

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

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30th July 2023

Sat	29th July	6.30pm	Priest's Int. <i>Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i>
Sun	30th July	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners George & Mary Stevens
Mon	31st July	9.00am 6.30pm	Peter Hannon <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	1st Aug	9.00am	Mike & Kathleen Young, Wedd. Anniv. <i>St Alphonsus Ligouri</i>
Wed	2nd Aug	7.30pm	Jack Laverack Anniv.
Thurs	3rd Aug	9.00am	Shauna Bates RIP <i>St Oswald</i>
Fri	4th Aug	9.00am	Liz Segrave RIP <i>St John Vianney</i>
Sat	5th Aug	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	6th Aug	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. John Stoneley b'day

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 .

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Annie Gilligan, John Oldfield, Christopher Wood, Dora Greenwood, Dorothy Richardson, Barbara Parkin, Dorothy Keen, Mary McCooney, Winifred Carter, Peggy O'Dea, Jim Quinn, Zeko Perocevic, George Wickham, Eileen Carroll, Mary Ryan, Rev Richard Dunphy.

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

CAFOD CAMPAIGN: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Thank you to all who signed the letter to show their support for 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.

Thank you for your donations to Stella Maris for seafarers. We collected £111.20. Thank you

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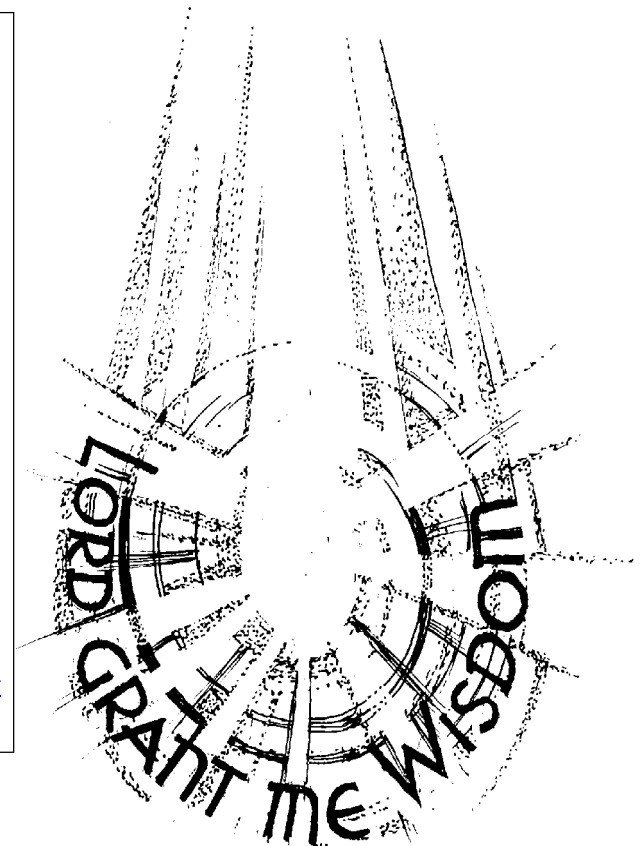
Thank you those who have given in Mass Intentions. We still have plenty of room for more, whilst Mass is still celebrated every day. If anyone would like extra masses celebrated for friends or family, alive or dead, please put the offering in an envelope and write the intention on it and either give it to Molly, put it in the Holmes Chapel bag or put it through the presbytery door

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 this weekend and will update you when the next Bank Statement arrives.

FAMILY SPONSORED WALK
Thank you to all who took part in the walk and those who sponsored them or donated money. It was very successful as a fundraiser as well as a social event and made £490 for parish funds. 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.

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.



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