

Holy Rosary

- Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.
- Monday on zoom at 10.30am
- Tuesday after 9.00am Holy Mass
- Wednesday 6.00pm before 6.30pm Holy Mass
- Friday after 9.00am Holy Mass
- Saturday 10am before 10.30 Holy Mass

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Tinned custard, Noodles, Tinned tomatoes & Cream crackers
Please keep the Foodbank in your prayers at this time.

Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion – September 2026

If your child is starting Year 3 (or above) in September, we would like to welcome them to prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. For children within the Parish who do not attend St Mary's School, please contact Clare Bloor on 07901816157 for further information.

Registrations onto the programme will take place after the 11am Mass at St Mary's Sunday 19th July.



STELLA MARIS - Apostleship of The Sea

Thank you for your kind donations of £153.53p which has been sent to Stella Maris this week.

The SVP would like to thank the tea and coffee teams at Holmes Chapel and Middlewich and the anonymous donor for their kind donations to support delivering the SVP in the Parish.

We are delivering a befriending service to people of all faiths and non, either by a visit or a phone call, do you know some who would welcome a visit from us, totally relaxed, a brew and chat.

SVPcontact details on the parish website

www.stmarysparishmiddlewich.org.uk

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER

During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Thank you to Peter DeVere for sponsoring our Newsletter during the month of July.

Thank you to everyone who made the Parish BBQ such a joyful occasion. The sun shone but plenty of shade kept everyone comfortable. § The chefs were heroic coping with the heat whilst still smiling.

Thanks to Cheshire One Radio for supplying burgers and sponsoring the BBQ

Most of all thanks to all the parishioners who enjoyed the afternoon and for raising £290 towards our Parish Funds ☀



Launching the St Mary's 100 Club! ★

Your parish needs you!

ONLY 20 more members needed for our 100 club.

Thanks to the 80 who are now members. Your numbers will be issued by the 24th July, with the first draw on the 26th.

Be in it to win prizes of £200, £100, £50, £50. Each month. Sign the forms at the back church and use guidance below.

100 Club Payment Guidance

We are extending the deadline to join the 100 Club until 24th July.

The first draw will take place on Sunday 26th July.

To help the Finance Committee keep accurate records, all 100 Club payments need to be made on the 1st of each month.

If you are joining now, please choose one of the following:

- Make a double first payment on 1st August,
- **OR**
- Make one payment in July and set up your standing order to begin on 1st August.
- Bank Details - Account name: St Mary's Middlewich
- **Account number: 54643068**
- **Sort code 301552**
- **Reference 100club-your name**

This keeps everyone on the same monthly schedule and ensures the draw can be managed smoothly.

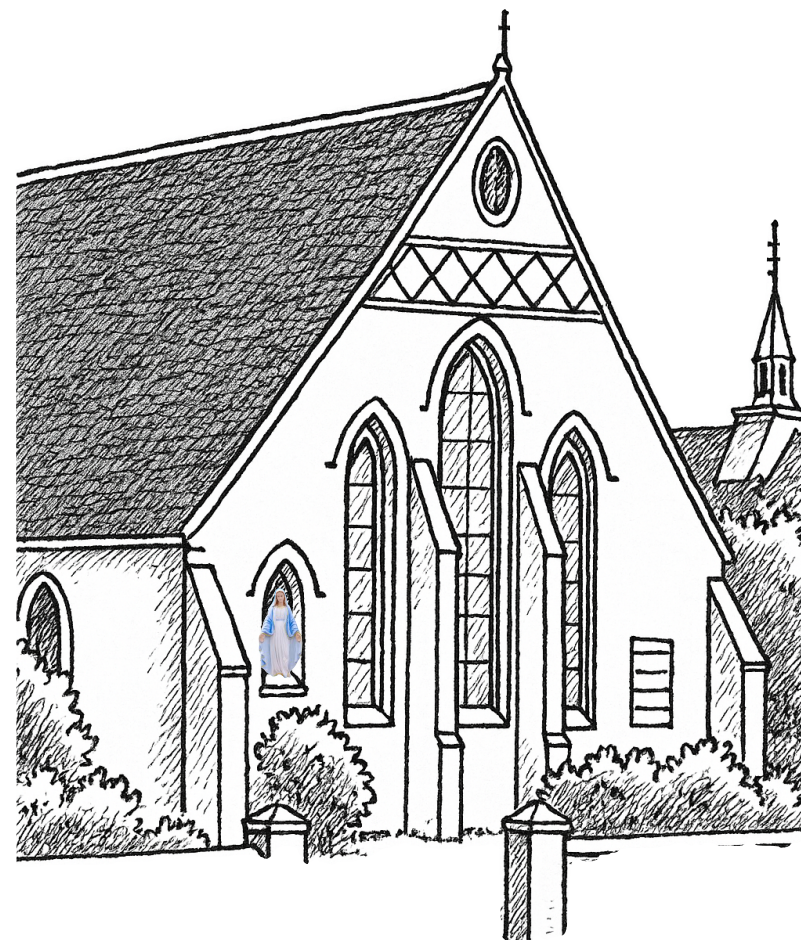
Any questions please email stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com ★

Dave Collins, PPT Chair

We now have a New Facebook page:

Please search and follow

St Mary's Catholic Church Middlewich



NEWSLETTER

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Roman Catholic Church

Middlewich.

&

St Margaret's

Holmes Chapel

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Newsletter

Email: SMRCCNEWSLETTER@icloud.com

New Facebook page: [St Mary's Catholic Church Middlewich](#)

19th July 2026. SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the wheat and the weeds growing together. It's a simple reminder that life is never perfect — good and bad exist side by side in our world, our families, and even within our own hearts. Yet God does not act harshly or hastily. He waits. He nurtures. He allows time for grace to work.

The Book of Wisdom tells us that God's strength is shown in mercy and gentleness. He sees our potential even when we struggle. He gives us room to grow, to change, and to become the people He created us to be. This Sunday encourages us to trust the slow, steady work of God — in ourselves and in one another.

Saturday Eucharistic Adoration 11.15 - 12.15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

Key Contacts & Information

St Mary's Primary School.	Parish Safeguarding Rep:	Administration.	Finance	PPT Chair-person
Head Teacher	Jo Hopton	Mary Ford	Gemma Jakubik.	Dave Collins
J. McKinley	Tel: 07786 755168	Office: 01606 832359		
Tel: 01606 516171	www.stmarysparishmiddlewich.org.uk	Parish Mobile 07836 614 833		

Normal Office Hours: Monday 9.30 - 11.30. Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30. Friday 9.30 - 12.00

Parish Bank Account: St Mary's Middlewich. Sort Code 30-15-52 Acc No 54643068

Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury: Registered Charity 234025

GREAT NEWS FROM
The Parish Finance Group
DONA MACHINE

The new Dona machine is now up and running 🙌😊
😓 which allows donations to be made by card or smart phones. We are hoping that this will allow people to donate more easily. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code on your smartphone at any time. It is also possible to gift aid, so if you are a UK taxpayer and eligible, please follow the on screen instructions. If you need any help in using the tablet/QR code, please see Gemma or contact the parish office. Thank you for your patience during this time.

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May income £7144
May Expenditure £5780

Thank you to all who have responded to our request to help the Parish Finances, especially those who have increased their regular giving or made one-off donations. If you haven't yet set up a standing order, there is still time to do so using the bank details below. There are also gift aid forms for anyone who is a UK Tax payer and eligible for the scheme. (Please see Ken Worthington if you are unsure). If you would like to know more or to receive a copy of last years figures, please email the parish office. Thank you again for your kind generosity.

CAFOD VENEZUELA APPEAL

What is happening and how we can help the people of Venezuela?
The UN estimates that millions of people have been affected by the disaster. Thousands of people have been killed, and the death toll continues to rise. Many more people are still missing. Hospitals are under extreme pressure as they treat large numbers of injured people.
People in Venezuela were already struggling with basic needs and services, especially healthcare, before the earthquakes. Since the earthquakes struck last week, our partner, Caritas Venezuela has been supporting people who have lost their homes and accompanying those affected by this tragedy with practical help and compassion.
By joining with the DEC's appeal today, we also reach the wider public in the UK to raise funds to respond to the growing needs in Venezuela in the days, weeks and months ahead.
Thank you for keeping the people of Venezuela in your prayers and thank you for your ongoing support for CAFOD's work.

The Pope's prayer Intention for July

Respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Stop assisted suicide being legalised

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September.

Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11th September. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

ALPHA

A new ALPHA will be running from September 2026.

Open to anyone (of faith or none) interested in discussing the life, faith and meaning.

Please sign the list at the back of Church or email the Parish Office if you would like more information.

Unpack the
Christian faith
together.



Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.



What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Saturday	Parish Pilrimage re-union	12.00pm
Thursday	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Friday	Mothers Prayers	9.30am
Friday	Mums & Tots	9.30am
Sunday	Children's Liturgy	11.00am

Sat 18/7	10.30am	Holy Mass. Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 18/7	10.00am	Parish Pilgrimage Re-Union
Sat 18/7	6.30pm	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 19/7	9.00am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time St Margarets
Sun 19/7	11:00am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Stoneley Family
Mon 20/7	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion.
Tues 21/7	9.00am	Holy Mass. Anne Cull RIP (Anniv)
Wed 22/7	6.30pm	Holy Mass. St Mary Magdalene
Thur 23/7	9.00am	Holy Mass (in Church)
Fri 24/7	9:00am	Holy Mass St Sharbel Makhluf
Sat 25/7	10.30am	Holy Mass St James Ann Connolly RIP (Anniv)
Sat 25/7	6:30pm	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 26/7	9.00am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time St Margarets
Sun 26/7	11:00am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gavin McAleer RIP (Birthday)

Almighty God, We thank you for your gift of peace.

Your peace is 'unarmed and disarming' not victory or defeat, but fraternity and dialogue, the fruit of justice and forgiveness. Open our eyes to see the world - not from the viewpoint of the mighty but from that of the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the wounded child, the exile and the fugitive.
We pray for change to come - a new era, the dawn of your kingdom of justice and peace.
Disarm our hearts, Lord, that we may have peace in ourselves and bring that gift to others. Amen

Pax Christi

Prayer for Peace - The Chaplet of St Michael The Archangel

Every Thursday Evening - 6.00pm on Zoom. Please join us to pray for peace.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/9458449456?pwd=Ym15NEI2UXNrelhncFpGc3JFNTlwdz09>

Meeting ID 9458449456

Passcode: MICHAEL



Holy Michael the Archangel defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness & snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast down to hell satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Anniversaries

Ester Fazackerley

Arthur Wardle

Joan Kerr

Peggy Flynn

Margaret Maguire

Judith Fisher

Anniversaries

Catherine Morrison

Anne Cull

Patrick Molloy

Christine Jennings

Jean O'Rourke

Catherine O'Sullivan

Anniversaries

John Donohue

Joseph Haynes

Henry Aloysius Murphy

Dianne Willemse

Rev Michael Wentworth

Provost John Burgon



Please pray for those who have died recently, Especially
Sarah Sample

Also those who are sick at home and in hospital, especially:
Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Margaret Scarlett, Molly Hamblett, John Brazier, Deacon Peter Mascarenhas & Sr Kay Harte.