

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

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 16th August 2020

Saturday	15th Aug	6.30pm	Thelma Woolridge b'day
Sunday	16th Aug	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. The Parishioners
Monday	17th Aug	9.00am 6.30pm	Jimmy Taylor, 90th b'day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	18th Aug	9.00am	DRF O'Keefe/Whittaker Families
Wednesday	19th Aug	7.30pm	Audrey Turnbull RIP
Thursday	20th Aug	9.00am	Madie Devaney b'day <i>St Bernard</i>
Friday	21st Aug	9.00am	Private Int <i>St Pius X</i>
Saturday	22nd Aug	6.30pm	The Parishioners <i>Queenship of BVM</i>
Sunday	23rd Aug	9.00am 11.00am	Danny O'Brien, 50th Anniv. 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, Tess Haney.



ALL who have died recently.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Richard Adderley, Peter Gallagher, Thomas Maher, Leonard Elliott, Edna Roe, Dennis Bannaghan, John Joseph Murphy, Leo Witter, Colin Brennan, Josie Costello, Mary Smith, Betty Telfer, Mary Josephine Deasy, Sean Ryan, Fred Power, Edward McGarvey jnr., Margaret Bailey, Thomas Shannon, James O Grady, Elizabeth Edwards, Rev Lawrence Pozzuoli, Rev John Blanc, Rev Francis Rice, Mgr Canon Vincent Turnbull, Rev Patrick O'Brien

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. **NO MEETING THIS WEEK**

**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****

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 again to over 120 at the three Masses last weekend, but we still have room for another 30 people! **The quietest Mass is Sunday 9.00am. The other two were almost full last weekend.** 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. 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.

Welcome back this weekend to some of our parishioners who have been shielding, and feel confident enough to come to Mass.

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!

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!

The LPA Pilgrimage to Walsingham, which was cancelled in March, will now take place at the end of March 2021. Details Later

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