

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

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Third Sunday in Lent, 7th March 2021

Sat	6th Mar	6.30pm	Gordon Woolridge Anniv.
Sun	7th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners
Mon	8th Mar	9.00am	Pupils & Staff of St Mary's School
Tues	9th Mar	9.00am	Thanksgiving (EJ)
Wed	10th Mar	7.30pm	
Thurs	11th Mar	9.00am	Jerry Craven RIP
Fri	12th Mar	9.00am	
Sat	13th Mar	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sun	14th Mar	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Ints of Canon Brendan Hoban

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only .

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment

Please Pray for

who are sick at home and in hospital: Stephen Grey, Margaret McCallum, Sara O'Brien, Jamie Connor, John Bomford, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Roy Yearsley, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Michael McCluskey, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Paul Hughes, Deacon Philip White, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Simon Finn, Mike O'Hare, Canon Brendan Hoban



who have died recently.

whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nora Devaney, Thomas Jennings, Frances Milliken, Jean Quinn, Ken Littlemore, Irene Reid, Peter McHugh, Gordon Woolridge, John Evans, Maurenn Flynn, Lilian Rota, Carlo Rota.

WANTED: Project Manager for Middlewich & District FoodBank: Part Time (20 hrs a week flexible hours) 1 year contract with view to being extended Salary: £11,440 per annum (£20,020 FTE) Middlewich based, mixture of home and location based working. The Foodbank Project Manager is the face of the Middlewich & District Foodbank and key contact for partners, agencies, community groups and charities looking to work with us. In partnership with the Trustees and steering group, the Manager is responsible for guiding the development of the Foodbank project, including its material resources, financial assets, reputation, partnerships and volunteer body. The Manager oversees the operation of the Foodbank, with responsibility for its efficiency and standards in accordance with The Trussell Trust franchise model. For further information and to request an application form, please contact: simon.drew@middlewichparishchurch.org.uk Closing date for applications is 12.00, Tuesday 9th March 2021 and interviews will be held week commencing 15th March . Full details at back of church and on parish website

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Thank you those of you who have continued to join us, in person or online. We hope that, with falling infection rates, more of you will feel confident enough to return to Mass. This week we will continue to have a public Mass every weekday .Many thanks to the stewards who have made this possible. There is still no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the time being. Please ensure when you leave that you do not group together at the back of church or outside. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the lockdown, coupled with vaccinations, is reducing infection rates. Bishop Mark is hoping to inform us of any relaxation in restrictions asap. Until we are able to return to a more normal pattern of worship, Fr Peter is available by appointment for any pastoral need. **Arrangements for Easter:** Unlike last year when Fr Peter had to celebrate the Triduum alone, we shall be able to have a congregation this year, but numbers at all services will be limited to 50, so demand will exceed supply! We have decided to have a booking system as we did at Christmas. It will be necessary to book for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday 9.00 and 11.00am. All services except Sunday 9.00am will also be streamed. Booking, for parishioners only, by email to the parish office, stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com stating clearly which service you wish to attend, how many places you need & giving your phone no.. Please consider others and do not try to book for everything. **Booking will open at 12.00noon next Saturday, 13th March and emails will be dealt with in strict order of arrival. Do not try to book early: your email will simply be deleted.** Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent?

We have formed a small parish team who are taking on Cafod's Walk for Water challenge this Lent to help give the boot to water poverty across the world. We would love to have a few more people or families join our challenge. We are walking 10,000 steps every day for the 40 days of Lent. If you don't think you could do 10,000 steps as an individual, why not do it as a household total instead? It doesn't matter how you do it, just as long as you put your heart and soul into it. Please let us know if you plan to join us or if you have any queries by emailing: annesturman17@gmail.com. We have set up a whole parish just giving page: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-parish-middlewich-walk-for-water> so all you need to do is encourage friends and family to sponsor you and start walking. You can also donate by putting money through the presbytery door in an envelope marked "Walk for Water" It's going well, keep up the steps and the giving!

Newsletter: Don't forget to let us know if you wish to receive the extended newsletter online. Send an email to stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com.

HOLMES CHAPEL ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN AID GROUP

Giving Thanks for our Vaccines



Here in Middlewich & Holmes Chapel, as more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK. For the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, there is little hope of a vaccine rollout. These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare.

Christian Aid is already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks we can do more.

Please give thanks with a donation to help protect our global neighbours while the vaccine is out of reach.

We have set up an online giving page with Tap Simple on this link:

<https://events.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-364b6>

A suggested Prayer of Intercession: *"We pray for awareness of womens' rights. We pray especially for all pregnant women that they too may be championed and supported by all of us in society, not only tomorrow, but always. Lord hear us"*

Any remaining donations for Cafod Fast Day should be left in church or put through the presbytery door by Tuesday this week.

What's On - week commencing March 7th 2021

- Sun 7th: Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 8th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.
10.30am Rosary via Zoom. Please contact Madelyn Devaney if you would like to participate (01606 833497).
6.30pm Stations of the Cross via Zoom (see below if you would like to join us)
- Tues 9th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am

7.00pm Scripture Group via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Chris if you would like to join us (07751 136957).
- Weds 10th: Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.
- Thurs 11th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am. Life Groups at 7.00 or 7.30pm
- Fri 12th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am. It will also be streamed on Facebook at 9.00am.
- Sat 13th: Stations of the Cross will be streamed on Facebook every Saturday through Lent at 11.00 am. Church open for the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross: Various members of the Parish will be leading Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings through Lent via Zoom. These will all have a slightly different “flavour” from the traditional Stations and will offer the opportunity for different reflections. If you would like to join us please email stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com so that we can send you a link.

Life Groups: The successful Alpha courses that have been run over the last couple of years have generated great feedback. It was apparent that there was still a hunger for people to have an opportunity to continue to meet and openly discuss their faith and relationship with Jesus. The Parish has started a number of small “Life Groups” which meet every two weeks on Thursday evenings around 7.30-9.00pm via Zoom. The format is: General introduction/chat/social time, watch a short video, then an open discussion as to what people made of the video. If anyone is interested in joining a Life Group please contact Gemma McGrory at gemma.maria@btinternet.com