

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

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Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024

Sat	30th Mar	8.30pm	Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter <i>Steph & Ged McAleer</i> <i>50th Wedd Anniv</i>
Sun	31st Mar	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. The Parishioners
Mon	1st Apr	10.00am	Tom Green RIP
Tues	2nd Apr		No Mass or Service
Wed	3rd Apr	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Jean Royle
Thurs	4th Apr		No Mass or Service
Fri	5th Apr	9.00am	Mary Comer, sick
Sat	6th Apr	6.30pm	O'Hare Family
Sun	7th Apr	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 2.45pm 3.00pm	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. The Parishioners Confessions Chaplet Divine Mercy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request only this week
 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, Michael O'Keefe, Christine McHugh, Edward Evans, John McEnaney, Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor, Con Daly, Kevin McNeil.



ALL who have died recently, especially Jean Royle, Eileen Wickham & Mary Estcourt

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Ryan, Robert Quinn, Ellen Reynolds, Harry Hickland, Margaret Mary Barry, Ada Taylor, Theresa Hazell, Tori Morrey, William Foley, James Jennings, Joseph Turnbull, Mary Fahey, Eileen Morris, Eileen Gilbert, Ellen Mannion, Hugh Ward, Susan Higgins, Hazel Smith, Mary Boynton, Janek Mandziak, Charlie Egan, Rev Philip White, Rev Michael Lloyd, Rev George Crespini, Rev Keith Brigham

Divine Mercy Devotions

Jesus told St Faustina, **'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.'**

There is a novena which can be prayed prior to the feast and begins on Good Friday. Each day has a special intention that Jesus asked to be made, and is followed by the Chaplet (details at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>).

The parish of St Mary Middlewich sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the parish/diocese for the benefit of the parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

Community Mass and Lunch, Monday 15th April. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come. All are welcome, we just need approximate numbers for catering!

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

Email 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.

If you did not collect your new collection envelopes last weekend, please take them home this week.

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) 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

**May the Risen Lord bring joy ,
 peace and hope to all who call on
 his name.**



Our Lady and the Apostles Stockport Pilgrimage 2024 is to Poland. The dates are 23 - 27 Sept 2024 and cost is £630, 1/2 board sharing). Flights are from Manchester to Krakow. We will be visiting St Mary's Basilica, the Bishops palace, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz, Jasna Gora Sanctuary and many other optional visits. Pilgrimage Spiritual Lead: Fr. Martin Onuoha Contact unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com for more information.

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/>

Middlewich & District Foodbank Shortages

Tinned Fish, crisps, long life fruit juice, noodles.

Please note that the Foodbank no longer operates out of the old Police Station in Middlewich so donations can no longer be taken there. However donations can now be taken to our new warehouse at Unit 7 Holly House Estate, Middlewich Road CW10 9LT, preferably on a Monday when the warehouse team is on site between 9-11am (the earlier the better). Other times Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am-11.30am.

Thank you for supporting the raffle which raised £199. Will Maureen Boyle please contact the Presbytery as we still have her whiskey.

