

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

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Pentecost Sunday, 28th May 2023

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| Sat | 27th May | 6.30pm | Lily Costello Anniv. <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> |
| Sun | 28th May | 9.00am 11.00am | (H Chapel))Priest's Int. The Parishioners |
| Mon | 29th May | 9.00am | Peter Hannon |
| Tues | 30th May | 9.00am | Elizabeth Child RIP |
| Wed | 31st May | 7.30pm | Annette Morris RIP |
| Thurs | 1st June | 9.00am 11.30am | Rosemary & Michael Tolkien Funeral Service for Fred Trim |
| Fri | 2nd June | 9.00am | Jessie Hodgkinson RIP |
| Sat | 3rd June | 6.30pm | Priest's Int. |
| Sun | 4th June | 9.00am 11.00am | (H Chapel) The Parishioners Ints of McAleer Family |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am—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, Peter Hannon, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, Joan Upton, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Jim McGrath, Mike O'Hare, Robert Harrington, Jean Royle, Cath Price, Michael O'Keefe, Christine McHugh, Edward Evans.



ALL who have died recently, especially Fred Trim & Michael Abbott

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Berry, Emmie Bomford, Thomas Morris, Thomas Muskett, Tony Morris, Helen Elvins, Anthony Fallon, Rose Flynn, William Christall, Stephen Wormald, James Naughton, John Fahey, Catherine Smith, Alfred Down, Elizabeth Arrowsmith, Paul Upton, Agnes Maria Battersby, Bishop Moriarty, Ann Goulding, Mabel Glover, Mary Helena Marmion, Rev Robert Abbott,

Foodbank Shortages: Custard (powder, instans or tinned), jam, cordial, cream crackers. Thank you. Volunteers are needed to help Middlewich and District Foodbank staff a joint **food collection at Asda, Winsford on June 2nd and 3rd**. To volunteer for an hour slot please copy <https://midcheshire.foodbank.appointedd.com> into your browser. If you can do more than an hour, please alter the drop down slot for duration to 1, 2 or 3 hours. If you want to book a slot with a friend, change the participants drop down menu to 2. Select your time slot. If you can't see the time slot you want, it means that the slot is full or would exceed the maximum number of 3 participants for that hour. Complete your details and confirm. Any queries please contact Nicky Harris at manager@middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

St Joseph's (Winsford) & St Mary's RC Church (Middlewich) are again joining together to deliver a **Confirmation programme** this year.

Parents/guardians and the candidate are invited to attend an introduction meeting for this year's Confirmation programme on Thursday 15th June at 7pm.

The parish of St Mary Middlewich sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the parish/diocese for the benefit of the parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

On Wednesday evenings at 8.15pm, Fr Peter will be showing episodes of The Chosen, series 3, in Room 1 in the Parish Centre. Each episode lasts approx. 1 hour. All welcome

Parish Finances: Thank you to all those who have responded to our appeal so far. We have several fundraising ideas, donations and promises of increased regular giving, including giving to the parish the monthly equivalent of the donations to Our Mission Together, which have now come to an end. More ideas and offers would be very welcome, including practical help. e.g would anyone like to adopt the planters at St Mary's which are badly in need of more plants and compost, and someone willing to take responsibility for beautifying them!

We welcome into our Parish Family Riley James Dale who will be Baptised this Sunday



Thank you for your contribution to World Communications day. £157.58 was given.

Reflections on The Church Having looked at the Council's answer to '**Who is the Church**', we continue our reflections on **Vatican II** with the next question **Lumen Gentium** addresses: '**How is the Church?**' – **what structure did Christ will for her?** The answer is given in **Chapters 3 and 4**, where the immense, complementary vocations of Hierarchy and Laity are explored at some length. Christ is at work in both, in such a way that "...the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfil his mission for the life of the world" (# 37). **Podcast 8** and its **handouts** are now available at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. A leaflet outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you cannot access this material, or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 07730 526821 or at barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Love the Stranger

In light of the challenges we face in the UK, advocating for the dignity of refugees and migrants amidst a hostile environment, the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) which Caritas Shrewsbury is a member of, welcomes the teaching document *Love the Stranger* from the Department of International Affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). The document speaks into this contested space and reinforces Catholic social teaching, offering guidance on a Catholic response to refugees and migrants.

'*Love the Stranger*' places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story. The document offers 24 guiding principles and has been endorsed by the Holy See, COMECE, CAFOD, CSAN and Caritas Social Action Network members. You can **download *Love the Stranger*** at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/> Caritas Shrewsbury as part of CSAN want to encourage all Catholics to reflect upon *Love the Stranger* and have been part of compiling an accompanying call-to-action as a toolkit to inform and assist the community as we aim to fulfil our obligation to love the stranger in the way that God intends. You can download the call to action at www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/ and we are keen to support the use of call to action use in parishes. Please email ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk with your ideas and for more information.



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| | | | This Week |
| Wednesday | 8.15pm | The Chosen | Parish Centre Room 1 |
| Friday | 9.45am | Mothers' Prayers | Parish Centre Room 4 |