

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.

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



June income £7092.67
June Expenditure £6799.22

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.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

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

The SVP would like to thank the tea and coffee teams at Holmes Chapel 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 none, 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

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

Thank you to the parishioner who is sponsoring our Newsletter during the month of August.

ST MARY'S 100 CLUB!

There are just 12 spaces left in the club! By the time you read this it will be too late to join for the July draw, **but** you can still sign up to be in from August onwards. If you would still like to join please email stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com and I will contact you with details of how to sign up.

On behalf of Fr Vijay, the Parish Pastoral Team and the Finance Team, I would like to offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has involved themselves in this project and good luck in the first draw. Winners will be listed in the newsletter and contacted by one of the team.

Best regards
Dave Collins, PPT Chair

Special Day of Prayer for Grandparents and The Elderly

[Psalm 92:14](#)

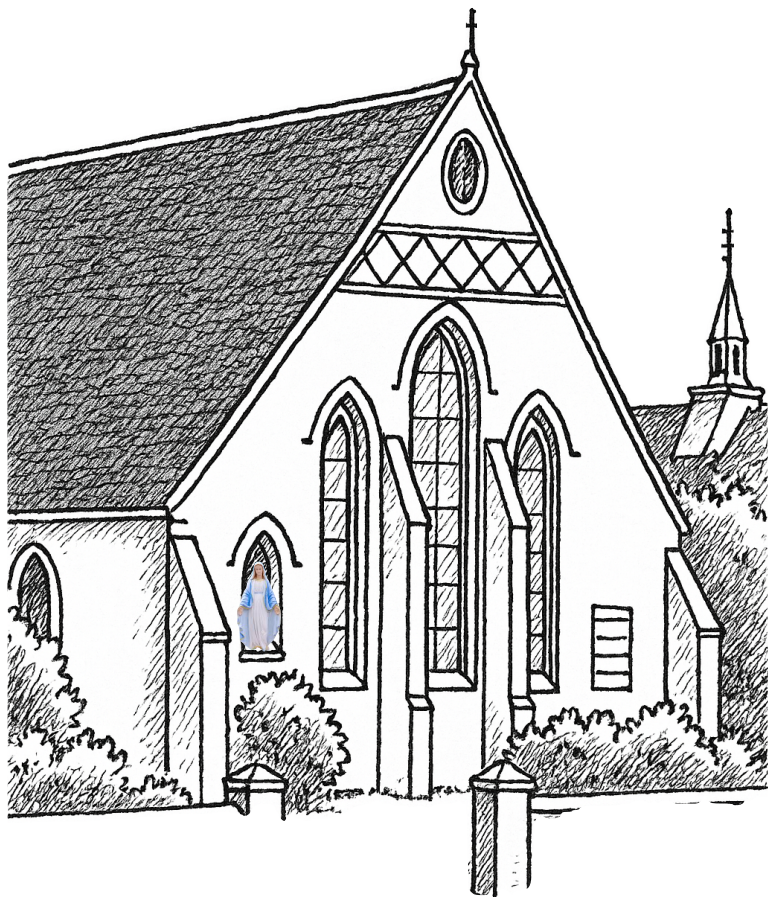
'They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green'

A Prayer of Grandparents and Elderly Relatives.

Lord of Peace, we ask You to surround our grandparents and elderly relatives with Your divine peace. Calm their anxious thoughts and quiet their troubled hearts. Replace their worries with unwavering trust in Your promises. Help them to cast all their cares upon You, knowing that You deeply care for them. May Your peace reign in their lives, guarding their hearts and minds. Amen.

Sr. Josephine Bakhita - Patron saint of human trafficking and slavery

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. **Amen.**



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26th July 2026. SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARYTIME

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

The Gospel reminds us that God's Kingdom is a treasure and a pearl worth giving everything for. The joy of the man who finds the treasure and the merchant who discovers the pearl shows that faith is not a burden but a gift that brings freedom and purpose.

The image of the net reminds us that God's Kingdom is not only precious but also decisive. Our choices shape our hearts. What we cling to, what we prioritise, what we invest ourselves in — these reveal what we truly value. Jesus invites us to ask: What truly matters to me, and what might I need to let go of so I can hold onto what is eternal?

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

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

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