

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

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9th July 2023

Sat	8th July	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	9th July	9.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int.
		11.00am	Lisa Maria Barraclough Anniv.
Mon	10th July	9.00am	Maggie Hannon, b'day Mary, Mother of the Church
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	11th July	9.00am	Teresa Mannon
Wed	12th July	7.30pm	Michael O'Keefe Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs	13th July	9.00am	(School) Peggy Murphy Anniv. O.L.J.C. Eternal High Priest
Fri	14th July	9.00am	Simon Finn Anniv.
Sat	15th July	6.30pm	Priest's Int. St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Sun	16th July	9.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners
		11.00am	Pauline Porter Anniv.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only 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 especially Alan Higginson, Shauna Bates & Fr Russell Cooke

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Maddock, Constance Mary Cornwell, Lisa Maria Barraclough, George Bratt, Mary McDermott, Eric Brewer, Fred Bagshaw, Nora Anne Tully, Ron Yearsley, Roy Hewitt, Sarah Millington, William Bannaghan, Solomon Glover, Michael Hughes, Brian Clarke, Elizabeth Christall, Joseph Regan, Anne Baker, Rev Robert Abbott.

Middlewich & District Foodbank:

This week's shortages: Custard (packet or tinned)
 Tinned Potatoes, instant mash, sanitary towels.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Next weekend we will invite you to sign a giant letter at the back of church to show that the catholic community stands with small-scale farmers. The letter has been written by Salina, a small farmer from Bangladesh to the World Bank. She is asking the World Bank to protect the rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds.

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

Thank you to all who donated goods or money and supported last week's strawberries & fizz. £160 was raised for parish funds

We welcome into our Parish Family Florence Mary Doherty who will be Baptised at St Mary's this Sunday



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Parish Finances: Thank you to the kind parishioner who has adopted the Church Planters, and to those who brought in tea, coffee and biscuits for the parish centre. Our cupboard is well stocked!

Thank you also to those who have increased their weekly giving. Increases in monthly standing orders will not become apparent until we receive the June Bank Statement, which doesn't arrive until the end of the first week in July (not yet) We will let you know what progress is being made when we receive it. We have just been told that our electricity bills are likely to increase so, judging from last year's bills, we need at least £15,000 in the bank before winter arrives! Even in summer, monthly fuel bills for last month came to £790

We continue our reflections on **Vatican II, in Part III On The Church**. This time, we ask the question: **'Why is the Church?'** Why does she exist...? The Council's answer is that her mission is to call all people of all times to holiness, which is why she must evangelise. What this means for us is given in **Lumen Gentium Chaps 5 and 6, taken together.**

Podcast 9 and its **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org in the section on 'News and events'. A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara via E: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

CAFOD online event with Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle on Friday 14 July 7-8:30pm on Mission Unleashed: embracing the social dimension of evangelisation. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/volunteer/online-talks> . Cardinal Tagle, a fantastic speaker, has responsibilities for evangelisation in the Vatican and has served as International President of the Catholic Church's social action network, Caritas, of which CAFOD is a member.

		This Week	
Sunday	12.00pm	Family Sponsored Walk	
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3

FAMILY SPONSORED WALK

This Sunday, 9th July. Sponsor Forms available from the back of church.

We will meet after 11am mass; the walk is mainly along the canal and should take a maximum of 2 hours, finishing back at St. Mary's church. Everyone will be given a copy of the route and can go at their own pace. Refreshments will be served in the Parish centre at the end for anyone who wishes to join us. Any donations towards refreshments will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, and we hope that we can raise plenty of money towards parish funds. Please can all money raised be brought into church, and given to Molly....thank you in advance .

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the Bibles for our First Communion children. They were much appreciated. Please continue to pray for all our young families. Every Blessing from all the Catechists.

The funeral Service for Alan Higginson will be celebrated by Deacon Tony at Vale Royal Crematorium at 1.00pm on Monday 10th July.

