

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

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 18th July 2021

Sat	17th July	6.30pm	Anne Casey b'day
Sun	18th July	9.00am 11.00am	Priest's Int The Parishioners
Mon	19th July	9.00am 6.30pm	Marlene Marie Firth RIP St John Plessington Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	20th July	9.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Wed	21st July	7.30pm	Special Int. M & R
Thurs	22nd July	9.00am	Private Int Y St Mary Magdalene
Fri	23rd July	9.00am	Catherine Morrison Anniv. St Bridget
Sat	24th July	6.30pm	Mary Walker Anniv.
Sun	25th July	9.00am 11.00am	The Parishioners Priest's Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment
 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, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Paul Hughes, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Mike O'Hare .

ALL who have died recently, especially Simon Finn

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: John McHale, Andrew Regan, Ray Richardson, Esther Fazackerley, Arthur Wardle, Joan Kerr, Peggy Flynn, Margaret McGuire, Judith Fisher, Catherine Morrison, Anne Cull, Patrick Molloy, Christine Jennings, Jean O'Rourke, Rev Michael Wentworth

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation please, email

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Thank you those who contacted their MP about the proposed change to the abortion laws. There were so many objections that the motion was withdrawn. No doubt a further attempt will be made at a later date, so please be prepared to use your power to object again!

The parish of St Mary Middlewich sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the parish/diocese for the benefit of the parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

Activity Days for 10-16 year olds: Football, Rounders, Rugby. See poster for details. To take part contact salt.wars@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

CAFOD. We have just sent cheques for £625. This includes donations given during lockdown and £355 from Donations in memory of John Bomford

The Tues Scripture Group will be taking a break now until September.

WANTED: Double Knitting wool for use for charity knitting. Please leave at back of church

We now know that there will be complete relaxation of the restrictions to which we have become accustomed from next Monday, but many question the wisdom of that decision. Please do not think that this means no restrictions in church immediately. The Governmental Task Force for Places of Worship met on Thursday this week to consider the specific advice for churches. The Bishops will consider how to implement their recommendations. However, there is increasing concern about the rapidly escalating numbers of cases of the virus so, in common with many other parishes, we have decided to keep the restrictions in church as they are, including the wearing of masks, signing in, the sanitising of hands, the social distancing measures, and the stewarding of weekend Masses until at least the end of August. This is disappointing, but is the only way to ensure the safety of our whole church family. Many people will be on holiday during this time so there should not be a problem with the restricted numbers. The same limit of 50 will be applied for weddings, baptisms & funerals. The safety concerns mean that, unfortunately, for the time being, St Margaret's will remain closed for worship. Mothers' Prayers now takes place in church after Mass each Friday. Mass on Wednesday evenings & 11.00am Sunday will be streamed until numbers are no longer restricted, but please come in person if you can. Numbers are currently well below maximum due to holidays. Please tell all your fellow parishioners how safe it feels in church and encourage everyone to be part of the real, not just virtual, community again. Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME: Free places are now available for children and young people eligible for free school meals. This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Cheshire East.

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Children will be able to access hundreds of free sessions throughout the summer holidays, including specific provisions available for children with SEND or additional needs. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

To view the activities and find out how to book a place, visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FIS and clicking on the 'things to do' section or by searching 'family information service events'. Any families who don't have access to the internet are advised to contact a professional they are working with who can enrol on their behalf.

For more information about the programme in Cheshire East visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/HAF

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration will run from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th August. The 3-day course will be led by two excellent and experienced lecturers and tutors, who have taught at the Maryvale Institute for many years and worked with many dioceses and seminaries around the UK and abroad. The course will offer lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, for example around the relationship of faith and science. We are offering residential options as well as non-residential, for those more local and wishing to drive in daily.

The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation.

More information and registration is at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

The Parish Centre has been unused for a long time and needs a "Post-Covid Clean" before we can attempt to return to normal activities. Many hands make light work: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**, any age, any colour, any sex! Two dates: Thurs 29th July 9.45am and Sat 31st July 9.00am. Please sign the list at the back of church or email or ring the parish. If you have a steam mop please bring it. If you have one and can't come to help, please can we borrow it?