

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14th February 2021

Sat	13th Feb	6.30pm	The Parishioners
Sun	14th Feb	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int. Thanksgiving for Ian & Rachel Camacho
Mon	15th Feb	9.00am	Mary Costello Anniv.
Tues	16th Feb	9.00am	Brendan O'Shea RIP <i>Streamed</i>
Wed	17th Feb	7.30pm	Thomas McGoldrick <u><i>This is a public Mass with ashes</i></u> <i>Ash Wed.</i>
Thurs	18th Feb	9.00am	Dmytyro Maletsy Anniv.
Fri	19th Feb	9.00am	Private Int <i>Streamed</i>
Sat	20th Feb	6.30pm	Priest's Int.
Sun	21st Feb	9.00am 11.00am	Ints of Pat & Ray Dillon The Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request only .
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, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Roy Yearsley, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Michael McCluskey, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Paul Hughes, Deacon Philip White, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Simon Finn, Mike O'Hare



ALL who have died recently.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mamie Hussey, Katie Nolan, Charles F Heathcote, John Loran, Mary Barnes, Mary Costello, Kathleen Yoxall, Michael Igoe, Margaret Wilson, Michael Ruane, David Ellison, Peter Donnellan, Mr Moore, Myles Friery, Peter Freer, Alan Davies, Mary Ruane, Margaret McCarthy, James Millington, Doug Crebbin, Jack Costello, Josef Poziemski, Leonard Batty, Winefride Lannon, Peter Rogers, Veronica Craig, Rev Ernest Daly, Rev Ivan Burke, Rev Patrick Egan

Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

A suggested Prayer of Intercession: "We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they may instead experience overwhelming love and support from all who surround them. Lord hear us"

Thank you those of you who have continued to join us, in person or online. Despite the Lockdown we are still allowed to gather for public worship . We have been told by the Bishop that the government does not intend to change this as Worship is good for the morale of the population and there is no evidence of it adding to the strain on the NHS. However, local authorities can close down individual churches which do not comply with the regulations so we need to show the government that we are deserving of staying open by being especially vigilant and thorough in our safeguarding. In order to help towards that, from Monday 11th January we shall only have public masses on Monday and Thursday and at the weekend. Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will be streamed only and there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the time being. Public Masses will be kept as short as possible, with shorter sermons and no prayers of the faithful. Please ensure when you leave that you do not group together at the back of church or outside. A few churches in the Diocese have voluntarily closed temporarily. We shall only do this if there is a big increase in local infections or if we do not have enough stewards to open safely. We are very grateful to those stewards who have continued to serve us faithfully, despite their own reservations Without them public Mass could not continue. We hope that these measures will only be necessary for a short time. It was good to hear this week of falling infection rates and rising vaccination figures, though we were less happy to be aware of several breaches of the rules. Please try to be patient and keep the rules: Yes it is difficult for everyone, but the more people do it, the shorter time it will last . In the meantime Fr Peter is available by appointment for any pastoral need. Let us pray that the new lockdown measures will be successful, that we will keep everyone safe and that the most vulnerable amongst us will soon be protected by the vaccine. We are delighted to hear that many of our over 80s and some of our over 70s (including Tony & Fr Peter) have already received theirs It is also good to see some of our parishioners stepping up to help the NHS in this mammoth task
Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent?

We have formed a small parish team who are taking on Cafod's Walk for Water challenge this Lent to help give the boot to water poverty across the world. We would love to have a few more people or families join our challenge. We are walking 10,000 steps every day for the 40 days of Lent. If you don't think you could do 10,000 steps as an individual, why not do it as a household total instead? It doesn't matter how you do it, just as long as you put your heart and soul into it. Please let us know if you plan to join us or if you have any queries by emailing: annesturman17@gmail.com. We have set up a whole parish just giving page: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-parish-middlewich-walk-for-water> so all you need to do is encourage friends and family to sponsor you and start walking. You can also donate by putting money through the presbytery door in an envelope marked "Walk for Water" **More Volunteers needed! It's good for you!**

Newsletter: What's happening in the Parish? Hi everyone, We will shortly begin to send out an extension to the newsletter to give you details of what's coming up in the next week or so. The current single page newsletter doesn't give us enough room. We also need to review and reset our email database for the newsletter so this is a good time to do it. If you would like to receive the new newsletter electronically each week, can you please send an email to the parish (stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com) indicating that you are happy for us to send the newsletter to you. We will not use your email for any other purpose and you can be removed from the list at any time by contacting the presbytery. **Please do this even if you currently receive the Newsletter email, or we cannot continue to send it. We need to renew all your permissions. Thank you**

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What's On - week commencing Feb 14th 2021

- Sun 14th : Church open for Mass at 9.00 and 11.00am. The 11.00am Mass will also be streamed on our Facebook page.
- Mon 15th: Church open for Mass at 9.00.
10.30 Rosary via Zoom. Please contact Madelyn Devaney if you would like to participate (01606 833497).
- Tues 16th: Church closed, Mass will be streamed on Facebook at 9.00am Scripture Group via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Chris if you would like to join us (07751 136957).
- Weds 17th: Ash Wednesday, church will be open for Mass at 7.30pm Ashes will be distributed in a COVID secure manner at the end of Mass.
- Thurs 18th: Church open for Mass at 9.00am.
- Fri 19th: Church closed, Mass will be streamed on Facebook at 9.00am.
- Sat 20th: Stations of the Cross will be streamed on Facebook every Saturday through Lent at 11.00 am. Church open for the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Reflections for the coming weeks will focus on the following Sunday's Gospel.

There are many other resources available for Lent if you wish to do something extra. You may find these helpful:

New Beginnings – A journey from Lent to Easter

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/A-LENTEN-JOURNEY-2021-NEW-BEGINNINGS.pdf>

Stations of the Cross in a time of fear and uncertainty:

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/len/stations-of-the-cross-in-a-time-of-fear-and-uncertainty/>