

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14th January 2024

Sat	13th Jan.	6.30pm	O'Hare Family
Sun	14th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. <i>Day of Prayer for World Peace</i> The Parishioners
Mon	15th Jan	9.00am 6.30pm	Don Jones RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	16th Jan	9.00am	Mary Hannon Anniv.
Wed	17th Jan	7.30pm	Thelma Woolridge Anniv. <i>St Anthony</i>
Thurs	18th Jan	9.00am	(school) Bloor & Davies Families
Fri	19th Jan	9.00am	Peter Hannon 70th B'day
Sat	20th Jan	6.30pm	Louise Turnbull b'day
Sun	21st Jan	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Int.

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, Canon Phil Moor

ALL who have died recently, especially Fr Paul Lomas & Don Jones

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Amy Sandbach, Charles Craven, Margaret Ruddy, Terence Mulhearn, Thelma Woolridge, Don Loran, Kathleen McNamara, Eileen Cooper, Pat Kerr, James Bailey, Mary Clarke, Rose van Hove, Harry Simpson, Irene Marlborough, Margaret Stoneley, Kathleen Hough, Edwin Cannon, Rev Thomas Fee, Rev Henry Leay, Rev John S Wilkinson, Canon John P Marmion



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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. Thanks to a generous donation of £1,000 from a parishioner, the bank statements for December showed a decrease in funds of £600, rather less than we were expecting. We are expecting more high fuel bills in January and there will also be repair bills for the Parish Centre Heating system, which is behaving erratically. Our apologies in the meantime for its unreliability. We have requested a visit from the engineer, but so far have no response!

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 Hightown

Thursday 25th Jan at 10.30am
 Prayer Gathering, St Mary's RC Church, King St.
Please try to attend at least one of these events to show your support for our Christian Brothers & Sisters

"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.

Caritas Crib Collection "Without the support, I simply wouldn't still be here."

The collection has raised £145. Thank you. This will enable Caritas to help more struggling families We have also sent £150 to Mary's Meals and this will be doubled to feed more starving children

		This Week	
Monday	5.45pm	PEP Parents & Children	Parish Centre Rooms 1,2,3
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3