

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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2nd August 2020

Saturday	1st Aug	6.30pm	Lou Costello & Mike Casey <i>St Alphonsus Ligouri</i>
Sunday	2nd Aug	9.00am	Priest's Int.
		11.00am	The Parishioners
Monday	3rd Aug	9.00am	Jack Laverack, Anniv <i>St Oswald</i>
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	4th Aug	9.00am	Private Int. <i>St John Vianney</i>
Wednesday	5th Aug	12.00pm	Requiem Mass for Dorothy Worthington
		7.30pm	Kathleen & Michael Young 60th Wedding Anniv.
Thursday	6th Aug	9.00am	Lawrence Bratt <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
Friday	7th Aug	9.00am	Dorothy Worthington RIP
Saturday	8th Aug	6.30pm	Fred & Ellen Bagshaw, Wedding Anniv. <i>St Dominic</i>
Sunday	9th Aug	9.00am	The Parishioners
		11.00am	Priest's Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation : On request
Sacrament of Baptism On hold until further notice.

Please Pray for

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



ALL who have died recently, especially Dorothy Worthington and Barbara Parkin

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary McCooey, Winifred Carter, Molly Rees, Paggie O'Dea, Zeko Perocevic, George Wickham, Eileen Carroll, Mary Ryan, Con Meschel, James Wilfrid Costello, John McHale, George Galvin, Honorah Joyce, Malachy Young. Rev Richard Dumphy.

Scripture Group every Tues at 7.00pm We use Zoom and look at the scripture (particularly the Gospel) for the following Sunday. If you would like to join in send an email to: stmarysmiddlewichvents@gmail.com as we will need your e-mail address to send the Zoom invitation (e-mail addresses will not be used for any other purpose). This is open to anyone, not just parishioners.

**Welcome back to Mass. If you are coming :
 Wear a mask; Social distance when queuing;
 sanitise your hands on entry;
 Follow the one way system and instructions from stewards (wearing aprons to identify them). Communion in the hand only, no chalice.
 Instructions will be given by Fr Peter. Strict limit of 50, no exceptions. Box for offerings at back of church. Leave promptly, as instructed, at the end of Mass, not before. THERE ARE NO TOILETS AVAILABLE. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE PARISH CENTRE**

N.B. All cheques, for both Mass Offerings and Offertory Collection, should be made to "St Mary's Middlewich" or the bank will not accept them.

Dear Parishioners,
 From now on we will be celebrating public Masses every day. Please do not think this means we are back to normal: There are lots of restrictions and regulations. Masses can only be held in churches which have been approved as fulfilling the Covid secure conditions, so Mass cannot be celebrated at St Margaret's. Numbers at St Mary's are strictly restricted to 50 per Mass, first come first served, Numbers were up to over 90 at the three Masses last weekend, but we still have room for another 60 people! You will only be allowed in if you are wearing a face mask. The same rules apply to weekday Mass. Masses will be shorter than usual but the good news is that you will be able to receive the Eucharist, but only the host and only in the hand. There is to be no congregational singing, you must remain one metre apart, except from members of your own household, and must sanitise your hands as you enter church. You must enter down the side aisles, sit only in the marked places and exit via the centre aisle. This process, and the numbers, will be overseen by two stewards at each Mass. Please follow their instructions. If 50 people have already entered you will be asked to come to another Mass (This has not happened so far). There is still no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, so those who can come during the week are encouraged to do so. We hope to continue streaming the 11.00am Mass on Sundays for those who still cannot attend. After each Mass you will be asked to leave promptly and church will have to be closed and thoroughly cleaned in preparation for the next Mass. The provision of the Masses is dependant on there being sufficient volunteers as stewards and cleaners. We have sufficient volunteers for this week but offers of help for future weekends and weekdays should be emailed to the parish office.

We had hoped to welcome back this weekend some of our parishioners who have been shielding, but unfortunately, due to government announcements, this cannot now happen Let us pray that the delay will not be too long.

We are now allowed to celebrate weddings, funerals and baptisms with up to 30 people, but there are still many restrictions attached to these celebrations, and this could be reversed if there are more lockdown restrictions

There is a lot to take in and rules may change, but let us not lose sight of the fact that we can once again gather to worship together and celebrate Eucharist. Alleluia!
 Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Marys-RC-Parish-Middlewich-Cafod> to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.

Or use CAFOD's Summer of hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope

Those who came to Mass last week said that they felt very safe and it was lovely to be back even though they were nervous about coming, so please follow their example and give it a try!

Nathan Carter has been on our list of those who are sick since 2013 when, at the age of 8 he developed severe stomach & gut problems. After many years of hospital treatment and medication he is finally back to living a normal life without medication. His grandparents, Bren & Peter Shackleton, thank you all for your prayers for him, and Nathan sent this message: " I am beyond thankful to have been in your prayers as you will be in mine. With thanks, Nathan"

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