

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, 27th March 2022

Sat	26th Mar	11.00am	Exposition & Reconciliation <i>St Joseph</i>
		6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	27th Mar	9.00am	Priest's Int (H Chapel)
		11.00am	People of Ukraine
Mon	28th Mar	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Kevin Crumplin
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	29th Mar	9.00am	Peter Hannon
Wed	30th Mar	2.00pm	Stations of the Cross (H Chapel)
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm	Private Int
Thurs	31st Mar	9.00am	Private Int. RA
Fri	1st Apr	9.00am	Private Int AS
Sat	2nd Apr	11.00am	Exposition & Reconciliation
		6.30pm	Harry Hickland Anniv.
Sun	3rd Apr	9.00am	The Parishioners (H Chapel)
		11.00am	Priest's Int.

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 Kevin Crumplin

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time Tony O'Reilly, Gerard Shirley, Ellen Horsfield, Mary O'Keefe, Marie Dakin, Anthony Carr, Thomas Costello, Bill Armsden, John Edward Malloy, Mary Carter, Eugene McNamara, Patrick Ryan, Robert Quinn, Ellen Reynolds, Harry Hickland, Margaret Mary Barry, Ada Taylor, Theresa Hazell, Tori Morrey, Rev Fred Beddow, Canon Joseph Cahill, Canon Brendan Hoban, Rev Charles Woods, Rev Peter Bravey, Rev Philip White, Rev Michael Lloyd, Rev George Crespin,

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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. The more volunteers, the less often!

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, Wed at 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross, St 11.00am—12.00pm: Exposition and Reconciliation. Passover meal on Sat 2nd April Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend. Last chance today. Suggested Donation Adult £8, Child £5.

There will be a **collection for Easter Flowers this 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

Synod Update: This week we have selected excerpts from the responses to our fourth reflective question: What are our dreams for the Church?

To be an organisation promoting love and acceptance throughout the world - being open and welcoming to all. Somewhere that people feel drawn to in a positive way. • Ordained women, female deacons, married priests • Take down the barriers, perceived barriers, to allow those Christians searching the Catholic faith to understand our traditions and masses in a more accessible way. • Have outstanding Catholic education in every community with a youth focused chaplain in every school supporting our youth beyond the basic sacraments • Regional events like the World Youth Day but done on a Deanery level with no barriers to access. • The laity has to come forward to share the load in parish life. • We should celebrate more in the style of New Dawn and Walsingham, bring New Dawn celebrating to the parish.. • Both religious and laity need to consider how we conduct ourselves and the language that we use to ensure that the universal church is more inclusive no matter what your lifestyle, sexual orientation or mindset; maybe we should encourage more involvement and inclusiveness at a local level in every parish. • There was one glaring omission about the "outsiders", that the Church needs to be more open to , and that is the divorced, separated and the re-married. • Social events to be held in a Catholic context would encourage all in the community to attend and participate.

Our Next Steps: To continue the listening and dialogue beyond this process with our priest and deacons in order to develop a local parish plan. All parishioners, including Synodal participants, will be invited to form a Synod steering group to develop and implement our parish plan. Please watch out for dates in the bulletin over the next few weeks.

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 Total Donated £.1,038-80 . £425 was Gift Aided. Thank you

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) 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>

Passover Meal: What is it? First off, it's a Jewish family celebration of the Exodus from Egypt and as with all good celebrations there is food and drink! A cooked meal is provided but bring your own wine (preferably red but will let you get away with white or grape juice/ribena etc) It has many ritual elements that are a memorial to us oldies and a teaching to the younger members of families about God freeing the Israelites from captivity in Egypt, the Angel passing over the houses of the captive Israelites and inflicting the 10 plagues on the Egyptians and the crossing of the Red Sea to freedom. For us as Christians we are reminded of what Jesus and his disciples did at the last supper, and his institution of the Holy Eucharist. It is a fun, social evening with a prayerful side. There is a suggested donation of £8 per adult, £5 per child to cover the cost of the food. Any surplus will be added to our covid-depleted parish funds!