

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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16th July 2023

Sat	15th July	6.30pm	Priest's Int
Sun	16th July	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Pauline Porter Anniv.
Mon	17th July	9.00am 6.30pm	Mary & George Stevens Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	18th July	9.00am	Damian Comer
Wed	19th July	1.00pm 7.30pm	Requiem Mass for Shauna Bates <i>St John Plessington</i> No Mass or Service
Thurs	20th July	9.00am	Jessie & Arthur Hodgkinson RIP
Fri	21st July	9.00am	Private Int Y
Sat	22nd July	6.30pm	Anne Casey B'day <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>
Sun	23rd July	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 .

ALL who have died recently especially Shauna Bates & Fr Russell Cooke

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Mary Steven, William Innes, Molly Galbraith, Lily Theresa Whalley, Mary Kirkham, Sr Ruth, Ann Haggerty, John McHale, Andrew Regan, Ray Richardson, Esther Fazackerley, Arthur Wardle, Joan Kerr, Peggy Flynn, Margaret Maguire, Judith Fisher, Rev Michael Wentworth

Middlewich & District Foodbank:

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

CAFOD CAMPAIGN: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

This 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.

We welcome into our Parish Family Nova Boavido Espirito Sancto who will be Baptised at St Mary's this Sunday



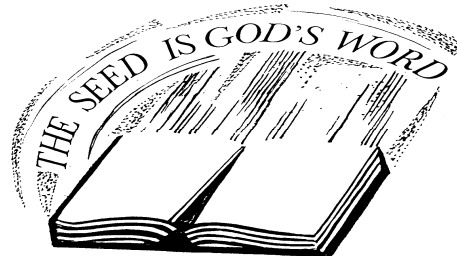
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Parish Finances: Thank you to the kind parishioner who has adopted the Church Planters, and to those who brought in tea, coffee and biscuits for the parish centre. Our cupboard is well stocked!

Thank you also to those who have increased their weekly giving. Thanks to your generosity and to several parishioners who have made substantial donations, the June Bank statement has finally showed an increase! We now have £8,000, an increase of £3,000 last month. We do not expect such an increase this month as things which have been on hold for months will now have to be paid, but hopefully this will not result in a drop in reserves. We will continue with our monthly "Rescue Fund" collection in a fortnight.

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.



FAMILY SPONSORED WALK

Thank you to all who took part in the walk and those who sponsored them or donated money. Please can all sponsor money be given to Molly in the next two weeks.

Many thanks to Karen and Amy for their great work in organising it.

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.



This Sunday at 6.30pm, Churches Together Prayer & Praise at St Mary's. All welcome

This Week
 Friday 9.45am Mothers' Prayers Parish Centre Room 4