

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

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Second Sunday of Advent, 10th December 2023

Sat	9th Dec.	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sun	10th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Pat & Peter 80th Birthday The Parishioners
Mon	11th Dec	9.00am 6.30pm	Maureen Woodbine RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	12th Dec	9.00am	Special Int IB
Wed	13th Dec	7.30pm	Ellen Bagshaw 100th b'day <i>St Lucy</i>
Thurs	14th Dec	9.00am	(school) John Devaney Anniv. <i>St John of the Cross</i>
Fri	15th Dec	9.00am	Peter Hannon
Sat	16th Dec	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd Anniv.
Sun	17th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: **Saturday 12.30-1.15pm** & 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: Doris Bannaghan, Thomas James Bowen, Tess Haney, Charles Regan, Alfred Francis Barry, Mary Jane Down, Margaret Trelfa, Helen Patterson, Pam Devine, Adrian Prescott, Edward Horne snr., John Cannon, Annie Kucharczyk, Mary Kilkenny, Norma Cassidy, Clarence de Soysa, Jane Conroy, Wm Joseph Egan, James Trelfa, John Devaney, Mary Turnbull, Robert Murray, Annie O'Brien, Elizabeth Twigg, Alice Jones,, Canon Andrew Vincent Campbell, Rev Bernard Hewitt, Canon Rudolph Luczka

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Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

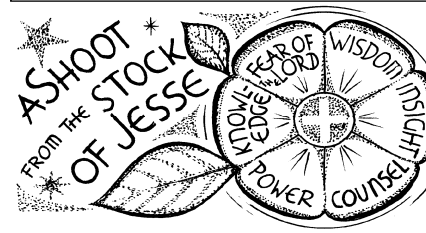
Parish Finances: Thank you to those who have increased their weekly giving. Unfortunately the November bank statements show no increase in the balance as higher fuel bills are now being paid. It is likely that from now onwards our balance will decline proportionately as fuel bills increase. Let us pray that the decline will be less dramatic than last year!

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.

We welcome into our Parish Family Charlie Christopher Mackenzie who will be Baptised this Sunday



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



Christmas Flowers: There will be a collection after all Masses this weekend and next for the Christmas Flowers for church. We could not do our arrangements to beautify our churches and enhance worship for everyone without your support, so we thank you for your contributions

Caritas at Christmas Appeal 2023 "Without the support, I simply wouldn't still be here."

The collection will be held this weekend at St Margaret's. 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 27th 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 27th. 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 Sat 16th Dec., 10.30-2.15pm 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. Sign the list if you intend to come. 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

This Week

Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre room 2,3
Saturday	10.30am	Readings of Christmas	Parish Centre room 1
Sunday	4.00pm	Carols & Tree Decorating Refreshments, Stalls & Fr Christmas	St Mary's Parish Centre