

THE PARISH FINANCE GROUP

The Parish Finance Group are trying to prioritise the works that need completing at St Mary's and St Margaret's as finances allow. The main focus at present is to replace the heating system at St Margaret's and restore the front of the Parish Centre at St Mary's to help make our Parish look appealing and welcoming. Please do your best to support any initiatives to fund these projects.

July income £7268.67
July Expenditure £5756.46

Thank you to all who have responded to help the Parish Finances. If you would like to make a regular donation, please set up a standing order, using the bank details below.

To make a one-off donation, please scan the QR Code.

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).

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



News coming soon regarding The
SEPTEMBER 2026
COMMUNITY MASS & LUNCH



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

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>

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.



NEWSLETTER

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

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23rd August 2026. TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY ORDINARYTIME

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

Today's Gospel gives us a turning point: Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter's answer is bold and beautiful — "You are the Christ." And in that moment, Jesus entrusts him with a mission: to be the rock on which the Church is built. The readings remind us that God chooses ordinary people for extraordinary roles. Peter wasn't perfect, but he was open. He allowed God to work through him.

For us, the question remains the same: Who is Jesus for me today? Our answer shapes how we live, how we speak, and how we serve. When we acknowledge Him as Lord, we become living stones in His Church—people through whom God can build hope, mercy, and faith.

May we respond with Peter's courage and let Christ be the foundation of our lives.

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

Key Contacts & Information

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Office Hours THIS WEEK: Monday 9.30 - 11.30. Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30. Friday 9.30 - 12.00

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Donate here ➔

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

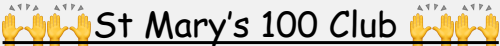
Please note that I am going for my home holidays and annual retreat for the month of September 2026. So please contact the office for any certificates you need during this time as early as possible. Thank you. Fr Vijay



PIZZA PARTY

To mark the memorial of St. Margret Ward next weekend, there will be a Pizza Party on Saturday 29th August 2026. The event will take place in Alex and Andrea Chetwood’s garden from 2.00pm onwards. Pizzas are homemade, freshly cooked and delicious. Please bring your own drinks. Any donations will be put towards the cost of the new heating system at St. Margaret’s. Please come and support this event. (Venue: The Old Byre, Twemlow Lane, Carnage CW4 8EX)





St Mary's 100 Club

We have now filled our 100 Club. Subscriptions are now closed and any new requests to join will be placed on a waiting list. Thank you all for your support and participation.

Due to a last minute flurry, we actually have 103 members! If anyone has any issue with the over-subscription please see the PPT

St Augustine of Hippo

A theologian, writer, preacher, rhetorician, and bishop. Although he experienced many hardships in his life, he set an example for men and women around the world to follow. His work is reflected in the lives of Catholics in the Augustinian tradition who continue to care for those in great need.

St Monica

The mother of St Augustine prayed for the conversion of her family. She endured a difficult life but she persevered and devoted herself to a life of prayer and virtuous living. She is the patron saint of wives, abuse victims, alcoholics and widows.

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>



ALPHA - STARTING THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2026

Open to anyone (of faith or none) interested in discussing life, faith and meaning. The ALPHA is a 12 week programme which will run on Thursday evenings in the Parish Centre 7.00-8.45pm. Have you got questions about the Christian Faith? The meaning of Life? Come and See - No obligations, no judgement, no pressure. Meet new people and explore the Christian Faith in a safe environment. Each Session unpacks the big questions of life, faith and purpose. 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@castleriggmanor.co.uk

What’s on in the Parish Centre this week		
Day	Activity	Time
Thurs	Happy Little Signers	9.30am

Sat 22/8	10.30am	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	O’Hare Family Intentions
Sun 23/8	9.00am	Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets.
Sun 23/8	11:00am	Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time	
Sun 23/8	12.30pm	Baptism Nancy Nicola Taylor	
Mon 24/8	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion	
Tues 25/8	9.00am	Holy Mass. St Thomas of Hereford	James Quinn RIP
Wed 26/8	6.30pm	Holy Mass	Breige Sheppard (Ill Health)
Thurs 27/8	9.00am	Holy Mass (Church). St Monica	Yvonne Smith (Repose of her soul)
Fri 28/8	9:00am	Holy Mass St Augustine	Cynthia Tweedy RIP
Sat 29/8	10.30am	Holy Mass The Passion of St John The Baptist	Felicity Coen & Patrick Galloway (For a long & Blessed Marriage)
Sat 29/8	6:30pm	Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time	
Sun 30/8	9.00am	Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets.
Sun 30/8	11:00am	Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Gavin McAleer RIP (Anniv)

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
Monica Horrocks	David Hughes	Anne Casey	Derek Ryder
Patrick Jordon	Carol Bagshaw	Winefride Jordan	John Stanley Lebedz
Danny O’Brien	Patrick Kelly	Mary Cathleen Furlong	Wesley Johnston
Ted Hughes	Maggie Battersby	Winifred Gowling	Caroline Green
Rene Costello	Peter Worthington	Phyllis Wormald	Rev Brendan Huggard
Thomas O’Keefe	John Kehoe	Frances Kerr	Rev Christopher Jenkins
George Dean			



Please pray for those who have died recently.

Also for 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.