

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, 19th March 2023

Sat	18th Mar	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sun	19th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel)) The Parishioners Mary & Bert Fewtrell
Mon	20th Mar	9.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Diane Rennie RIP <i>St Joseph</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Penitential Service
Tues	21st Mar	9.00am	Linda Chawner RIP
Wed	22nd Mar	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Pat & Gerry Scott
Thurs	23rd Mar	9.00am	(school) Fr Walter Fairclough
Fri	24th Mar	9.00am	Shirley Gaskell RIP
Sat	25th Mar	6.30pm	The Parishioners <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Sun	26th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. Jim Taylor RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm & on request
 Sacrament of Baptism: By arrangement

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, Joan Upton, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Jim McGrath, Mike O'Hare, Robert Harrington, Jean Royle, Cath Price, Michael O'Keefe, Christine McHugh, Edward Evans, Fred Trim, John Lewis

ALL who have died recently, especially Linda Chawner, Julie Columbine, Annette Morris & Joan Hartley

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Fahey, Sr M de Sales, William Jennings, Michael Haseler, 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

Foodbank Shortages: Angel Delight, Jam, Pasta sauce, packet mashed potato, tinned minced beef & Onion, tinned Chicken in sauce, Carrier bags. Thank you

There will be a collection for Easter Flowers after all Masses this weekend & next.

Anyone interested in large selection of furnishing fabrics, many colours & styles, 1 to 12 metre lengths, available for a donation to Mary's Meals? Ring 07773693337 to view.

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Community lunch Monday March 27th after midday mass. All are welcome, no charge but donations welcome to cover costs. It helps us with numbers if you can sign the list at the back of church. Thank you

We are having a Passover Meal on Sat 1st April at 7.45pm. Volunteer cooks needed to prepare food. If you can help ring Dave Collins on 835380

Pray the rosary online with CAFOD on zoom every Thursday at 9am or if you can't join us at this time, why not pray on your own with the thoughtful reflections created by CAFOD. By praying the Sorrowful Mysteries we pray for consolation for all in our world affected by conflict, natural disaster, hunger, thirst and fear. Visit cafod.org.uk/rosary

Lenten Programme: Saturdays 25th Feb, 4th, 11th & 18th March, Exposition and Lenten reflections, 10.30-11.30am at St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation. Saturday 1st April Reconciliation at St Margaret's 11.00am-12.00. Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March, Stations of the Cross, 7.00pm at St Mary's, followed by Mass. Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's, Thursdays at 2.00pm. Stations of the Cross for Children, Sunday 12th March at 3.00pm at St Mary's, followed by refreshments. Penitential Service at St Mary's, Monday 20th March at 7.30pm.

New collection envelopes will be available at all masses on the 25/26th March. Also, as the tax year 2022/23 will be coming to an end on 5th April, the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the tax on Gift Aided donations. 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 737070, 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 these donations.

Are you affected by someone else's drinking? You are not alone. Find out more at www.alanonuk.org.uk or call the helpline 0800 0086811.

We have sent £200 raised from Community Lunches, to Mary's Meals for victims of the earthquake in Syria.

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 WYD is the largest international gathering of young people. It is held every three years being first established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985. As a diocese we have a limited amount of places booked, for those aged 18 – 35, at the cost of £1,200 which is inclusive of meals, travel, accommodation, and World Youth Day passes. For any questions, or an application form, contact: clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal: Friday 3rd March: This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The total donated was £756.50 of which £376.20 was Gift Aided.

Parish Fatima Pilgrimage 2023: Dcn Chris & Fr Peter are organising a pilgrimage to Fatima for Oct 4th-11th this 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)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Booking are now open for this years Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Under the leadership of Bishop Mark, the theme for our pilgrimage will be "... tell the priests to build a chapel here". This years overland pilgrimage will depart on Thursday 27 July returning on Friday 4 August. Those pilgrims wishing to fly will depart from Liverpool airport on Friday 28 July returning on Thursday 3 August. More details, brochure and booking forms are available on the pilgrimage website <http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk> . Young pilgrims (aged 16 - 22) who wish to join us in Lourdes and offer their time and energy to assist and serve the sick and elderly pilgrims are asked to contact Sandy Fairley at the Youth Mission Team (youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for more details.

Online course on Vatican II: Thank you to those who have been in touch to say how interesting/ informative/ helpful/ even 'excellent'(!) you have found the first two podcasts. The next two on *Divine Revelation* are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. They are not time-bound and may be listened to any time. There are also 3 **handouts for downloading or printing:** An introduction to the document; A guided reading of the text; A suggested reading list for the whole course. A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies: 07730 526821.

Bishop Mark will visit the parish this Weekend. He will be at both Sunday morning Masses and will visit St Mary's School on Monday morning.

		This Week	
Wednesday	8.15pm	RCIA	PC Room 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	PC Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	PC Rooms 2,3
Saturday	10.00am	PEP Parents & Children	PC Rooms 1,2,3