

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

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October 2023

Sat	30th Sept	6.30pm	Dec Mem Whittingham family
Sun	1st Oct	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. The Parishioners
Mon	2nd Oct	9.00am 6.30pm	Kathleen & Frank Jones <i>Guardian Angels</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	3rd Oct	9.00am	Pat Bomford
Wed	4th Oct	7.30pm	No Mass or Service <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>
Thurs	5th Oct	9.00am	(school) Celeb of the W & Comm <i>St Maria Faustina Kowalska</i>
Fri	6th Oct	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Sat	7th Oct	6.30pm	Priest's Int. <i>O.L. of the Rosary</i>
Sun	8th Oct	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Patsy Murray Anniv.

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: Ellen Gallagher, Val Costello, Bert Whitehead, James Heyes, Fred Fletcher, Doris McSpadden, James Malone, Bernard Barnes, Jane Sponge, Norman Charles Rota, Carol Webster, Francis Horricks, Ernie Nicholson, Norman Bailes, Rev James Savage, Rev Patrick Brizzell

Middlewich & District Foodbank: This week's shortages: Sponge Puddings, Crackers, Toilet Roll, Angel Delight, Jelly.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Please donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use the envelope available in church this weekend or give online at cafod.org.uk. Many thanks.

We welcome into our Parish Family Evelyn Rae Sian Alcock who will be baptised this Sunday



Our Monthly Community Mass & Lunch starts again on 16th October. Please sign the list which is at the back of both churches by next weekend at the latest if you would like to come. If you need transport please let Molly know asap.

Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service for all who have lost a baby or have been unable to conceive. 22 Oct 2.30pm at Manchester Cathedral. See posters for details.
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Parish Finances: Thank you to those who have increased their weekly giving. Our monthly "Rescue Fund" collection will take place this weekend. We hope to give you the latest update on finances next weekend (if the bank statements arrive in time!)

Run Alpha Runcorn (Catholic Context) Saturday 21st October, 10am-4pm
 Priests and lay leaders often have questions about whether Alpha can work in their parish. Michael Roche (Alpha UK Catholic Context) will host this event which is designed to give you the opportunity to experience sample Alpha sessions, discover how Alpha works in a Catholic parish setting, hear from other parishes already running Alpha, and most importantly to give you space to ask all your questions. Register your place at [Catholic Run Alpha: Runcorn — Alpha UK - Got questions about faith? - Ask At Alpha](http://CatholicRunAlphaRuncorn—AlphaUK-Gotquestionsaboutfaith?-AskAtAlpha) This is an in-person event and is free. Lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. **Venue:** St Edward's RC church Ivy Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5NZ

This Coming Wednesday, 4th Oct, Fr Peter and Deacon Chris will go on pilgrimage to Fatima with a small group of parishioners, returning the following Wednesday. Fr Jim will celebrate the weekend Masses and Deacon Tony will be here during their absence. The parish office will also function as usual!
 The weekend following their return i.e. 14/15th Oct we have the annual diocesan appeal from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, who work in different countries of the world to support the poor and marginalised. They serve the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people

Volunteers needed at Middlewich & District Food Bank
 We are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of different Foodbank roles with commitments varying from 2 hours a month to 2 and a half hours a week. These include a car supervisor to look after the foodbank car, fundraisers, a community coordinator to link with local businesses and community groups, supermarket food collectors and food parcel distributors. For further details see the noticeboard at the back of church or use the following link <https://middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/> for more details. To apply contact Nicky on 07712 279 949 or email info@middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

SYCAMORE WEBINAR A webinar about the Sycamore, a tool for evangelisation in parishes, will take place on Thursday 5th October at 7pm. Clare Dancaster and Natalie Orefice will provide the story of Sycamore, introducing the pathways, how to get started, a walkthrough of resources and support and training. This is an opportunity to discover how to use Sycamore in your parish. For more information or if you have any questions, please email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org telephone: 07730 526826 or to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar11/tickets-676609335737>. [Online Event Page | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar11/tickets-676609335737)

UPDATE ON SALINA'S BIG LETTER.
 Back in July. many of you signed Salina's Big Letter to the World Bank as part of CAFOD's campaign to stop the World Bank pushing for seed privatisation. Over 600 hundred parishes from England and Wales also took part. The hundreds of letters will be delivered to the World Bank during their Annual Meeting in October. A delegation from CAFOD will attend the World Bank meetings in Morocco and speak to their senior staff directly about seed policy, and then the big letters will be handed in to their London HQ on Wednesday October 11th. This is a long-term struggle, but progress so far has been encouraging. Thank you for playing a part in it.

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.

This Week			
Sunday	11.00am	PEP Celebration Mass	St Mary's
Monday	5.45pm	PEP Parents & Children	PC 1,2,3
Tuesday	7.00pm	Scripture Group	Zoom
Thursday	7.00pm	Confirmation Group	PC 1,2,3,4
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler group	Parish Centre room 2,3