available at all masses on the 26, 27 March. Also, as the tax year 2021/22 will be coming to an end on 5th April, and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please contact Ken Worthington (01606 0, [worthingtonkr@gmail.com](mailto:worthingtonkr@gmail.com)) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

**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>

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Able Bodied Volunteers needed to join the rota to cut the parish lawns. Petrol Mower supplied. If you can help please contact Molly or Mark Hopton on [m\\_hopton@sky.com](mailto:m_hopton@sky.com). The more volunteers, the less often!