

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, 28th April 2024

Sat	27th Apr	6.30pm	Lily Costello b'day
Sun	28th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners Priest's Ints.
Mon	29th Apr	9.00am 6.30pm	No Mass or Service, St Catherine of Siena Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	30th Apr	9.00am	Celebration of the Word and Communion
Wed	1st May	7.30pm	No Mass or Service
Thurs	2nd May	9.00am	(School) Celebration of the Word and Communion, St Athanasius
Fri	3rd May	9.00am	Celebration of the Word and Communion, Ss Philip & James
Sat	4th May	6.30pm	Ryk Iwancz RIP, The English Martyrs
Sun	5th May	9.00am 11.00am	(H Chapel) Priest's Ints. The Parishioners

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 Scarlet, 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: Kevin McNeil

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sydney Smith, Geoffrey Hadcroft, Eric Buddle, Albert Gallagher, James Lannon, Arthur Gilford, Irene Fogg, Geraldine Williams, Patricia Brewer, Ida Irwin, Lucy Taylor, Peter Clarke, Patrick Devine, Amy Graham, Margaret O'Leary, Louis Bernard Battersby, Michael Sinclair, Philip O'Sullivan, Elsie Kettle, Rev Eugene Anthony Pinnington.

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.



Thank you for your very kind donations at St Marys for the Easter Flowers which raised £220.64.

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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.

Foodbank shortages

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>**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th-18 th MAY 2024
 On Sunday May 12 th, there is a united service for Christian Aid at St Lukes Church at 10.30am. Christel Langdon-Griffiths, from Christian Aid will be speaking about its work during the service - all are welcome!
 Envelopes will be available at St Margaret's in Holmes Chapel on Sunday 12th May for your donation. Alternatively we hope that you may feel able to donate using this On-Line Platform specifically for Christian Aid Week found by using this link online:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/holmes-chapel-christian-aid-week-2024>

Alternatively, cheques payable to Christian Aid can be sent to Caroline Wood,

53 Coniston Drive CW4 7LB or Anne O'Keefe, 89 Needham Drive Cranage CW4 8FB

Next weekend there will be an urgent appeal at all Masses for CAFOD for the SUDAN emergency. Please be as generous as you can.

Year of Prayer 2024

Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! **On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm.** Email Natalie Orefice for the link to

join: Natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Please note that this Thursday the Parish Centre is being used for the Elections and so access will be restricted.

Please contact Helen Armsden for access.

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