

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, 21st April 2024

Sat	20th Apr	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	21st Apr	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int. Ann Girling Anniv.
Mon	22nd Apr	9.00am 6.30pm	Peter Hannon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	23rd Apr	9.00am	D.M. Whittingham Family, St George
Wed	24th Apr	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Con Daly
Thurs	25th Apr	9.00am 1.00pm	(School) Jean Royle RIP, St Mark Funeral Service for Peter Howard
Fri	26th Apr	9.00am	Norah Hopwood RIP
Sat	27th Apr	6.30pm	Lily Costello b'day
Sun	28th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Ints.

Sacrament of Reconciliation : None 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,



ALL who have died recently, especially: Con Daly & Kevin McNeil

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Cavaney, Michael James Bannaghan, Laura McClean, Veronica Barrett, Thomas Cannon, James A. Cannon, Mary Ryan, Michael Young, Catherine Costello, Mary Edwards, Cicely Sant, Lawrence Lynch, John Gregory, Julia Brennan, Alfred Ernest Horricks, Simon Dakin, Peter Prescott, Margaret Kowalski, Cyril Ward, Vera Fraser, Helen Wickham, John Bomford, Rev John Flood, Rev John Gannon, Canon Patrick J Egan, Rev Robin Sutton, Rev Denis O'Sullivan, Rev Michael Barry.

2024 has been designated as a Year Of Prayer. To assist us in playing an active part in this, the Diocese, in conjunction with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute, has arranged a series of workshops which you can access on-line. There are posters at both churches with details of how to access these



We have sent a cheque for £416 to Mary's Meals for the Ethiopia Appeal. This is mainly money raised from the monthly Community Lunch.

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The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

Message from Mary's Meals

A heartfelt thank you for your precious donation of £416.28. This is helping us to support children in Ethiopia.

The current situation in Ethiopia is dire. A combination of drought, displacement, and brutal conflict has left huge parts of the country in crisis. The two-year civil war that raged in and around Tigray, Ethiopia, has caused destruction and left physical and mental scars on the people there, including many children. Millions of Ethiopians are now facing crisis levels of food insecurity and hunger.

By making this donation, you are bringing hope and stability to children who desperately need it as we work alongside our local partner to bring urgent relief to those suffering.

Thank you for helping children and families in their hour of desperate need.

Eileen Rosiak would like to thank Fr Peter, Deacons Tony & Chris and parishioners for their prayers and kindness during the recent loss of her husband Terry

Foodbank shortages are Tinned Fish, Crisps, long life fruit juice, noodles.

Foodbank collections from Asda at Winsford Each event needs 3 people to stand in the entrance of the store and hand out a card with a shopping list on and then thank customers when they hand the food in on their way out. The day is broken into shifts from 9am to 4.30pm.

The dates are as follows:

17th & 18th May, 14th & 15th June

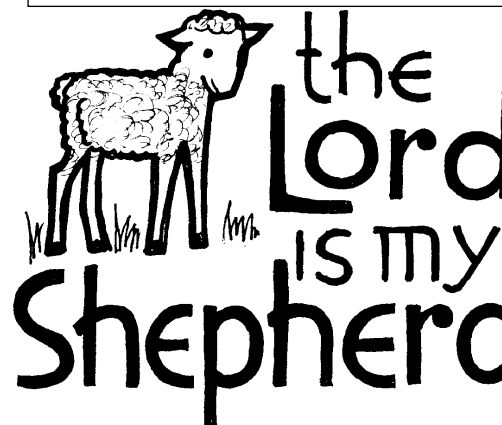
We share these food collections with Mid Cheshire Foodbank and they bring in a lot of much needed food for both food banks.

The May collection will be short of volunteers as the Mid Cheshire volunteers are being used at another store. So if you could help at this one it would be amazing. Only important criteria is a smile! **To book yourself onto the rota:** Go to <https://midcheshire-foodbank.appointedd.com>

We will soon be looking to help young people prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's. If you are in Year 8 or above and are interested in learning more about your faith, deepening your relationship with Jesus and taking steps to receive the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, please get in touch with Gemma (gemma.maria@btinternet.com) or through the parish office within the next 2 weeks.

On Saturday 27th April, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. 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, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

This year's Diocesan Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you have a significant anniversary this year (this would usually be - 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or a 1st wedding anniversary) and would like an invite please let the Parish office have the details.



This week

Monday	5.45pm	PEP Parents and Children	Parish Centre 1,2,3
Monday	6.00pm	DBS Check Meeting	Parish Centre 4
Friday	9.45am	Mothers' Prayers	Parish Centre 4
Friday	10.00am	Toddler Group	Parish centre 2,3