

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

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11th February 2024

Sat	10th Feb	6.30pm	<b>Priest's Int.</b>
Sun	11th Feb	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>The Parishoners</b> <b>Jane Laverack b'day</b>
Mon	12th Feb	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>Alma Bisgrove b'day</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	13th Feb	9.00am	<b>Don Jones RIP, Ss Cyril &amp; Methodius</b>
Wed	14th Feb	9.15am	(school) <b>Priest's Ints.</b>
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	1.00pm 7.30pm	(H Chapel) <b>The Parishoners</b> <b>Andrew Eldridge (sick)</b>
Thurs	15th Feb	9.00am	(School) <b>John &amp; Amelia Dilworth</b>
Fri	16th Feb	9.00am	<b>Briege Sheppard b'day ints</b>
Sat	17th Feb	6.30pm	<b>D. M. Whittingham Family</b>
Sun	18th Feb	9.00 am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>Priest's Ints.</b> <b>The Parishoners</b>

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday 11.30am—12.15pm & on request  
 Sacrament of Baptism: By arrangement

### Please Pray for

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, Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor



who have died recently, especially Terry Rosiak, Joan Collins

whose anniversaries occur at this time: Teresa Cavanagh, Sarah Anne Costello, Ada Bannaghan, Marion Brett, William Gallagher, Monica Kenyon, Fred Ruscoe, Harry Clark, Mamie Hussey, Katie Nolan, Charles F. Heathcote, John Loran, Mary Barnes, Mary Costello, Kathleen Yoxall, Michael Igoe, Margaret Nilson, Michael Ruane, David Ellison, Peter Donnellan, Mr Moore, Myles Friery, Peter Freer, Alan Davies, Peter Labeledz, Rev Edward Carroll, Rev Ernest Daly, Rev Ivan R Burke

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**Walk Through The Bible  
 Old Testament Live Event**  
 Arranged by St Michael & All Angels  
 Venue St Mary RC School  
 Saturday 2nd March 2024  
 See poster at back of church for details  
 For more info: Jeremy Coles  
 07981051776

Due to boiler problems there is no community lunch in February.  
 There will be one in March!

**Loving 4 Life**  
 "Take time out to turn your marriage into a great marriage"  
 Shrewsbury Diocese  
 ongoing formation for sacramental marriage  
 See poster at back of church for details

Best wishes to Alexandra Bannon and Sean McMahon Who will be married at St Marys this Thursday at 12.00pm



### Parish Finances: Emergency

**Heating Update: The engineers have worked long hours to reduce the disruption and the boiler is now installed and working. It is electronically controlled and we need to learn how to control it.**

**Please be patient!**

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. 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! **Thank you for the £1,616 donated (including 2 generous cheques) so far which means nearly half way to our target of £4,000 Please keep up the good work. Due to high gas bills the account balance decreased by £1,000 this month!**

**MICHAEL O' CONNOR R.I.P.** was the first Head of St. Nicholas High School in 1965 until his retirement 30 years later in 1995. His Funeral will be held at St. Thomas à Beckett, Tarporley on Friday 16th February at 10.00am. Please note that there is very limited parking at the Church

**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)

### CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk 200km when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money for CAFOD and help people as they overcome poverty. For more details visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

### World Day of Prayer

An invitation to pray with and for the women of Palestine. On Friday March 1st 2024 At 7pm at Goostrey Methodist Church

### Middlewich Foodbank

This week's shortages are as follows: Tinned fruit, Tinned vegetables, Packet noodles, Tinned tuna fish.

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching and **CAFOD** would like to invite you to join them as we all seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. This year, as part of their reflections on one of the readings of the day, **CAFOD** will be sharing the stories of people from a fishing community in Liberia, as well as a daily prayer and suggested action you might like to take. Join this journey go to [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

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 30th May to Sat 8th June and Thu 15th to Sat 24th 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!

		<b>This Week</b>	
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3