

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

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Passion (Palm) Sunday, 24th March 2024

Sat	23rd Mar	6.30pm	Jim Herring RIP
Sun	24th Mar	9.00am	(H Chapel) The Parishioners
		11.00am	Priest's Int.
Mon	25th Mar	9.00am	Don Jones RIP
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	26th Mar	9.00am	Ryk Iwancz RIP
Wed	27th Mar		No Mass or Service
Thurs	28th Mar	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Jean Royle RIP
			Watching until 10.30pm
Fri	29th Mar	10.30am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness
		12.30pm	(H Chapel) Ecumenical Walk of Witness
		3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat	30th Mar	8.30pm	Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter, McAleer 50th Wed Anniv.
Sun	31st Mar	9.00 am	(H Chapel) Priest's Int.
		11.00am	The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request only until Tuesday
 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, Michael O'Keefe, Christine McHugh, Edward Evans, John McEnaney, Mike Hough, Canon Phil Moor, Con Daly.

ALL who have died recently, especially Jean Royle



ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: 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, Anthony Carr, Thomas Costello, Bill Armsden, John Edward Malloy, Mary Carter, Eugene McNamara, Rev George Barrett, Rev Fred Beddow, Canon Joseph Cahill, Canon Brendan Hoban, Rev Charles Woods, Rev Peter Bravey

Thank you to all who signed the online petition calling for a reduction in the abortion limit from 24 to 22 weeks. Over 100,000 signatures were collected and presented to the PM at no 10.



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

Parish Finances:

Good news and a great big thank you for all your kind donations. Including the £177 raised for the Whiskey raffle and recent donations including some by standing order the boiler is now fully paid for !!! We shall continue with our monthly retiring collection until the end of the high fuel bill season. As the last weekend in the month is Easter there will be no extra collection until April.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality, You are invited to join in prayer with members and friends of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82815763187?pwd=XvQp7xzY7FJ8wJagoDG3aHyWa2nR5q.1>
 Meeting ID: 828 1576 3187

Message from Jo Hopton-Parish Safeguarding Co Ordinator to all Parish volunteers

Email joannahopton@sky.com
 Phone 07786755168

The Diocese has asked that we start the process of renewing the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all parishioners that require one for their role as a parish volunteer. Working from the current list supplied by the Diocese you will shortly receive an email, text or letter from me inviting you to start the process of renewing your DBS. If you receive a request and are no longer volunteering at St Mary's, please let me know and I will amend our records accordingly.

If you do not currently hold a DBS check for your volunteer role but want to check whether you may need one, please contact me by email/phone as above.

If you currently run a group/activity with volunteers assisting you that need DBS checks, it would be appreciated if you would contact me with a list of your active volunteer helpers and their email addresses so that we don't miss anyone from the DBS renewal process.

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalization of abortion up to birth (*Insert name and e-mail or postal address of your local Member of Parliament*). The *Right to Life* website has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* has helpful information under 'Resources.' The *Right to Life* website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to decriminalizing abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

New collection envelopes will be available at all masses on the 23rd, 24th March. Also, as the tax year 2023/24 will be coming to an end on 5th April, the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the tax on Gift Aided donations. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please contact Ken Worthington (07910487815, worthingtonkr@gmail.com) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to re-claim Gift Aid on these donations

Good Friday

Middlewich Walk of Witness starts at St Marys **Holmes Chapel** 11.am Ecumenical Service in St. Luke's, 12 noon Hot Cross Buns in St. Luke's Church Hall, 12.30 Churches Together Walk of Witness - a short walk to the Precinct and back with Hymns and Readings

Middlewich Foodbank Shortages

UHT milk, Long life fruit juice, Tinned fish, Meat paste/spread, Deodorant (male & female) Please note that the Foodbank no longer operates out of the old Police Station in Middlewich so donations can no longer be taken there. However donations can now be taken to our new warehouse at Unit 7 Holly House Estate, Middlewich Road CW10 9LT, preferably on a Monday when the warehouse team is on site between 9-11am (the earlier the better). Other times Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am-11.30am.

Thank you for supporting the raffle which raised £199. Winners were Maggie Hannon and Maureen Boyle (no phone number given so please contact the Presbytery).

