

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

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Third Sunday of Lent, 3rd March 2024

Sat	2nd Mar	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	3rd Mar	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int Don Jones RIP
Mon	4th Mar	9.00am 6.30pm	Terry Rosiak RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	5th Mar	9.00am	Don Jones RIP
Wed	6th Mar	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Ints of Ormandy Family
Thurs	7th Mar	9.00am 2:00pm	(school) Dec. Mem. Whittingham Family (H Chapel) Stations of the Cross
Fri	8th Mar	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Sat	9th Mar	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sun	10th Mar	9.00 am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Gordon Woolridge Anniv.

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, Michael O'Keefe, Christine McHugh, Edward Evans, John McEnaney, Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor, Jim Herring.



ALL who have died recently.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Clarke, Carola Murphy, Sheila Higginson, Christine Flynn, Amy Murray, Julie Columbine, Annette Morris, John Crowley, Thomas Lee, Mary Maher, Anne Lunt, Peggy Fikrle, Nora Devaney, Thomas Jennings, Frances Milliken, Jean Quinn, Ken Littlemore, Joan Hartley, Irene Reid,

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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 Mary's and every Thursday at St Margaret's at 2pm.
 Day on the scriptures of the Triduum, Saturday 16th March.

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

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 £2,514. so now over halfway. Anyone wishing to give other than by cash, please make cheques to St Mary's Middlewich or see Molly for other ways to donate.

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>

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!

Soup Lunches at St Luke's 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).

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalization of abortion up to birth (*Insert name and e-mail or postal address of your local Member of Parliament*). The *Right to Life* website has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* has helpful information under 'Resources.' The *Right to Life* website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to decriminalizing abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters>

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

Please sign the list at the back of church if you want to come to the Community Lunch on Monday 18th March

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

Preparing for Easter

Fr Peter, Deacons Tony & Chris invite you to join them in the parish centre and church on Saturday 16th March, 10.30-2.30. Chris and Fr Peter will present talks on the Exultet and the readings of the Easter Vigil. After lunch Tony will lead a Holy Hour. Tea and coffee are available. Please bring a packed lunch. There is a list to sign in church if you intend to come

This Week

Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk