

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

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Third Sunday of Advent, 17th December 2023

Sat	16th Dec.	6.30pm	Rex Lloyd Anniv
Sun	17th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int The Parishioners
Mon	18th Dec	9.00am 6.30pm	Ints of Maggie Hannon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	19th Dec	9.00am	Norma Cassidy b'day
Wed	20th Dec	7.30pm	Caroline Ward
Thurs	21st Dec	9.00am	Ints of Peg Younger
Fri	22nd Dec	9.00am	DRF Young/Costello Families
Sat	23rd Dec	6.30pm	Tom & the O'Hare Family
Sun	24th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Pat Wells Anniv.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only this week until Friday evening
 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: Bridget Naughton, Frank Bannaghan, Margaret Heyes, Patrick Morgan, Ellen Riley, Tommy Cannon, Maria Jakubik, Margaret Traynor, Dorothy Nussbaumer, David Andrews, Mary O'Nerill, James Cannon, Christine Clapham, Marie Therese Loughlin, Ivy Dean, Patrick Egan, Thomas Arthur Eckersall, William Glynn, Annie Costello, Francis Risker, Rt Rev Hugh Singleton, Rev Daniel Canning, Rev John Mooney, Rev John Hoskinson, Rev Thomas Hurley, Rev Denis Herlihy, Rev Kevin Molloy

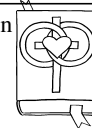
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Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have 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. **November Gas bills, received this week amounted to £1,600** . They will be paid on 23rd December. 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.

Congratulations to Ruby Hannifin and Martin McCarthy who were married at St Mary's last Thursday



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

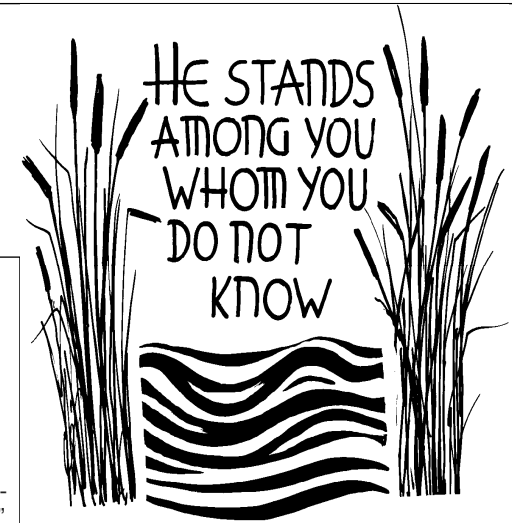
"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal
 Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. 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."

Christmas Mass Times: Sunday 6.00pm Carols & 6.30pm Mass and 10.00pm Mass at St Mary's Monday 9.00am Mass at St Margaret's 11.00am Mass at St Mary's Masses on Sat 23rd & Sun 24th am are not Christmas Masses. They are Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Flowers: There will be a collection after all Masses this weekend 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 has raised £198. There will be a further opportunity to help Caritas through the Crib Collection

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



Sunday	4.00pm	This Week Carols & Tree Decorating Refreshments, Stalls & Fr Christmas No other meetings this week	St Mary's Parish Centre
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