

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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent, 22nd March 2020

Sunday	15th Mar	10.30am	Mary Fewtrell RIP
Monday	16th Mar	9.00am	George & Mary Stevens
Tuesday	17th Mar	9.00am	Emily Wickham
Wednesday	18th Mar	7.30pm	Lucy Oxby Special Int. <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Thursday	19th Mar	9.00am	Thanksgiving BH
Friday	20th Mar	9.00am	Private Int (Y)
Sunday	22nd Mar	10.30am	Tony Barton Anniv

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request
Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

Please Pray for

ALL who are sick at home and in hospital: Stephen Grey, Margaret McCallum, Sara O'Brien, Jamie Connor, John Bomford, Nathan Carter, Larry Porter, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Roy Yearsley, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Karen Potts, Fr Pat Munroe, Mary Morris, Michael McCluskey, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Angela Kitchen, Fr Paul Hughes, Deacon Philip White, Martin Armitt, Emily Wickham, Fr Jim McGrath, Marion Bickerton



ALL who have died recently, especially Joanne Barthorpe

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Christopher Williams, Bert Hough, Helmut Fuchs, Elvin Hughes, Hannah Kerrigan, 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, Rev George Barrett

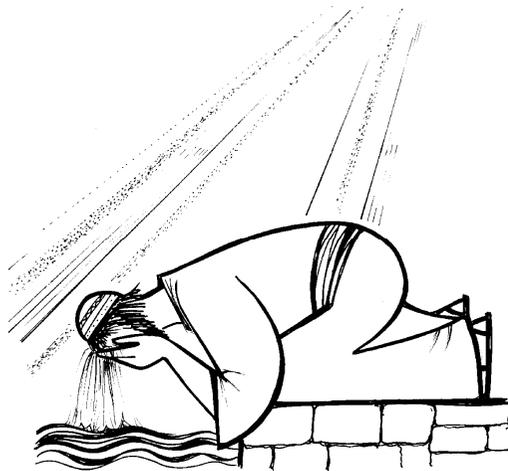
Food Bank Shortages: Tinned meat, Coffee, Toothpaste, deodorant, custard, shampoo

ECUMENICAL WEEKEND has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

Tony & Mary would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards and Mass intentions following the death of Mary's mum.

Cafod Fast Day: Thank you for your generosity. Our parish donated £927.20, a good increase on last year's total.

Visit the Cafod website www.cafod.org.uk for extra prayer resources & online children's liturgy



Dear Parishioners,

You will have heard by now that the Bishops' Conference has suspended the public celebration of Holy Mass. This decision was not taken lightly but as Christians it is our duty to do what we can to support our neighbours.

Whilst we cannot celebrate Mass we want to keep the church building open as much as possible so that people are able to enter, spend a little time before the Lord in the Tabernacle and pray. We also want you to know that Fr Peter will be saying Mass privately in the church at the normal times so please join him in spiritual communion. Masses will be offered for the intentions requested on specific dates Any new requests for Masses should be put through the presbytery door.

The church will be open at the following times in the coming week:

Monday: 9.30-12.00 and 18.30-19.30

Thursday: 9.30-13.00 and 18.30-19.30

Friday: 9.30-13.00

Sunday 11.00-13.00, after Fr Peter has celebrated Mass in private.

These times may change in future weeks

There are various other ways to participate in Holy Mass. There will be live streams available from Shrewsbury Cathedral and Wythenshawe (details at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>) and other locations may be added soon.

You can also read all the prayers and scriptures for daily Mass at: www.magnificat.com/free and the scriptures for Mass at: www.universalis.com/mass

If anyone requires the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please ring the presbytery.

If you are aware of any elderly or self-isolating people who need help with shopping or picking up prescriptions please ring the presbytery as we have a list of volunteers who can help.

On a practical note, we still have to pay bills so, if you are in a position to do so, please put offertory envelopes through the presbytery door: your generosity will be much appreciated. New boxes of envelopes will be delivered to you at home. If you wish to change to giving by standing order, either permanently or during the "no public Mass era," please see the information below.

We would also ask that those of you who are able continue to donate items for the Food Bank, as there will be more clients needing help as the crisis continues.

Please pray for our Parish Community and for those affected by this pandemic and do not be downcast. Remember the words of Our Lord: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." *Jn 14:27 (NRSV)*

Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris

If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact Ken Worthington on 01606 737070