

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

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Second Sunday of Lent, 25th February 2024

Sat	24th Feb	6.30pm	Holy Souls (VH)
Sun	25th Feb	9.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners
		11.00am	Priest's Int.
		3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Mon	26th Feb	9.00am	Terry Rosiak RIP
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	27th Feb	9.00am	Alexander Lappukhov RIP
Wed	28th Feb	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm	Joan Coyne (sick)
Thurs	29th Feb	9.00am	(school) Private Int, M H
		2:00pm	(H Chapel) Stations of the Cross
Fri	1st Mar	9.00am	Norman Dyer RIP St David
Sat	2nd Mar	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	3rd Mar	9.00 am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int
		11.00am	Don Jones RIP

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, Jim Herring.



ALL who have died recently, especially Joan Collins.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Edwards, Trudie Duddy, Winifred Reid, Bernard
 McManus, Catherine Higgins, Roger Cregg, Tom Stoneley, John Rush, Agnes Lester, Brenda
 Wakefield, Ronald Francis McLoughlin, Patrick O'Shea, Francis Costello, James Ruane, Michael
 Jennings, Maurice Henry Jones, Harry Beaver, Rev Henry E G Rope, Rev Bernard Lyons

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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

Sunday 3.00pm Stations of the Cross is suitable for children but anyone is welcome.

LENT Every Wednesday during Lent, Stations of the Cross 7.00pm, at St Mary's 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 £2,338 so now over 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 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

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

2 Bottles of Irish Whiskey
Tickets on sale from this 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!



Middlewich Foodbank

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

		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