

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

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The Epiphany of the Lord, 7th January 2024

Sat	6th Jan.	6.30pm	Priest's Int
Sun	7th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Tom & Ash (Sturman)
Mon	8th Jan	9.00am 6.30pm	Peter Hannon <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	9th Jan	9.00am	Michael Hannon
Wed	10th Jan	7.30pm	Harold Stevenson Anniv.
Thurs	11th Jan	9.00am	(school) Michael & Rosemary Tolkien Wedd. Anniv.
Fri	12th Jan	9.00am	Tony Bainbridge RIP
Sat	13th Jan	6.30pm	O'Hare Family
Sun	14th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. 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, especially Fr Paul Lomas & Don Jones

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Taylor, Thomas Morris, Stephen Farrington, Stanley Smith, Jack Farrington, Michael Hannon, Sydney Thomas Flaherty, Leonard Joseph Storrow, James Kelly, John Killinger, Frank Worden, Eileen Margaret Spenceley, Paul Verechia, Jim Bannaghan, David Maher, Margaret Clarke, Rev Anthony Leonard snr., Canon Maurice Stone, Rev John McDonald, Rev Raphael Velarde, Rev David Morris.

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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. 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!

We are once again desperately short of Mass Intentions. This seems to happen seasonally! If you would like a Mass celebrated for a loved one, living or dead, or for a particular intention, please write it on an envelope containing the Mass Offering, and give it to Molly, put it through the presbytery door or in the Holmes Chapel bag. Fr Peter (like the rest of us) may have over-eaten at Christmas, but that won't last long!

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th—25th January. The programme in Middlewich is:

Thursday 18th Jan at 7.00pm
 Prayer Gathering, MCC Brookes Lane

Sunday 21st Jan at 7.00pm
 Joint CTiM Service, URC Queen St

Tuesday 23rd Jan at 10.30am
 Prayer Gathering, St Michael's High-town

Thursday 25th Jan at 10.30am
 Prayer Gathering, St Mary's RC Church, King St.

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."

Stop two extreme abortion amendments

Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.



This Week

Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3