

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

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**Second Sunday of Easter, 11th April 2021**

Sat	10th Apr	6.30pm	<b>The Parishioners</b>
Sun	11th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Priest's Int. George &amp; Mary Stevens</b>
Mon	12th Apr	9.00am	<b>Jack Laverack b'day</b>
Tues	13th Apr	9.00am	<b>Special Int. JB</b>
Wed	14th Apr	7.30pm	<b>Pat &amp; Gerry Scott Anniv.</b>
Thurs	15th Apr	9.00am	<b>Bridie Davies RIP</b>
Fri	16th Apr	9.00am	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b>
Sat	17th Apr	6.30pm	<b>Mary Walshe Anniv.</b>
Sun	18th Apr	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int.</b>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment  
 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, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Paul Hughes, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Simon Finn, Mike O'Hare .

ALL who have died recently, especially Peter Craig, Canon Brendan Hoban & Rev Philip White

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eliza Cregg, John Christopher Kerrigan, Joan Kerrigan, Amanda Jane Kerrigan, Linda Williams, Martin Williams, James O'Hare, Madeline Mary Rutledge, Annie Acton, Frank Challinor, Clement Bannaghan, Elizabeth Rush, Lodzia Jaskiewicz, Margaret Hatton, Patrick Jordan, Agnes Mary Loughlin, Ctherine Anne Duncan, Kathleen Hunter, Patrick Dolan, Peter Kerrigan, Mary Ellen Horne, Rev John Terence Daley, Rev Andrew J Campbell

St Monica's Catholic Primary School, Appleton are advertising for a deputy head teacher. CES application form, job description and personal specification can be requested by emailing the school office. **E-mail: stmonicas\_primary@warrington.gov.uk Informal visits to school: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Closing date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10 am**

**Walk for Water** Congratulations to every one of the team members who took part over the past 40 days in the Walk for Water Challenge and completed 400,000 steps. As at 10th April 2021 we have raised an amazing total of £2,080 which far exceeds our initial target of £750 for one community water supply! A big heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners, families and friends who have supported and sponsored us so generously. Together we have all made a difference to the lives of people like Abdella in Ethiopia. If anyone would still like to sponsor us the justgiving link on the parish website is still active or donations can be put through the presbytery door.

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. Weddings and baptisms are now allowed, but only with 6 people present. Funerals continue to be restricted to 30 people.

Thank you all those who booked for the Easter Services. It was good to celebrate with the maximum number of congregation at all services except the Easter Vigil. May the Risen Christ bless us throughout the coming year. We pray that next year there will be no limit on numbers and no omitting of parts of the liturgy.  
 Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

**The Wishing Well** is a health and wellbeing charity based in Cheshire. They are seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals to south Cheshire residents. 2 hours per day, anything from one to six days a week. Mileage allowance paid. If you can help ring Gill Tarrant on 01270 256919 or email gill.tarrant@wishingwellproject.net. Details on notice board at back of church.

### Take action to stop the climate crisis

This year the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host two major international meetings, the G7 and the UN 'COP 26' climate talks. Britain is in a unique position to show global leadership to tackle poverty, inequality and climate change. As citizens we need to ensure that the Prime Minister does not miss this opportunity. Cafod is inviting us to sign their petition asking the Prime Minister to show the ambition needed to stop temperatures rising above 1.5 degrees and to put the people worst affected by the crisis at the heart of the talks.

Visit [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim). Petition cards are available at the back of church for those who prefer.



An increasing number of parishioners are now giving their offertory by standing order or on line, which is great as it means less work in our accounts dept. However, there is one disadvantage for Fr Peter. Most of you are aware that all Christmas & Easter Offerings go into the Stipends account to help to pay his allowance. If you pay by standing order this does not happen, so income to this account is diminishing. A few of you are already aware that if you still wish to contribute to these and other special collections, you can have a small set of special offertory envelopes which can be used through the year. These are numbered so the parish can claim gift aid on your contributions and you can write on each one the purpose for which you intend it. If anyone else wishes to have a set of these envelopes, please contact Ken Worthington on 01606 737070 or e mail [worthingtonkr@gmail.com](mailto:worthingtonkr@gmail.com)

**New Offertory Envelopes:** You should by now have received your named boxes. If this is not the case, please ring the presbytery

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## What's On - week commencing April 11th 2021

Sun 11th: Divine Mercy Sunday. Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.

At 2.45 the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be streamed and at 3.00pm there will an extra Mass streamed (Church will not be open).

Mon 12th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.  
10.30am Rosary via Zoom. Please contact Madelyn Devaney if you would like to participate (01606 833497).

Tues 13th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.  
7.00pm Scripture Group via Zoom – contact Deacon Chris if you would like to join us.

Weds 14th: Church open for Mass at 7.30pm. It will also be streamed via Facebook.

Thurs 15th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.

Fri 16th: Church open for Service of the Word and Communion at 9.00am.

Sat 17th: Church open for Mass at 6.30pm.

**Confirmation:** Over the last year we have not been able to offer preparation for Confirmation. If restrictions ease as planned then we hope to start our programme in September and will shortly be providing more information. Please pray for our young people at this time.