

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

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First Sunday of Advent, 29th November 2020

Sunday	29th Nov	11.00am (streamed)	
Monday	30th Nov	9.00am (streamed) 6.30pm– 7.30pm	Linda Hardy RIP - <i>St Andrew</i> Church open for Private Prayer
Tuesday	1st Dec	9.00am (streamed) 9.30-11.00am	MT Birthday Church open for Private Prayer
Wednesday	2nd Dec	7.30pm (streamed)	Gordon Woolridge birthday
Thursday	3rd Dec	9.00am	Jane Laverack anniv - <i>St Francis Xavier</i> Church open for private prayer 9.30—11.00am
Friday	4th Dec	9.00am	Thanksgiving DS
Saturday	5th Dec	6.30pm	For Parishioners
Sunday	6th Dec	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's intentions Leanne Collins RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday 11.00– 12.00 and on request
Sacrament of baptism : By appointment

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, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Tess Haney, Simon Finn



ALL who have died recently, especially Margaret Webster

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret English, Revd Norman Keen, Mary McGorty, John Francis O'Neill, Mary Griffiths, Brigid Mary Sweeny, Reg Hambley, Mary McAleer, James Edward Ellison, Bernard Barnes, Winefride Pace, Betty Murphy, Wendy Billington, Sylvia Clarke, Franciska Jeglic, Annie O'Donnell, Rev John Woods, Rev Joseph Russell, Rev John O'Sullivan, Rev Jack Warnock, Mgr Terrence Welch, 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.

CAFOD invites us to send a message to the brave this Advent All around the world, brave men and women are fighting for justice and freedom, and many are losing their lives in the process. They are taking on powerful interests in an attempt to protect local communities. This Advent, will you make a gesture of solidarity and write a Christmas card to one of CAFOD's Defenders? You could write a card to Maisoon Badawi, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, who works for YeshDin, the Israeli human rights organisation. She works tirelessly to help Palestinian victims of human rights violations as they fight for their rights. Detailed instructions and information about other Defenders can be found at cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave. Completed cards can be handed in to church or put through the presbytery door up until Sunday December 6th. Many Thanks.

Parish Office Hours are now: 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-5.00 on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00– 12.00 on Saturday. Outside of these times you can leave a message or send an email and we will contact you.

During the present four week lockdown we are not allowed to have public masses or services, but this will end on Wednesday, so Masses will be public from Thursday. During this coming week we will maintain the present times of open church, Mondays 6.30-7.30pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30-11.00am. You must still wear a mask, sanitise your hands, sign in, follow the one way system, social distance, and follow stewards' instructions, exactly as you have been doing until now. We can now celebrate funerals in church with up to 30 people, weddings with 15 and Baptisms with six.

As gathering for public worship is now allowed, Fr Peter will only stream 11.00am Mass on Sundays on the parish facebook page. If you have an intention booked for a weekend Mass it will now be celebrated at the Mass which you booked. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays 11.00-12.00 and by appointment

Advent is a time of preparation, preparation for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. A bit like Lent, many people like to try and find an extra way to pray and prepare so we are planning some extra activities this year:

12.00 noon (Mon-Sat): The Angelus; the beautiful prayer announcing the Incarnation. Father Peter will stream this live on our Facebook page.

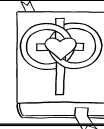
Daily Reflections: The clergy will be offering a daily reflection each day (except Sunday) through Advent to help us with our preparation. These will be very short with a suggested Bible reading for you to follow up with if you wish. They will be on the Parish Facebook page each day through Advent. Father Peter is also planning to stream Morning Prayer of the Church at 8.30am during the last week of Advent.

As the church will re-open for collective worship from Dec 3rd we're working on a few other ideas as well such as decorating the tree and Carols but we're waiting until it's clear what the restrictions will be before we finalise them.

Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

GOOD NEWS: From now until the end of January Donations to Mary's Meals will be doubled by the government. You can give online, in church or put an envelope through the presbytery door. When you visit church for private prayer there are Christmas cards for Mary's meals on sale, £5 for 10, or gift cards for £5 each or £15.90 to feed a child for a year.

Best wishes to Roisin Davies and Paul Stamper who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday at 2pm



Fr Peter will celebrate Requiem Mass for Margaret Webster at St Wilfrid's Northwich on 7th December at 12 noon.

If you wish to join the zoom rosary on Mondays, at 10.00am please email Madelyn for a link: madelyndixon@btinternet.com

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Fr Peter will celebrate three Masses on Christmas Eve, at 4.30pm, 6.30pm and 11.00pm and two on Christmas day, at 9.00 and 11.00. There will be a booking system for the first three Masses, open from Today, and no one extra can be admitted. Only parishioners of St Mary's/ St Margaret's and their families will be allowed to book for these three Masses. The Christmas day Masses will be "first come first served" with a strict cut-off of 50. 6.30pm & 11.00am streamed.

How to Book. Send an email to stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com giving your name, phone no., which Mass you want to attend, and how many people. Babies in arms do not count but all children over 12 months count. You will receive a reply telling you if you have a place or not. If you cannot email, ring the presbytery during office hours. You cannot leave an answerphone message, you must speak live to someone, or you will not know if there are still places available.

Foodbank Christmas Shortages: St Marys

Toiletory Gift Sets, Mince Pies, Treacle/Chocolate Puddings, Gravy, Peanuts/ Nut Selection/Crisps Please donate the items into the baskets at Lidl, Morrisons, Jacks, Waitrose-Sandbach and Sainsburys- Holmes Chapel. Larger donations can be delivered to us at Middlewich Police Station, 35b Queen Street, Middlewich, CW109AR