

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 Margret'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).



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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM (PPT) Update

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.

St Mary's 100 Club

August Winners of 100 Club:

First Prize Shane Murray
Second Prize Esther Woodrow
Third Prize Matt Skinner
Fourth Prize Ciara McNulty
Congratulations to all

Tuesday 8th September

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Saturday 12th September
The Most Holy Name of Mary

The Foodbank thank you for your financial support and Food donations however we are in urgent need of your time for 1 or 2 hours on Fri 11th or Sat 12th September at ASDA Winsford to give out shortage cards or crate donations. We require 2 people per hour between 9am and 5pm. If you can spare an hour or so, please email wordenm123@gmail.com

Thank you to Fr Peter Burke who will be celebrating The Holy Mass for us this weekend.

He will also be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5.30 - 6.00pm prior to Mass on Saturday Evening.



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's

Roman Catholic Church

Middlewich.

&

St Margaret's

Holmes Chapel

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6th September 2026. TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY ORDINARYTIME

Message on the Terminally Ill Assisted Dying Bill returning to the House of Commons

I write with some urgency to all the people of the Diocese, as for the third time in little more than a decade, we face a threat to remove legal protections to permit medically assisted suicide, with all the consequences for some of the most vulnerable. I ask you to write to your Member of Parliament to urge them to oppose a re-introduced Private Members Bill to be brought to the House of Commons on Friday 11th September.

In 2015 a Bill to permit medically assisted suicide was overwhelmingly rejected by the House of Commons. In 2024, a Bill with the same object of removing legal protections from the sick and the aged, passed by a small margin in the House of Commons and in June 2025, the same Bill completed its passage with even narrower majority.

This Bill did not survive scrutiny in the House of the Lords due to the dangers it posed and fell in the face of some 1,200 amendments and numerous concerns raised by medical and professional bodies, those representing the disabled, and organisations concerned with mental health and domestic abuse. I think you will be incredulous that this Bill is now back in virtually unamended form. The euthanasia lobby will not easily give up its efforts to breach long-established protections in our laws, and we must be as resolute and tireless in our own stand for the value of every human life and the protection of those most vulnerable.

As Christians we oppose medical killing in principle. The sanctity of human life is one of the great gifts which Christianity brought to human civilisation. However, in writing to your Member of Parliament we need to also highlight the dangerous consequences of this deeply flawed Bill becoming law. We need to point out with many others the threat posed to some of the most vulnerable and the need for the adequate provision of palliative care, seen in the wonderful work of our hospices. Let us pray for all our Members of Parliament and that the threat of euthanasia (the medical killing of the sick and the aged) be decisively rejected in the weeks ahead.

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

Saturday 9.30am HOLY ROSARY
Eucharistic Adoration 10.30-11.30am

Key Contacts & Information

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Office Hours DURING SEPTEMBER: Tues 9.30 - 11.30. Thurs 9.30 - 11.30 Fri 9.30 - 12.00

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Donate here ➡

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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>

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 the parishioners who is sponsoring our Newsletter during the month of September.

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



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.

Explore
life,
faith &
meaning



COMMUNITY MASS & LUNCH

Will begin again on

Monday 21st SEPTEMBER 2026

Please sign the list at both churches.

Due to the popularity of these lunches

we need to limit the numbers at 30.

If the list is full this month please
add your name below the line so you
will be a priority next month.

- Thank you to Alex and Andrea Chetwood for hosting the pizza party last Saturday. The rain did not dampen spirits or the pizzas which were thoroughly enjoyed by all that came. Thank you for your kind donations which raised £600 and will go towards the heating fund for St. Margaret's.

The Pope's prayer Intention for September
For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable
management of water, a vital resource, so
that everyone may have equal access to
it.

Pax Christi England and Wales

Are you committed to a world where people can live in peace and without fear of violence?

Do you have the skills and experience to voice this message to people at all levels?

Pax Christi England and Wales are recruiting a new General Secretary to lead our small team, working with individuals, groups, parishes, the Catholic hierarchy and the network of organisations who share our values, including Pax Christi International, our mother body. Based in London, we are open to some remote working and flexible working hours; job share applications will also be considered.

If this sounds like you, or someone you know, we would love to hear from you. Download the Job Description and Person Specification from our website <https://paxchristi.org.uk>

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter with your personal statement (each no more than two A4 pages) to: Treasurer@paxchristi.org.uk

Deadline for applications: midnight Wednesday 23rd September

2026 Interviews will be held in London on

Thursday 8th October 2026

Please share this opportunity with anyone who might be interested.

What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Mon	PEP	7.30pm
Thurs	Confirmation	7.00pm
Thurs	Alpha	7.00pm
Fri	Mothers Prayers	9.30am
Fri	St Nicks Alumni Choir	7.00pm
Sun	Children's Liturgy	11.00am

Sat 5/9	10.45am	Holy Rosary followed by Eucharistic Adoration (NO MASS OR SERVICE THIS MORNING)
Sat 5/9	6.30pm	Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time Mike Blake RIP (2nd Anniv)
Sun 6/9	9.00am	Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time St Margarets. Day of Special Prayer for Education
Sun 6/9	11:00am	Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time PEP Celebration Mass & Presentation of Bible & Medal
Mon 7/9	9.00am	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Tues 8/9	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 9/9	9.00am	Holy Mass (St Margarets.)
Wed 9/9	6.30pm	Holy Mass Margaret Strong RIP
Thurs 10/9	9.00am	(SCHOOL) Service of The Word & Holy Communion.
Fri 11/9	9:00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion
Sat 12/9	10.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion (followed by Eucharistic Adoration) The Most Holy Name of Mary
Sat 12/9	6:30pm	Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Tom O'Hare RIP (Anniv)
Sun 13/9	9.00am	Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time St Margarets.
Sun 13/9	11:00am	Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Children's Liturgy
Sun 13/9	12.30pm	Baptism of Felicity Margaret Doherty

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 fo

<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

Frederick Anderson

Roy Derek Henry George Crumpling

Jonathan Williams

Patrick McNeela

Lisa Conlon

Fred Smith

Molly O'Hare

Anniversaries

Teddy Anderson

Brian Bratt

Lily Carey

Arthur Coles

Thomas Cannon

Martin Mahon

Rev Terence Boylan

Rev Francis Gordon

Anniversaries

Rev Michael English

Rev Edward McCann

Rev Alban Greenwood

Rev Ivor Kind

Rev James Fox

Rev Denis Boskill

Rev Joseph Russell

Rev Gerard Doherty (Deacon)



Please pray for those who have died recently
especially Mary Clark & Claire Lancaster (sisters) & Stephen Cooke

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.
Lupita & Edward Edwards