

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).

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



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.

COMMUNITY MASS & LUNCH Monday 21st SEPTEMBER 2026



HOLMES CHAPEL CIVIC SERVICE SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER. 10.30 AT ST. LUKE'S

Please support this Service alongside our sister Churches. It has been organised by Holmes Chapel Council Members and Community Leaders for the whole of our village. Thank you

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Many Thanks

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Tinned custard, Noodles, Tinned tomatoes & Cream crackers

Please keep the Foodbank in your prayers.

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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13th September 2026. TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Today's Reflection:

This parable is about the mercy of God, which is one of the strongest divine qualities, if we may put it like that. Nothing except mercy born of compassion cancels a debt like the one referred to in the Gospel. It further ends by calling us to be merciful as we have received mercy. Mercy is deeper than forgiveness; it sees into the heart of the other and walks around for a while in the others shoes. It includes compassion and active healing.

As Jesus continues to emphasise forgiveness, let us humbly bring ourselves before God who forgives everything, who loves beyond any sin. The forgiveness that God gives is often difficult for us to receive. Let us think about how generously it is given to us, so that we may give it freely to others. Let us pray for those who have caused us hurt and, even if we can't wish them well now, may we pray that one day we may.

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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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**
- 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

St Nicholas Catholic High School Open Evening
Thursday 24th September 4-6pm

As a Catholic school, our faith shapes our values, our community and the way we care for one another. We believe that every young person is special, valued and capable of great things, and we provide a caring, supportive environment in which they can flourish and succeed.

With strong examination results, a broad curriculum, outstanding pastoral care, and a wide range of enrichment opportunities, St Nicholas provides the foundations for future success. Come and explore our classrooms, meet our staff and students, and discover what makes St Nicholas such a special place to learn, grow, and thrive.

If you are unable to attend our Open Evening, please contact us to arrange a personal tour of the school: admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk

Open Evening
Wednesday 24th September 4pm - 6pm.
Everyone welcome, no appointments needed."
Please see poster in the Parish Centre.

An in-person **Marriage Preparation Course** is available to all diocesan parishes this month for couples getting married this year or next. With an apology for the short notice, the course will take place this Saturday, **12 September** and the following Saturday, **19 September** at St Vincent’s, Altrincham – in the Westleigh Parish Centre, 100 Groby Road, WA14 2BJ beginning at 11am. **Booking is essential** - please contact natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07730 526826

- **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.



Tuesday 15th September
Our Lady of Sorrows

What’s on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Wed	RCIA Team Meeting	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 12/9	10.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i> The Most Holy Name of Mary
Sat 12/9	6.30pm	Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Tom O’Hare RIP <i>(Anniv)</i>
Sun 13/9	9.00am	Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time St Margarets.
Sun 13/9	11:00am	Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time PEP Celebration Mass
Sun 13/9	12.30pm	Baptism of Felicity Margaret Doherty
Mon 14/9	9.00am	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Tues 15/9	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion Our Lady of Sorrows
Wed 16/9	9.00am	Holy Mass (St Margarets.)
Wed 16/9	6.30pm	Holy Mass Michael McDade (Ill Health)
Thurs 17/9	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Stephen Cooke
Fri 18/9	9:00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion
Sat 19/9	10.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion followed by Holy hour. The Most Holy Name of Mary.
Sat 19/9	6:30pm	Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time
Sun 20/9	9.00am	Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time St Margarets.
Sun 20/9	11:00am	Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time Mary Hannon 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 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	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Mary Hodgkinson	Anne McNeela	Michael Walsh
Thomas Clarke	Myes Costello	Thomas Goulding
Charles Crabbe	Elizabeth Huff	Norman Callister
Sara Roberts	Richard Bamford	Elsie Bratt
John Fahey	Nancy Blaikie	James McAleer
Tom O’Hare	Wilfred Costello	Harry Wait
William Patrick Gallagher	Christopher O’Tool	Samuel Higgins
Fr Joseph Russell	Mary Hannon	Brian Harry Warden
Suzanna Jurszo	Rt Rev Gerard Tickle Bishop of the Forces	Rev Bernard Houghton
Kathleen Costello		Rev Frank McManus



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

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