

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

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter, 21st May 2023

Sat	20th May	6.30pm	Mary Hannon b'day
Sun	21st May	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) )The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Mon	22nd May	12.00pm 6.30pm	Jim & Jean Dedication of the Cathedral Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm
Tues	23rd May	9.00am	Elizabeth Child RIP
Wed	24th May	7.30pm	John & Amelia Dilworth O.L Help of Christians
Thurs	25th May	9.00am	(School) Kenyon & Noyce families St Bede the Venerable
Fri	26th May	9.00am	Lawrence Bratt Anniv. St Philip Neri
Sat	27th May	6.30pm	Lily Costello Anniv. St Augustine of Canterbury
Sun	28th May	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm  
 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, 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, John Lewis.



ALL who have died recently, especially Fred Trim & Michael Abbott

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward Horne, Mary Cecilia Lea, Cyril Cooper, Frank Clarke, Eileen Costello, Agnes Shackleton, John Reynolds, Pearl McGorty, Janet Bishop, Lily Costello, Jenny McIntosh, Robert Swarbrick, Pat Kelly, Maureen Millington, Lawrence Bratt, Rev Benedict Fenlon, Rev Brian McCarthy, Rev John Wright, Rev Jack McLeish, Rev George Evans

Foodbank Shortages: Crackers, Cordial Crisps, Tinned Fruit, Bars of Soap, Liquid Hand Soap. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed to help Middlewich and District Foodbank staff a joint **food collection at Asda, Winsford on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. To volunteer for an hour slot please copy <https://midcheshire-foodbank.appointedd.com> into your browser. If you can do more than an hour, please alter the drop down slot for duration to 1, 2 or 3 hours. If you want to book a slot with a friend, change the participants drop down menu to 2. Select your time slot. If you can't see the time slot you want, it means that the slot is full or would exceed the maximum number of 3 participants for that hour. Complete your details and confirm. Any queries please contact Nicky Harris at [manager@middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

St Joseph's (Winsford) & St Mary's RC Church (Middlewich) are again joining together to deliver a **Confirmation programme** this year.

Parents/guardians and the candidate are invited to attend an introduction meeting for this year's Confirmation programme on Thursday 15th June at 7pm.

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On Wednesday evenings at 8.15pm, Fr Peter will be showing episodes of The Chosen, series 3, in Room 1 in the Parish Centre. Each episode lasts approx. 1 hour. All welcome

**Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life. Dates: 26-28 May 2023. Location Liverpool.** The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.** If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)**



### Love the Stranger

In light of the challenges we face in the UK, advocating for the dignity of refugees and migrants amidst a hostile environment, the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) which Caritas Shrewsbury is a member of, welcomes the teaching document *Love the Stranger* from the Department of International Affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). The document speaks into this contested space and reinforces Catholic social teaching, offering guidance on a Catholic response to refugees and migrants.

'*Love the Stranger*' places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story. The document offers 24 guiding principles and has been endorsed by the Holy See, COMECE, CAFOD, CSAN and Caritas Social Action Network members. You can **download *Love the Stranger*** at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/> Caritas Shrewsbury as part of CSAN want to encourage all Catholics to reflect upon *Love the Stranger* and have been part of compiling an accompanying call-to-action as a toolkit to inform and assist the community as we aim to fulfil our obligation to love the stranger in the way that God intends. You can download the call to action at [www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/](http://www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/) and we are keen to support the use of call to action use in parishes. Please email [ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) with your ideas and for more information.

This Sunday is World Communications day. There will be a special collection for the work of the Bishops' Conference

**Reflections on The Church** Having looked at the Council's answer to '*Who is the Church*', we continue our reflections on **Vatican II** with the next question *Lumen Gentium* addresses: '*How is the Church?*' – **what structure did Christ will for her?** The answer is given in **Chapters 3 and 4**, where the immense, complementary vocations of Hierarchy and Laity are explored at some length. Christ is at work in both, in such a way that "...the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfil his mission for the life of the world" (# 37). **Podcast 8** and its **handouts** are now available at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org). A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you cannot access this material, or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 07730 526821 or at [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

We welcome into our Parish Family Theodore Alistair Whelan who will be Baptised this Sunday



		This Week	
Wednesday	8.15pm	The Chosen	Parish Centre Room 1
Thursday	1.00pm	Craft Group	Parish Centre Room 1
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Rooms 2,3