

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

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21st January 2024

Sat	20th Jan.	6.30pm	<b>Louise Turnbull b'day</b>
Sun	21st Jan	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>
Mon	22nd Jan	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>Peter Hannon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	23rd Jan	9.00am	<b>Don Jones RIP</b>
Wed	24th Jan	7.30pm	<b>John McKeown RIP</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>
Thurs	25th Jan	9.00am	(school) <b>DRF Curbison Family Conversion of St Paul</b>
Fri	26th Jan	9.00am	<b>DR Haseler &amp; Crouch families</b> <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i>
Sat	27th Jan	6.30pm	<b>Priest's Int.</b>
Sun	28th Jan	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>Christine Pickles Anniv. The Parishioners</b>

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: Gerry McGrath, James John Maddock, Angela Haran, Margaret Batty, Charlie Demsey, Morton Lambert, Anastasia Butterfield, John Bannaghan, Margaret Hollis, Dominic Flynn, Dennis Bratt, Denis Broad, William Molloy, Vera Williams, Bridget Mahon, Joseph Gray, Henry Jordan, James Ellison, Anthony Lawless, Patrick Clarke, Harriet Lannon, Martin Tully, Rev Terence Hillhouse, Rev John A Quinn, Canon Edmund Quinn, Mgr Francis McGuinness, Mgr Hugh McHugh, Rev Donnan Peter Barron, Mgr Canon Percival Rees, Rev James Joseph Matthews



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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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**The week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th—25th January.**  
 The programme in Middlewich continues:  
 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.  
 In Holmes Chapel:  
 St Luke's 10.30 Wed. Prayer Gathering  
 St Margaret's 10.30 Fri Prayer Gathering

HOLMES CHAPEL CHRISTMAS CARD. HELP PLEASE

Churches Together would like a person/ persons to help with the annual Christmas Card. It involves sourcing a card and arranging for Print and delivery. Plenty of information available. Please contact Bren Shackleton 07739388714. Thank you

**Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Walk of Witness for Peace, Repentance and Reconciliation.**

Assemble from 1.15pm on steps of St Luke's 'bombed out church' at the top of Bold St, Liverpool L1 2TR. The walk starts at 1.30pm, with Stations of the Cross at the Statue of Reconciliation, in Church St (where ashes will be distributed) Lord St and the Town Hall. We walk in support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and for peace in Ukraine /Russia, Palestine/ Israel and in our City. Organised by Merseyside Pax Christi. Contact: Jan Harper 07591082195 email [janhar](mailto:janhar)

### Parish Finances: Emergency

**The engineer has been to inspect the Parish Centre boiler and has condemned it!!** The motherboard has failed and as the boiler is 17 years old, it does not make sense to spend large amounts of money on it, so it will have to be replaced with a new boiler. We do not yet know how much this will cost??? Once again we have to appeal to your generosity. There will be a box at the back of St Mary's for donations. Anyone wishing to give other than by cash, please make cheques to St Mary's Middlewich or see Molly for other ways to donate. It is hoped the work will take place in three week's time. In the meantime the heating continues to function spasmodically. Although we have the money in the account to pay for this work, we shall need it for fuel costs in the next four months, as we know from last year. If you value the facilities that we have as a parish in having a parish hall, please do what you can to help. In this case warm and generous hearts will result in warm and comfortable bodies!

**Diocesan Choir Festival – 'Sing a New Song'** You are invited to come along and sing as part of a diocesan choir. Learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm. We will learn Schutz: Praise to you Lord Jesus, Schubert: Mass in G and more, on Saturday 24 February, 10.30am-4.30pm with Mass beginning at 5pm. At St Anthony's, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Refreshments and registration from 10.30am, rehearsals begin at 11am. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. The cost is £5 per person, payable on the day. Book by completing the form at [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/ DIOCESANCHOIRFESTIVAL](http://tinyurl.com/diocesanchoirfestival) The deadline for bookings is Friday 16 February. For more information contact [reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

There are two pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance in 2024 from Shrewsbury departing from Wirral and Chester. A Jumbulance is literally a Jumbo-Ambulance. It has seven beds on board, spacious seating, an accessible toilet and kitchen. We can take very sick or disabled pilgrims including those needing palliative care including cancer, MND, MS, stroke, etc. We stay in a four star hotel with excellent facilities to care for them and recruit a team of nurses and helpers to do so. The experience for younger helpers is good for the CV, especially those considering a career in health or social care. We all do a DBS. Everyone must be COVID vaccinated. The dates are Thu 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June and Thu 15<sup>th</sup> to Sat 24<sup>th</sup> August. The cost is £1,095 and, as a charity, we are all asked to pay. However, nurses and young helpers under 25 in FTE, pay half. We do fund raising to help support those who cannot afford the full amount. Travel Insurance is available at just £70, which is a snip for those with multiple health problems!

This Week			
Thursday	10.30am	CTiM Prayer Gathering	St Mary's
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3