

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

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First Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2022

Sat	26th Nov	6.30pm	Tom O'Hare RIP
Sun	27th Nov	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Mon	28th Nov	9.00am. 6.30pm	Evelyn Ahern RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	29th Nov	9.00am	Michael & Rosemary Tolkien Wedd anniv.
Wed	30th Nov	7.30pm	Deceased Relatives & Friends <i>St Andrew</i>
Thurs	1st Dec	9.00am	(School) Special Int, Holbrook
Fri	2nd Dec	9.00am	Private Int M & D
Sat	3rd Dec	6.30pm	Jane Laverack Anniv <i>St Francis Xavier</i>
Sun	4th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm & on request
 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, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Jim McGrath, Mike O'Hare, Robert Harrington, Jean Royle, Cliff Price, Cath Price., Norma Cassidy, Lawrence Glenn



ALL who have died recently., especially Mgr. Peter O'Neill

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time : Bridget Egan, Liam Flynn, Mary Ellen Nolan, Desmond Spilsbury, Aleksander Alderman, Sheila Bagshaw, Margaret English, Revd Norman Keen, Mary McGorty, John Francis O'Neill, Mary Griffiths, Brigid Mary Sweeny, Reg Hambley, Mary McAleer, James Edward Ellison, Bernard Barnes, Winefride Pace, Betty Murphy, Wendy Billington, Rev Peter O'Neill, Rev John Woods, Rev Joseph Russell, Rev John O'Sullivan, Rev Jack Warnock, Rev Joe Norbury, Rev Patrick O'Brien, Rev Mgr Terence Welch

Advance Notice: Special Collections

There will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund **this weekend**, You can also donate online. **Next weekend there will be a collection for CARITAS Shrewsbury to enable them to help poor families at Christmas**

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This year we are having an "in house" raffle, with 20 different prizes. Photo and list of these on the notice-board in both churches. **Draw and Cake Stall this weekend.**

Donations to Mary's Meals between now and the end of January will be doubled by private donors, so let's see what we can do to help! Proceeds from the Craft Stall a week on Sunday will go to Mary's Meals

HOLMES CHAPEL CHRISTMAS MARKET Sunday 4th December. 3pm - 7pm. As last year the road in front of St. Luke's will be closed to traffic and open for the Market Stalls. Churches Together have a stall with a free game for children and Christmas Stories for adults. PLEASE be willing to help man the Stall for a ½hour slot. Thank you very much.

Collection today for Priests' Education Fund. Basket at back of church or give on line: Link on the Parish Website.

On Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm Mass will be in remembrance of those who have died in the parish and will be followed by tea & cake in the parish centre. Families of the Deceased are invited.

Foodbank Shortages this week: Tinned or packet Custard, UHT Milk, tinned Vegetables, Sponge puddings., Angel Delight, Fruit Juice .

Parish Fatima Pilgrimage 2023: Dcn Chris & Fr Peter are organising a pilgrimage to Fatima for Oct 4th-11th next year. The itinerary is excellent (see poster at back of church). Cost is £799pp Full Board. It may seem a long way off but there is a £100 discount if you book and pay early. 50 places available. Contact Dcn Chris for booking forms(stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone who brought electronic items for recycling. It was well worth the journey from Stoke for EEE4 to collect them and they are very grateful.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Our Scripture Group is taking place on Tuesdays at 7.00pm. We meet for about an hour using Zoom. If you would like to join the group please contact Deacon Chris (deaconchriswells@gmail.com)



'The Letter' is a new documentary, available free on YouTube (just search 'the Letter Pope Francis'). It is based on Laudato Si and features Pope Francis, an indigenous leader from the Amazon, a climate refugee, a student from Senegal, a young activist from India and a team of scientists from the US as they meet with the Pope at the Vatican to discuss the ecological crisis.

CAFOD World Gifts are a range of virtual ethical charity gifts that will give delight at Christmas to the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty. Gifts start from as little as £4. There's something for everyone, with gifts for gardeners, animal lovers, teachers, entrepreneurs - the list goes on! Catalogues and further details are available at the back of church or go to cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Thank you to everyone who signed an action card in support of CAFOD's **Fix the Food System Campaign**. When the first few thousand emails started to arrive at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), representatives from the FCDO contacted CAFOD to find out more about the campaign and its demands, the emails opened the door. On October 19th a group of staff and supporters delivered 10,600 messages from supporters (including our own) to the FCDO. This marked the culmination of the first phase of the campaign, which will be built on next year.

From St Nicholas High School: We would like to invite members of your parish to join us for an Advent Lunch & celebration on Wed 7th December The afternoon will last from 1.30-3.30pm & will include refreshments and entertainment. We may be able to provide some transport if needed. In the first place we can offer ten places for your parish. If you want to go tell Fr Peter before the end of November

Next Saturday is a Day of Special Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

YOU ARE A GIFT: Unwrapping theology of the body through the catechism. Saturday 10th December. St Wilfrid's Northwich. See poster for details or email tobnet-workuk@gmail.com

This Week

Sunday	12.00pm	Cake Stall & Raffle Draw	Parish Centre 2 & 3
Wednesday	8.15pm	RCIA	Parish Centre Room 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Parents & Tots	Parish Centre Room 2 & 3