

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

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The Body & Blood of Christ, 11th June 2023

Sat	10th June	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd b'day
Sun	11th June	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int The Parishioners
Mon	12th June	9.00am 6.30pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	13th June	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Wed	14th June	7.30pm	No Mass or Service
Thurs	15th June	9.00am	(School) Celebration of the Word & Communion
Fri	16th June	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Sat	17th June	6.30pm	Lou Costello & Ronnie Dickinson
Sun	18th June	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: None this week
 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.



ALL who have died recently.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank McAleer, Rose McHugh, Mary Lannon, Peter McAleer, Patrick Leddy, Mary Hartley, Clarence Costello, Kay Hartley, George Dean, Margaret Connolly, Lilian Mary Clarke, Frances Twiss, Phyllis Regan, Raymond John Davies, George Neild, Catherine Cannon, George Atkinson, Thomas Sweeney, Ellen Egerton, Lorenzo Cagna, Mgr John Williams, Rev Paul Hughes, Rev Kevin Moorhouse, Rev Hugh Birdwhistle

Foodbank Shortages: Crisps, jam, cream crackers, cordial, packet mash. Thank you.

There are flyers at the back of church advertising various courses: 17/18th June two day course for Married Couples in Altrincham, 15-17 Sept. Weekend for Married couples at Wistaston Hall . 24th June, Discernment of Gifts & Service for Lay People at St Columba's, Chester. Both courses are highly recommended

Please sign the list at both churches if you would like to come to the next Community Mass & Lunch on Monday 26th June. This will be the last one until October

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.

The parish of St Mary Middlewich sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the parish/diocese for the benefit of the parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

Parish Finances: Thank you to all those who have responded to our appeal so far. We have several fundraising ideas, donations and promises of increased regular giving, including giving to the parish the monthly equivalent of the donations to Our Mission Together, which have now come to an end. More ideas and offers would be very welcome, including practical help. e.g would anyone like to adopt the planters at St Mary's which are badly in need of more plants and compost, and someone willing to take responsibility for beautifying them!
 Donations of Tea, Coffee & biscuits for Sunday mornings at St Mary's would save the parish money...every little helps!
 We will let you know what progress is being made each month when the Bank Statement arrives

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/ and we are keen to support the use of call to action use in parishes. Please email ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk with your ideas and for more information.

Sunday 2nd July we shall have our annual Strawberries & Fizz in the Parish Centre after 11.00am Mass. Donations invited for parish funds. Please come and support us and enjoy yourself in the process!

	This Week		
Thursday	1.00pm	Craft Group	Parish Centre Room 1
Thursday	7.00pm	Confirmation Meeting	Parish Centre Room 1,2,3
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3

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. 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.

One of the suggestions for improving our financial situation is that we should have a monthly second collection (some of you will remember when this was a regular thing). We have decided to try this "Rescue Fund" on the last Sunday of each month until the account reaches a healthy level. If you can't afford to increase your weekly giving, this is another way to help.

SPONSORED WALK Sunday 9th July

"Save the date...Parish family sponsored walk in aid of church funds. Meeting in the car park after 11am mass, and finishing at the parish centre where refreshments will be served. Sponsor forms available at the back of church from this weekend..."
 More details from Karen or Amy

Fr Peter is on holiday until 24th June. Weekend masses will be celebrated by Fr Jim Robinson, our thanks to him, and Deacon Tony will be here during Fr Peter's absence.

Items for next week's bulletin should be sent to Carole Worthington: caroleaworthington@hotmail.co.uk or 01606 737070.