

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

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## First Sunday of Lent, 18th February 2024

Sat	17th Feb	6.30pm	<b>D. M. Whittingham Family</b>
Sun	18th Feb	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>Priest's Int.</b> <b>The Parishioners</b>
Mon	19th Feb	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>Peter Hannon</b> <b>Funeral Service for Terry Rosiak</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	20th Feb	9.00am	<b>Jean Martin RIP</b>
Wed	21st Feb	7.00pm 7.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Jim Quinn, Anniv.</b>
Thurs	22nd Feb	9.00am 2:00pm	<b>Joan Collins RIP, Chair of St Peter</b> <b>(H Chapel) Stations of the Cross</b>
Fri	23rd Feb	9.00am	<b>Don Jones RIP, St Polycarp</b>
Sat	24th Feb	6.30pm	<b>Holy Souls (VH)</b>
Sun	25th Feb	9.00 am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>The Parishioners</b> <b>Priest's Int.</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,  
 ALL Gillian Robinson, Peter Hannon, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, Joan Upton, Margaret Scarlett,  
 Fr Jim McGrath, Mike O'Hare , Robert Harrington, Jean Royle, Michael O'Keefe,  
 Christine McHugh, Edward Evans , John McEnaney, Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor.



ALL who have died recently, especially Joan Collins.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Ruane, Margaret McCarthy, James Millington, Doug Crebin,  
 Jack Costello, Josef Poziemski, Leonard Batty, Winefride Lannon, Peter Rogers, Veronica Craig, Eleanor Hind,  
 Katherine Lawrence, Susan Penny, Arthur Battersby, Christopher Callaghan, Rose Raftery, James Challinor,  
 Renee Lomas, Declan McIlroy, Myles Costello, John Buffini, Norah Gilligan, Seconda Washington,  
 Rev Patrick Egan, Rev Brendan McDonald, Rev Stephen Dwyer, Canon Christopher Dwyer.

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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

**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

**LENT** Every Wednesday during Lent, Stations of the Cross 7.00pm, at St Marys and every Thursday at St Margaret's at 2pm. Day on the scriptures of the Triduum, Saturday 16th March.

### Parish Finances: Emergency

**Heating Update: The boiler is now installed and working. It is electronically controlled, so please do not attempt to adjust it manually!** If you are planning to use the Parish Centre then we must have 24 hours notice so we can set the heat. The total cost for the new boiler was £4,245, so far we have collected £1977 so getting close to halfway. Please can we have an extra push and once again 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.  
 Fuel bills continue to be a concern: Gas bills for January total £2,200.00! We are soon to receive electricity bills from last September onwards—delayed due to change of supplier.  
 Please do what you can to help, every little helps.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Please note the parish Cafod group can no longer accept foreign currency. Thank you

### //////////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.

### Soup Lunches at St Lukes hall (HC)

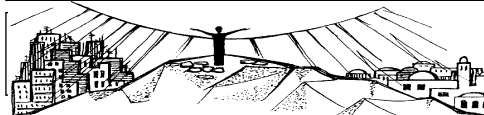
Friday 23rd February to Friday 15th March inclusive 12 noon to 1.00pm, Adults £5, all proceeds to Christian Aid, followed by lunchtime recitals. (see poster for more details).

### St Patrick's Day Raffle

Bottle of Jameson Irish Whiskey  
 Tickets on sale from next weekend  
 Draw in Parish Centre after 11.00 am mass on 17th March, accompanied by Irish Coffee  
 Proceeds to Boiler Fund

### Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment

*Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!*



### This Week

Sunday	11.00am	PEP Celebration Mass	St Marys
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4