

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

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First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December 2023

Sat	2nd Dec.	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	3rd Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. Gordon Woolridge b'day
Mon	4th Dec	12.00pm 6.30pm	Joan McGrory RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	5th Dec	9.00am	Jack Laverack Anniv.
Wed	6th Dec	7.30pm	Ints of Alan Boyle
Thurs	7th Dec	9.00am	(school) O Keefe & Whittaker families <i>St Ambrose</i>
Fri	8th Dec	9.00am	Stevens Family Thanksgiving <i>Immaculate Conception of B. V. Mary</i>
Sat	9th Dec	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sun	10th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Pat & Peter 80th Birthday The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm & on request
 Sacrament of Baptism: By arrangement

Please Pray for

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.



who have died recently.

whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Edward Ellison, Bernard Barnes, Winefride Pace, Betty Murphy, Wendy Billington, Sylvia Clarke, Franciska Jeglic, Larry Porter, Annie O'Donnell, Ann Smith, Denis Kenny, Annie Howman, Hilda Morris, Edith Duffy, Basil Mannion, Bernard McDermott, John Egan, Denis Charles Magee, Rev Mgr Terence Welch, Rev Patrick O'Brien.

Middlewich & District Foodbank: Sponge puddings, Mayo, UHT Fruit Juice, Male Deodorant, Shortbread Biscuits

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We are looking for volunteers to help with the next food collection at Asda at Winsford on the 15th & 16th December with Mid Cheshire Foodbank. If anyone has a free for an hour or two, they can you go to <https://midcheshire-foodbank.appointedd.com>. Click on the book button, choose the date you want to volunteer on the calendar. In the duration drop down menu choose 1 hour, if you can do multiple hours, can you book each hour separately (so 3 hours would be 3 bookings). This makes it much easier to make any changes needed after booking and saves having to cancel and rebook bookings. In the Participants drop down menu select 1 or 2 people (if, for example you are booking for a husband and wife or with a friend. Select the time slot you want. Enter your name and contact details, check that the date and time of the "booking" is correct and the number of participants (little person icon will have a 2 beside it for 2 people) Press confirm

Parish Finances: Thank you to those who have increased their weekly giving. October Bank Statements show a further £2,000 increase, but the balance is still below last year's and we need it to be at least £2,000 above.. We have just received the first of the winter gas bills, for October, which amounts to £1027, to be paid this month and of which St Margaret's was £482. This is too high for this time of year if we are to remain solvent! Thank you for the retiring collection last weekend which raised £280

World Gifts are CAFOD's range of life-changing virtual gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty. Choose your gift from the catalogues available at church or online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts. Receive a beautifully illustrated card of your chosen gift that explains how your gift can help people fighting poverty. Give your friend or loved one the card and transform the lives of poor families. Gifts start from as little as £4. New for this year Winter Survival Kit, Remarkable Radio and Safe Place to Call Home.

Sr Ruth will be doing a Christmas presentation at the parish centre St Mary's Crewe on Saturday December 9, 2-4pm. Why not come and join our neighbours? The presentation will include, Christmas music: a Christmas powerpoint and Mary's delicious mince pies! It will focus on the Nativity story and the Finding in the Temple. For those who missed a similar event held at St Mary's in Middlewich last Advent all the more reason to come! Contact ruth.agnes@bopenworld.com for details.

This Weekend: Caritas at Christmas Appeal 2023
"Without the support, I simply wouldn't still be here."
 There will be a collection here next weekend on 2/3 December Thank you for your generosity and support. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. You can also donate online at: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please speak to Trish Spencer.

CAFOD's Christmas Fun Run is back this year on Wednesday 27 th December in Bollington. Is there a keen runner in our Parish who could take part and collect sponsorship from fellow parishioners? Or maybe you could get a team of budding runners (and/or walkers!) to meet on the 27 th. Individual, child and family registrations are available. To find out more and to register, visit <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/sponsored-challenge-events/run-for-cafod/christmas-fun-run>. Thank you

"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal
 Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

You are invited to join Fr Peter & Deacons Tony & Chris in the Parish Centre on Saturday 16th December, 10.30-3.30 to reflect on the rich collection of readings for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Tea, coffee and soup will be available. Please bring a packed lunch. Sunday 17th at 4.00pm, Carols and Tree decorating with the children followed by refreshments, stalls and Fr Christmas in the parish centre. All welcome

We welcome into or Parish Family Charles Doherty who will be Baptised this Sunday



STAY AWAKE

This Week

Sunday	11.00am	Celebration Mass	St Mary's
Monday	5.45pm	PEP Children	Parish Centre room 2,3
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre room 2,3
Saturday	10.00am	First Forgiveness	St Mary's