

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

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5th September 2021**

Sat	4th Sept	6.30pm	<b>Clarence Costello b'day</b>
Sun	5th Sept	9.00am 11.00am	<b>The Parishioners Priest's Int</b>
Mon	6th Sept	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Tues	7th Sept	9.00am	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b>
Wed	8th Sept	7.30pm	<b>No Mass or Service</b> <i>Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Thurs	9th Sept	9.00am	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b>
Fri	10th Sept	9.00am	<b>Celebration of the Word &amp; Communion</b>
Sat	11th Sept	6.30pm	<b>Cathy Insley Anniv.</b>
Sun	12th Sept	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Priest's Int The Parishioners</b>

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.

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Bannaghan, Mary Kelly, Peggy Callaghan, Frederick Anderson, Roy Derek Henry George Crumplin, Jonathan Williams, Patrick McNeela, Lisa Conlon, Fred Smith, Teddy Anderson, Brian Bratt, Lily Carey, Arthur Coles, Thomas Cannon, Martin Mahon, Rev Terence Boylan, Rev Michael English, Rev Edward McCann, Rev Ivor Kind, Rev James Fox, Rev Denis Bowskill, Rev Joseph Russell



With the return of more normal parish life, we shall need extra help with various ministries. If lockdown has helped you discover a talent for Flower Arranging, Church cleaning or coffee making please consider joining the appropriate ministry. More details later in September!

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The Season of Creation, dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation & the promotion of sustainable lifestyles, runs from 1st Sept to 4th Oct, Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this moment to reaffirm our calling to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of Creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. Cafod have created a Care for Creation Rosary with beautiful reflections based on the joyful mysteries of the Rosary. It can be found at Care of Creation Rosary-CAFOD

We are now beginning to consider the details of the relaxation of restrictions on the weekend of 25th/26th September, and the re-opening of St Margaret's. At both churches you are asked to continue to social distance. The wearing of masks and sanitising of hands will be encouraged, but not required. Singing by the congregation will be allowed. We will continue with Communion under one kind only. In St Margaret's there will be a one way system for entry to the church and exit. Please note that the morning Mass at St Mary's will remain at 11.00am. Mass on Wednesday evenings will no longer be streamed and 11.00am Mass on Sundays will only be streamed on the first Sunday of each month. There will be no limit on numbers so please encourage everyone to be part of the real, not just virtual, community again.

Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass will begin again on Sunday 3rd October and there will be celebration Bacon Butties on 10th October. Please sign the list at the back of church to reserve yours! Tea & coffee after Mass at St Margaret's will begin again when we have had a couple of weeks to assess the situation. For the next three weekends all restrictions still apply, so please do not try to "Jump the gun"! Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

## CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Fr Peter will be away for the next two weeks. Many thanks to Fr Jim Robinson who will celebrate our weekend Masses. There will be no streaming of Masses during these two weeks and no Sacrament of Reconciliation. Both Deacon Tony & Deacon Chris are generally available during Fr Peter's absence, so please contact them about any pastoral need.

Please send items for the bulletin next weekend only to Deacon Chris Wells.

## St Mary's Parish Reconciliation and Eucharistic programme September 2021 – May 2022

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*). Enrolment will take place over the weekends of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September after the 11am Mass. 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 2022.

For children in year 3 attending St Mary's School the enrolment forms will be sent home with your child. If you would like your child to enrol on the programme please fill in the form and return it at one of the weekend Masses mentioned above when we can give you more details and a schedule. We look forward very much to speaking with you.

If you have any queries please contact: Teresa Wells: Tel: 07596 408581

Every Blessing,

Fr Peter and Team

**Scripture Group** Did you realise that Jesus is just as present to us in Scripture as he is in the Eucharist? St Caesarius of Arles said: "The word of God is in no way less than the Body of Christ; nor should it be received less worthily.

I ask you, brothers or sisters, tell me: which to you seems the greater, the word of God, or the Body of Christ? If you wish to say what is true you will have to answer that the word of God is not less than the Body of Christ."

We would encourage everyone to spend time reading their bibles and reflecting on what they read. Our Scripture Group will be starting again on Tuesday 7th Sept at 7.00pm. We meet for about an hour using Zoom. If you would like to join the group please contact Deacon Chris ([deaconchriswells@gmail.com](mailto:deaconchriswells@gmail.com))