



**Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich
serving St. Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel**

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Entrance Antiphon

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. (Cf. Ps 25
(24): 15-16)**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8, 11. R8a

The Lord is compassionate and gracious

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

Communion Antiphon

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by
your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for
ever singing your praise. (Cf. Ps 84 (83): 4-5)**

Message from Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: You are invited by Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to join them in prayer, saying the Rosary together via Zoom on Wednesdays during Lent. Details from secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

**LMA Lenten Talks - Mysticism and Modernity in the Christian West
Thursdays in Lent at 7pm**

27th March Fr Nicholas Kern - **Christianity and Buddhism**

St Gabriel's Alsager.

3rd April Fr David McLoughlin - **The Spirituality of Eastern Christianity**

St Mary's Crewe.

See poster at the back of church.

Overseas Aid On 25 February the Prime Minister announced that the aid budget will be cut again, meaning that it will be at its lowest level since 1999. The result will be that in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. Please contact your MP urgently at <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign> and ask them to take action to ensure that the UK does not turn its back on those most in need.

CAFOD – The Big Lent Walk

Big Lent Walk Update. We have walked over 90k and raised £145 so far. Please use the Just giving link below:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-big-lent-walk1103>

Thank you for your support. Kath & Phil.

Community Lunch

Please sign the list at the back of church by Sunday March 30th for the community lunch on Monday April 7th. The next two lunch dates are Monday May 12th and Monday June 9th. The next date TBC will be in October.

Barnabus Charity for the Homeless

Steve Best, from the Methodist Church, is a Trustee of Barnabus. He will speak to us about the Charity after 9.00am Mass in St Margaret's on Sunday 6th April.

Third Sunday of Lent 23rd March 2025

Sun	23 rd Mar	9.00am	(Holmes Chapel) John & Jane Brazier intentions
Sun	23 rd Mar	11.00am	Eileen Wickham RIP (1 st anniversary)
Mon	24 th Mar	9.00am 6.30pm	Priest's intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	25 th Mar	9.00am	Priest's intentions, <i>The Annunciation of The Lord</i>
Wed	26 th Mar	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Ruth Stonely RIP
Thurs	27 th Mar	9.00am	(School) Priest's intentions
Fri	28 th Mar	9.00am	Priest's intentions
Sat	29 th Mar	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Bill Armsden anniversary Mike and Rita O'Hare intentions
Sun	30 th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Priest's intentions The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am to 12.15pm

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, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Jim McGrath, Mike O'Hare, Robert Harrington, Michael O'Keefe, Christine McHugh, Edward Evans, Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor, Catherine McIntosh, Doreen Stevenson, Margaret Strong, Caroline De Vere, Mike Sproston Snr., Frank Holbrook.

Who have died recently: especially Ruth Stonely.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Wickham, Hannah Kerrigan, Fr. W. Kinsella, Carmel Elliott, Mary Cannon, Bridget McHale, Margaret Groarke, Winifred Parkin, Theresa Gore, Margaret Ruane, Vera Kathleen Mercer, Tony O'Reilly, Gerard Shirley, Ellen Horsfield, Mary O'Keefe, Marie Dakin, Anthony Carr, Thomas Costello, Bill Armsden, Rev George Barrett, Rev Fred Beddow, Canon Joseph Cahill, Canon Brendan Hoban.

14 Stations of the Cross

St Mary's after Friday Mass until 11th April.

St Margaret's Homes Chapel 2pm on Thursdays until 10th March.

Confessions & Holy Hour 10.00am on 5th April at St Margaret's

Taize Prayer Service at St. Margaret's on 4th of April at 7pm

Holy Rosary after every week day Mass throughout the Year

Lent Day of Reflection Friday 11th April 7-9pm Parish centre

Lent Talks at St Joseph's, Sale

Lent Series of Talks on **Faith, Hope and Love** with Mrs Natalie Orefice and Fr David Irwin at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hope Rd, Sale M33 3BF. At **7pm on 25th March and 1st April**. The evening will conclude with Adoration and Compline. For Further details please contact Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07730 526826.

Gift Aid Scheme - Message from Ken Worthington

New boxes of offertory envelopes will be available for collection at masses on the 22nd and 23rd of March. If you do not currently have a named box of envelopes and would like one, please contact Ken Worthington (07910487815, worthingtonkr@gmail.com) with your name, address and whether you attend Middlewich or Holmes Chapel Mass.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: There will be an informal meeting on Wed 9 April at 7pm, in St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA to reflect on the role and purpose of the Hospitality, with a view to developing a more unified vision. All members are welcome. Please email secretary @teamshrewsbury.co.uk if you would like to attend.

This Week in the Parish Centre

Sunday	Children's Liturgy	11.05am	Parish Centre
Monday	FHCP	6.00pm	Parish Centre
Wednesday	RCIA	7.15pm	Room 1
Friday	Mothers' Prayers	9.45am	Room 4
Friday	Mums and Tots	10.00am	Room 2, 3