

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

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12th September 2021

Sat	11th Sept	6.30pm	Cathy Insley Anniv.
Sun	12th Sept	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int The Parishioners
Mon	13th Sept	9.00am 6.30pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion <i>St John Chrysostom</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	14th Sept	9.00am	Celeb of the Word & Comm. <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
Wed	15th Sept	7.30pm	No Mass or Service <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Thurs	16th Sept	9.00am	Celeb of the Word & Communion <i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
Fri	17th Sept	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Sat	18th Sept	6.30pm	John & Mary Comer Wedding Anniv.
Sun	19th Sept	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Int.

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, 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, Mike O'Hare .

ALL who have died recently.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Hodgkinson, Thomas Clarke, Charles Crabbe, Sara Roberts, John Fahey, William Patrick Gallagher, Anne McNeela, Myles Costello, Elizabeth Huff, Richard Bamford, Nancy Blaikie, Wilfrid Costello, Christopher O'Toole, Michael Walsh, Thomas Goulding, Susanna Jurszo, Norman Callister, Elsie Bratt, James McAleer, Harry Wait, Rev Francis Gordon, Rt Rev Gerard Tickle, Rev Michael Elcock, Rev John E Williams, Rev Bernard Houghton



With the return of more normal parish life, we shall need extra help with various ministries. If lockdown has helped you discover a talent for Flower Arranging, Church cleaning or coffee making please consider joining the appropriate ministry. More details later in September!

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The Season of Creation, dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation & the promotion of sustainable lifestyles, runs from 1st Sept to 4th Oct, Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this moment to reaffirm our calling to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of Creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. Cafod have created a Care for Creation Rosary with beautiful reflections based on the joyful mysteries of the Rosary. It can be found on the CAFOD website.

We are now beginning to consider the details of the relaxation of restrictions on the weekend of 25th/26th September, and the re-opening of St Margaret's. At both churches you are asked to continue to social distance. The wearing of masks and sanitising of hands will be encouraged, but not required. Singing by the congregation will be allowed. We will continue with Communion under one kind only. In St Margaret's there will be a one way system for entry to the church and exit Please note that the morning Mass at St Mary's will remain at 11.00am. Mass on Wednesday evenings will no longer be streamed and 11.00am Mass on Sundays will only be streamed on the first Sunday of each month. There will be no limit on numbers so please encourage everyone to be part of the real, not just virtual, community again. Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass will begin again on Sunday 3rd October and there will be celebration Bacon Butties on 10th October. Please sign the list at the back of church to reserve yours! Tea & coffee after Mass at St Margaret's will begin again when we have had a couple of weeks to assess the situation. For the next three weekends all restrictions still apply, so please do not try to "Jump the gun"! Fr Peter,

Apply to work for Right To Life UK. Are you looking to leave a corporate career and instead use your skills and energy to make a significant positive difference to this world? Right To Life UK are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations. Use the link below or see the poster at the back of church.

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Scripture Group Did you realise that Jesus is just as present to us in Scripture as he is in the Eucharist? We would encourage everyone to spend time reading their bibles and reflecting on what they read. Our Scripture Group meets via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm. If you would like to join the group please contact Deacon Chris (deaconchriswells@gmail.com)

St Mary's Parish Reconciliation and Eucharistic programme September 2021 – May 2022

Dear Parents

We would like to invite children in year 3 or above to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (*Forgiveness*) and Eucharist (*First Holy Communion*). Enrolment will take place over the weekends of the 12th and 19th of September after the 11am Mass. The Catechists of St Mary's parish and St Mary's School we will be able to support every family as we journey towards the children receiving the Sacrament of Forgiveness in December and First Holy Communion in May 2022.

For children in year 3 attending St Mary's School the enrolment forms will be sent home with your child. If you would like your child to enrol on the programme please fill in the form and return it at one of the weekend Masses mentioned above when we can give you more details and a schedule. We look forward very much to speaking with you.

If you have any queries please contact: Teresa Wells:

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Every Blessing,

Fr Peter and Team

Fr Peter will be away for the next week. Many thanks to Fr Jim Robinson who will celebrate our weekend Masses. There will be no streaming of Masses during Fr Peter's absence and no Sacrament of Reconciliation. Both Deacon Tony & Deacon Chris are generally available during Fr Peter's absence, so please contact them about any pastoral need.

Have your baking skills improved during Lockdown? We are hoping to have a cake stall when we have our Bacon Butties get together on 10th Oct & need people to volunteer to bake for the stall. If you can help please email Molly or ring after next Friday!