

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

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent, 3rd April 2022**

Sat	2nd Apr	11.00am	<b>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation</b> <i>St Joseph</i>
		6.30pm	<b>Harry Hickland Anniv.</b>
Sun	3rd Apr	9.00am	<b>The Parishioners (H Chapel)</b>
		11.00am	<b>Priest's Int.</b>
Mon	4th Apr	9.00am	<b>Geraldine Doherty 80th b'day</b>
		6.30pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	5th Apr	9.00am	<b>Doreen Cawley RIP</b>
Wed	6th Apr	2.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross (H Chapel)</b>
		7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
		7.30pm	<b>Private Int.</b>
Thurs	7th Apr	9.00am	<b>Annie &amp; Patrick O'Shea</b>
Fri	8th Apr	9.00am	<b>Private Int.</b>
		7.30pm	<b>Lenten Service (H Chapel)</b>
Sat	9th Apr	11.00am	<b>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation</b>
		6.30pm	<b>Priest's Int</b>
Sun	10th Apr	9.00am	<b>The Parishioners</b>
		11.00am	<b>Mary McAleer b'day</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.

whose anniversaries occur at this time William Foley, James Jennings, Joseph Turnbull, Mary Fahey, Eileen Morris, Eileen Gilbert, Ellen Mannion, Susan Higgins, Hazel Smith, Mary Boynton, Janek Mandziak, Charlie Egan, Frank Reynolds, Robert Swarbrick, Tom Kerr, James Maddock, Dorothy Lawrence, Rev Keith Brigham, Canon Alfred McNally, Rev Kevin Desmond Daley

**Synod Update: Recent statement by the Bishop:** All of the written responses which have been submitted are being worked on by a team of eight people; one priest and seven lay people. The synthesis should be completed by the end of the month (March) and the Bishop will respond to the synthesis with his discernment. The Bishop will present the discernment in a Liturgy of the Word and Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral on 3rd April. A document with the synthesis and discernment will be ready to be sent to the parishes in readiness for Palm Sunday.

**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**

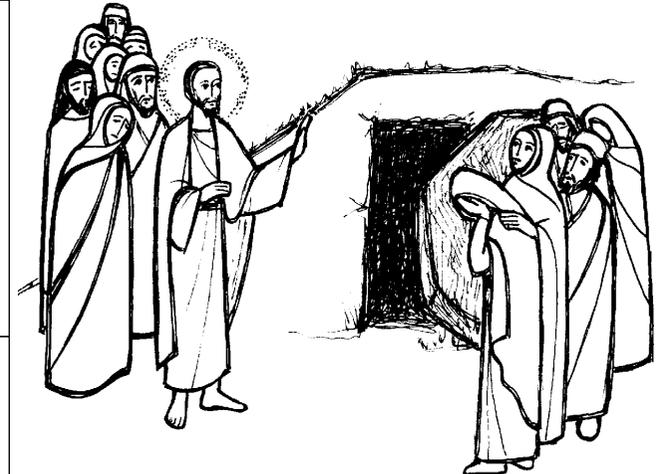
We are sure that, like us, you are appalled by what is happening in the Ukraine. If you are wondering what you can do to help, we have set up an online Donations page feeding directly into the Christian Aid DEC Ukraine Appeal and can be found on this link:  
<https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/holmes-chapel-dec-ukraine-appeal>  
 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 again at all masses this weekend. 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->

We are once again very short of Mass Intentions. This seems to happen about every six months! Mass can be celebrated for the living or dead. Why not give someone a birthday mass or have a mass for someone you worry about. As most of you now know, Mass intentions are essential for paying Fr Peter's stipend, along with offerings for Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings



Parish Craft Group meets this Thursday from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in room 1 in the parish centre. Come & knit & natter (or sew, or crochet, or embroider etc) Tea & coffee provided

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 Mary's; 11.00am—12.00pm: Exposition and Reconciliation**

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

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Thank you to our two new Grass Cutting volunteers. The list is still open if anyone else would like to join them. At present it is once a month, but will be less often if more join in. Contact Molly if you can help.