

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

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd October 2023

Sat	21st Oct	6.30pm	Mike Casey Anniv
Sun	22nd Oct	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.
Mon	23rd Oct	9.00am 6.30pm	Peter Hannon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	24th Oct	9.00am	Deceased Relatives Gagampang Family
Wed	25th Oct	7.30pm	Marilyn Kettle RIP
Thurs	26th Oct	9.00am	Bruno Rocha RIP & Harris family Ss Chad & Cedd
Fri	27th Oct	9.00am	Alison Browne b'day
Sat	28th Oct	6.30pm	Priest's Int Ss Simon & Jude
Sun	29th Oct	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Joan Hartley RIP The Parishioners

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, John McEnaney. Terry Rosiak, Mike Hough.

ALL who have died recently.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Costello, Sarah McGlinsky, John Telfer, Joan Thackwell, Michael Glynn, Terry O'Rourke, Myles Costello, Mary Friery, Thomas Hodgkinson, Elsie Smith, Mike McCrystal, Albert Edward Broughton, Hugh Armstrong, Blanche Ashmore, Ronald Mulgrew, Canon Louis John St John, Rev Michael McCormack

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. We raised £619.40. Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most. It's not too late to give online at cafod.org.uk

Middlewich & District Foodbank:
 This week's shortages: Jam, Crisps, Angel Delight, Rice Pudding, UHT Fruit Juice

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. SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG

Thank you for welcoming Sr Mary Priscilla last week and for your generous donations which amounted to £560. Any late contributions can be given to Fr Peter or left at the back of church in an envelope

Prayer to St Michael to pray for the war situation in the Ukraine and in the Holy Land. Every Thursday evening at 6pm on Zoom. Topic: St Michael Chaplet. Time: Every Thursday evening at 6pm. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/9458449456?pwd=Ym15NEI2UXNrelhncFpGc3JFNTlwdz09> Meeting ID: 945 844 9456 Passcode: MICHAEL

If you would like to do something positive about the war in the Middle East, please follow the link <https://www.lpj.org/posts/a-day-of-fasting-and-prayer.html>

Parish Finances: Thank you to those who have increased their weekly giving. The September bank statements showed an increase of almost £2,000 in our reserves, but we are still £1,500 below what we had at the same time last year, when we almost went bankrupt due to the fuel bills, so we still need more to be secure. The weather has been kind until now but we now need the heating on again. Please be prepared to close all doors and wear an extra garment as we shall need to run the systems at a lower temperature than last year.

Community Lunch Dates: The next Community Lunch will be on Monday 13th November after midday Mass. Please sign up on the list at the back of church. For your diaries: The Christmas meal will be on Monday 4th December

The Diocese is looking to recruit a **Director of Property** due to retirement. The role of the Director of Property within the Diocese is to provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction, to support the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in their oversight and management of the Diocesan Property Portfolio. Further details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date **10 November 2023**.

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Friday 27th October. The Holy Father asks us to fast and pray for peace in the Holy Land and for peace in the world. An hour of prayer for peace will take place in Saint Peter's Basilica at 6.00 pm that evening. Fr Peter will lead prayer on Friday after Mass until 10.30am

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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

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East. Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

Hallowe'en Prayer Event: Churches Together are holding a prayer event to pray against the influence of evil within our community over Hallowe'en. It will be held in St Michael's Church on **Tuesday 31st October, 7-8pm**. All are invited to join us as we pray and worship together in the name of Jesus Christ, before whom all the powers and authorities must ultimately bow.

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