

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

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27th September 2020

Saturday	26th Sept	6.30pm	Mary Hannon - anniversary
Sunday	27th Sept	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Intentions
Monday	28th Sept	9.00am 6.30pm	Ann Richards Birthday <i>Rosary follows mass—everyone welcome</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	29th Sept	9.00am	Intentions of Vanessa
Wednesday	30th Sept	7.30pm	James and Mary Walker
Thursday	1st Oct	9.00am	Special Ints—EJ
Friday	2nd Oct	9.00am	Yvanka Krashek RIP <i>Mother's Prayers follows mass</i>
Saturday	3rd Oct	6.30pm	Luisa Spada
Sunday	4th Oct	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Ints The Parishioners

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 Armit, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Tess Haney.



ALL who have died recently—Michael Ward, Nancy Barber

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Woods, Denis Alcock, Mary Barry, Pope John Paul I, Bill Griffiths, John Davis, Garth Walker, Tom Ryan, Damian Garnett, Harry Sandbach, Janet Teresa Fry, Gerry Brophy, Ellen Gallagher, Val Costello, Bert Whitehead, James Heyes, Fred Fletcher, Rev John P Lynch, Canon Christopher Hickey, Rev. James Savage,

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: stmarysmiddlewich-events@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 PLEASE 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

Weekend Masses continue to be well attended, but still room for a few more people and at other Masses during the week. You will only be allowed in if you are wearing a face mask and there is a strict limit of 50 people per Mass. 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, which happened! There is still no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, so those who can come during the week are encouraged to do so. 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 until the end of September but offers of help for future weekends and weekdays should be emailed to the parish office.

We are now allowed to celebrate weddings, funerals and baptisms with up to 15 people, but there are still many restrictions attached to these celebrations, and this permission could be reversed if there are more lockdown restrictions. There is no indication of a possible end to these rules, so we need to make the most of what we CAN do, and not dwell on what we can't!
 Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris

Prayers for the Season of Creation

Inspired by Laudato Si, Pope Francis has established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This marks the beginning of Creation Time running until the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. Cafod has produced nine brief reflections asking St Francis to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. These prayers can be used over nine days and can be found at cafod.org.uk/novena.

URGENT REQUEST—Can we please have Volunteers to Steward/and or clean this coming Thursday -1st Oct from 12noon for the wedding of Aniela and Josh. Many thanks

St Mary's Parish Reconciliation and Eucharistic programme October 2020 – May 2021

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*). The programme will take place a little differently this year as we will not be able to meet for sessions. Together with 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 2021.

We look forward very much to speaking with you.

If you have any queries please contact us on: Fr Peter: Tel: 01606 832359; Teresa Wells: Tel: 01606 738030; Janet McKinlay: Tel: 01606 832164; Sharon Coyne: Tel: 01606 841083

Every Blessing
 Fr Peter and Team

Churches Together in Middlewich

Next Prayer & Praise evening will be **Sunday 4th Oct, 6.30pm at MCC**, outside (assuming no other restrictions are imposed!) The last one was fabulous. Please come and be blessed as we bless others in prayer. Everyone welcome –
Deacon Chris

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**Please note -Wednesday 7th Oct at 11am—
 Funeral service for Nancy Barber**