

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

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent, 17th March 2024**

Sat	16th Mar	6.30pm	<b>Pat Taylor B'day</b>
Sun	17th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>Priest's Int.</b> <b>The Parishioners</b>
Mon	18th Mar	12.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Don Jones RIP</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	19th Mar	9.00am	<b>Debbie and Tom Green, St Joseph</b>
Wed	20th Mar	7.00pm 7.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Michael Quirk RIP</b>
Thurs	21st Mar	9.00am 11.00am 2:00pm	(school) <b>Damien Comer</b> <b>Funeral Service for Roy Murray</b> (H Chapel) <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Fri	22nd Mar	9.00am	<b>Majella Comer</b>
Sat	23rd Mar	6.30pm	<b>Jim Herring RIP</b>
Sun	24th Mar	9.00 am 11.00am	(H Chapel) <b>The Parishoners</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, Con Daly.



who have died recently especially Jim Herring and Roy Murray.

whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Eveline Hartley, Tom Kerr, Thomas Gadd, Mary

ALL Fahey, Sister M. de Sales, William Jennings, Michael Haysler, Bernard Cannon, Kathleen Wait, Christopher  
 Williams, Bert Hough, Helmut Fuchs, Elvin Hughes, Hannah Kerrigan, Carmel Elliott,

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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!

### Middlewich Foodbank

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

### Parish Finances:

**Good news and a great big thank you for all your kind donations. Including the £177 raised for the Whiskey raffle and recent donations including some by standing order the boiler is now fully paid for !!! We shall continue with our monthly retiring collection until the end of the high fuel bill season.**

**Due to a change of electricity supplier we have to catch-up with payments from last July onwards!**

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### Message from Jo Hopton-Parish Safeguarding Co Ordinator to all Parish volunteers

Email [joannahopton@sky.com](mailto:joannahopton@sky.com)  
 Phone 07786755168

The Diocese has asked that we start the process of renewing the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all parishioners that require one for their role as a parish volunteer. Working from the current list supplied by the Diocese you will shortly receive an email, text or letter from me inviting you to start the process of renewing your DBS. If you receive a request and are no longer volunteering at St Mary's, please let me know and I will amend our records accordingly.

If you do not currently hold a DBS check for your volunteer role but want to check whether you may need one, please contact me by email/phone as above.

If you currently run a group/activity with volunteers assisting you that need DBS checks, it would be appreciated if you would contact me with a list of your active volunteer helpers and their email addresses so that we don't miss anyone from the DBS renewal process.

**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/>

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations of £936.30 (gift aided £256.60) 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](http://cafod.org.uk)

New collection envelopes will be available at all masses on the 23rd, 24th March. Also, as the tax year 2023/24 will be coming to an end on 5th April, the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the tax on Gift Aided donations. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme)

please contact Ken Worthington (07910487815, [worthingtonkr@gmail.com](mailto:worthingtonkr@gmail.com)) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to re-claim Gift Aid on these donations

Please join us after 11.00am Mass for Irish coffee and to see who wins the Irish Whiskey 

		This Week	
Sunday	11.00am	PEP Celebration Mass	St Marys
Monday	12.30pm	Community Lunch	Parish Centre 2,3
Friday	09.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre Room 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish Centre Room 2,3