

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, 24th December 2023

Sat	23rd Dec.	6.30pm	Tom & the O'Hare Family
Sun	24th Dec	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Pat Wells Anniv. Carols
1st Mass	Of Christmas	6.30pm 10.00pm	Priest's Int Annette Morris RIP
Mon	25th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Joan Hartley RIP The Parishioners
Tues	26th Dec	10.00am	Vincent Horan RIP <i>St Stephen</i>
Wed	27th Dec	7.30pm	No Mass or Service <i>St John</i>
Thurs	28th Dec	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion <i>Holy Innocents</i>
Fri	29th Dec	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Comm. <i>St Thomas Becket</i>
Sat	30th Dec	6.30pm	Alan Woodbine b'day
Sun	31st Dec	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: None this week
 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, Don Jones.

ALL who have died recently, especially Fr Paul Lomas

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Arthur Geoffrey Broughton, Pat Wells, Crispin Clapham, Peter Clarke, Stephen Barton, David Gilligan, Frances Dolan, Barbara Gadd, Maisie Hughes, Patrick Devaney, John Quinn, Ellen Dolan, Delia Sant, Mary Bennion, Frank Meriandelli, Elizabeth French, Roy Thackwell, Dominic Jordan, Maureen O'Brien, Edward Marks, Rev Norman Carew, Rev Lawrence Watson, Rt Rev William Eric Gasar, Rev Paul Glendinning

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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!

A Big THANK YOU from the Foodbank to everyone who has supported them through the past year. Over 100 Christmas Parcels were distributed this year. Without you it would not be possible!

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 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."



May the Christ Child bring peace and joy to you and those you love this Christmas

This Week
 No groups or meetings this week