

THE PARISH FINANCE GROUP

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.

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



FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Tinned custard, rice pudding and tinned tomatoes, along with Noodles and toilet rolls. Please keep the Foodbank in your prayers at this time.

CAFOD DONATION

We have recently sent CAFOD a cheque for £146.10p. Thank you to those who have put donations in the CAFOD box at St Mary's church or donated to teas and coffees after mass.

CAFOD School volunteers needed!

Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

News coming soon regarding The
SEPTEMBER 2026
COMMUNITY MASS & LUNCH



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

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM (PPT) Update

Our Mission: "To be renewed in the spirit of your minds." (Ephesians 4:23)

Our Vision: By 2028, our parish will be a Spirit filled community of disciples, continually renewed in mind and heart, living with the wisdom of Christ, growing together in faith, and witnessing to the Gospel through prayer, fellowship, and service.

The Parish Pastoral Team has now been in place for a year. Here's an overview of what's been done.

Recent PPT initiatives:

- Setting up a team to work on a Marian shrine for the parish grounds, in conjunction with the gardening team and the Rosary group
- Christmas Carol concerts for the school and for parishioners/neighbours
- St Stephen's Day celebration for our Altar Servers
- Easter Vigil refreshments to welcome the newest members of our Catholic faith
- First Marian procession in over 25 years
- Reintroduction of the offertory procession at St Margaret's
- Parish summer BBQ
- Launch of the new parish Facebook page
- The 100 Club set up and launch

Coming soon:

- A bereavement support group where those who have been bereaved can share experience and support one another
- Altar Servers outing
- Parish social evening – more information soon
- Christmas Fayre

If you have suggestions to enrich parish life, please email the parish office and they will pass them on to the PPT.

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

Exciting new vacancies have arisen within the Diocese. The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) are recruiting for a Programme Coordinator and Team Member; both roles are full time based in Stockport. The Curial office is also looking to recruit an Accounts Assistant, full time, based in Birkenhead. CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 18 September. Further details for all vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website using this link <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church Middlewich. & St Margaret's Holmes Chapel

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16th August 2026. THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

Mary's Assumption is a feast of hope. God raised her body and soul into heavenly glory, showing us the destiny He desires for all who walk faithfully with Christ. Mary's life was simple but courageous: she listened, she trusted, and she said "yes" even when she did not fully understand. Because of this openness, God completed His work in her.

The Assumption reminds us that heaven is not a distant idea but a real promise. In Mary, we see what God intends for His children. As we honour Mary today, may her example inspire us to live with faith, humility, and hope, confident that God will lead us to the glory she already enjoys.

Please note that I am going for my home holidays and annual retreat for the month of September 2026. So please contact the office for any certificates you need during this time as early as possible. Thank you.

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

Key Contacts & Information

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Due to Holidays the parish office will be closed until Monday 24th August

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SVP CONTACT INFO: Mobile 0747 495 8103 Email: SS_MandMW_SVP@icloud.com



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

15th AUGUST
FEAST OF
THE ASSUMPTION
OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Saint Pius X (born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto) was the head of the Catholic Church from August 1903 until his death in August 1914. Known as the "Pope of the Eucharist," he is famous for lowering the age for children to receive First Holy Communion, fighting against theological modernism, and starting the work to codify canon law.

The Pope’s prayer Intention for August
For Evangelisation in the City
Let us pray that large cities often marked by
anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to
proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths
to build community

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>

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.



ALPHA
A new ALPHA will be running from September 2026. Open to anyone (of faith or none) interested in discussing life, faith and meaning. Please sign the list at the back of Church or email the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

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@castleriqqmanor.co.uk

What’s on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Thurs	Happy Little Signers	9.30am

Sat 15/8	10.30am	Holy Mass.	George Howman & Annie Howman RIP (<i>Birthday</i>)
Sat 15/8	6.30pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Thelma Woolridge (<i>Birthday Anniv</i>)
Sun 16/8	9.00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	St Margarets
Sun 16/8	11:00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Mon 17/8	9.00am	No Mass or Service today	
Tues 18/8	9.00am	Holy Mass.	Souls who have no one to pray for them
Wed 19/8	6.30pm	Holy Mass.	Madie Devaney RIP (<i>Birthday</i>)
Thurs 20/8	9.00am	Holy Mass (<i>Church</i>).	St Bernard Gladys Booth Intentions
Fri 21/8	9:00am	Holy Mass	St Pius X Sandy & Roger Patterson & Family Int
Sat 22/8	10.30am	Holy Mass	THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Souls who have no one to pray for them
Sat 22/8	6:30pm	Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time	The O’Hare Family Int
Sun 23/8	9.00am	Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets.
Sun 23/8	12.30pm	Baptism Nancy Nicola Taylor	
Sun 23/8	11:00am	Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time	

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	Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Richard Adderley	Dennis Bannaghan	Mary Josephine Deassy	Elizabeth Edwards
Peter Gallagher	John Joseph Murphy	Sean Ryan	Rev Lawrence Pozzuoli
Reg Hamblett	Leo Witter	Fred Power	Rev John Blane
Thomas Maher	Colin Brennan	Edward McGarvey Jnr	Rev Francis Rice
Marilyn Kettle	Josie Costello	Margaret Bailey	Mgr Canon Vincent Turnbull
Leonard Elliott	Mary Smith	Thomas Shannon	Rev Patrick O’Brien
Edna Roe	Betty Telfer	James O’Grady	



Please pray for those who have died recently.
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.