

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

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**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th October 2023**

Sat	7th Oct	6.30pm	<b>Priest's Int. O.L. of the Rosary</b>
Sun	8th Oct	9.00am 11.00am	<b>(H Chapel) The Parishioners Prisoners' Sunday</b> <b>Patsy Murray Anniv</b>
Mon	9th Oct	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b> <i>St John H Newman</i> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	10th Oct	9.00am	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b>
Wed	11th Oct	7.30pm	<b>No Mass or Service</b>
Thurs	12th Oct	9.00am	<b>(school) Angela Smyth RIP</b>
Fri	13th Oct	9.00am	<b>Teresa Kelly RIP</b>
Sat	14th Oct	6.30pm	<b>The Parishioners</b>
Sun	15th Oct	9.00am 11.00am	<b>(H Chapel) Priest's Int.</b> <b>Peter McAleer b'day</b>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm & on request  
 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: Anthony Ruane, Bridget Doolan, Wilfrid Whittingham, Margaret Daniels, John Egan, Arthur Adderley, Jim McDermot, Maureen Hitchen, John Evans, Trudie Whitehead, Timothy O'Sullivan, James McGorty, Ellen Ryan, Alfred Lomas, Philip Carr, Gladys Bannaghan, Patrick J Devaney, Mary Sweeting, Frances Booth, Madge Lynch, James Malone, Oswald Sant, John McEwen Telfer, Mary Graham, Barbara Rice, Rev Vincent Davenport, Rev James Murphy, Rev Leo Holleron

**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](http://cafod.org.uk). Many thanks.

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

Our Monthly Community Mass & Lunch starts again on 16th October. Please sign the list which is at the back of both churches this weekend 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. SAYINGGOOD-BYE.ORG

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**Parish Finances:** Thank you to those who have increased their weekly giving. Our monthly "Rescue Fund" collection raised £250. We hope to give you the latest update on finances next weekend (September bank statements not yet arrived)

**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](#) 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

Next weekend 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. One of the sisters will speak at all Masses and there will be a retiring collection for the Sisters.

**KNITTED BIBLE EXPERIENCE AT ST. LUKE'S PARISH CHURCH HOLMES CHAPEL** 35 scenes from the Bible are re-imagined using knitted characters. Many favourites from the Old and New Testaments. Open to the Public SUN 8th 2-5pm, WED 11th & THURS 12th 6-9pm

CAFOD invite you to an [online event](#) on Thursday 12 October at 7pm to reflect on what Pope Francis has published in [Laudate Deum: to all people of good will on the climate crisis](#), his new Exhortation on the environment, a [follow up](#) to his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. You can register for the event on the CAFOD website by going to the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> and scrolling down to online talks or register & watch later as a recording.

**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](mailto: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, email: [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) telephone: 07730 526826 or to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar/1/tickets-676609335737>. [Online Event Page | Eventbrite](#)

**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.

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

This Week			
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