

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.

August income £5846.68
August expenditure £4836.08

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



Roman Catholic Chaplain Vacancy at HMP &YOI Styal

Do you feel called to a ministry that brings hope, healing and transformation? We are seeking a compassionate and committed Roman Catholic Chaplain (Priest or Lay) to join our multi-faith chaplaincy team in a women's prison. This is a unique opportunity to support women in custody and prison staff through spiritual leadership, pastoral care and ministry. Alongside providing faith-based care to Roman Catholic prisoners and staff, you will work collaboratively with colleagues to meet the pastoral needs of people of all faiths and none.

Through your ministry, you will help create an environment where women can rediscover dignity, purpose and hope. We are looking for someone who is empathetic, resilient and committed to serving others with respect and integrity. This role provides an opportunity to live out your vocation in a setting where your faith and pastoral gifts can have a profound and lasting impact. If you are interested in helping people build brighter futures, we would love to hear from you. This is a one day a week post (8hrs).

Please contact Managing Chaplain Jo Hirst for further information 01625 553015
Joanna.hirst1@justice.gov.uk.

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

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.

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

Current shortages are:

crackers, custard, rice pudding, cordial, pulses, coffee, noodles, toilet rolls, tomatoes and rice.

We currently have an excess of toiletries, pasta, sanitary products, soup, baby food and cleaning products so we do not need these.
Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's

Roman Catholic Church

Middlewich.

&

St Margaret's

Holmes Chapel

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20th September 2026. TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Home Mission Sunday This year, Pope Leo has given the Church the beautiful gift of an encyclical entitled *Magnifica humanitas*.

It has been called Pope Leo's manifesto for the defence of human dignity in the AI age, but is so much more than that. It is fundamentally about the reality of the deep yearning all humanity has to see the face of God, whether we realise this or not. It is "hardwired" within us. It is an essential part of our humanity.

The encyclical paints a picture of the grandeur of God writ large in the world, seen and experienced fully within His creation (namely us humans) and above all when we encounter the face of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Pope Leo makes clear that we face a pivotal choice: Will we build Babel or will we construct a city of God?

The world in which we live is rapidly changing, and Pope Leo is calling us to ask one key question about what is unfolding: What are we building? Leo poses a few key questions worth considering:

"Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as people and as a human community?" (MH, 6).

And to guide us through these questions, he offers two scenarios/characters: the building of the Tower of Babel and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

"With the heart of a shepherd and a father, I ask everyone to abandon the construction of yet another Tower of Babel and to join forces in building up the common good, so that humanity will never lose its beauty, and the world once again will come to recognise the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell." (MH, 16).

The Holy Father quotes St. Augustine's famous line from The Confessions of St. Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Pope Leo is reminding us that human flourishing cannot be reduced to technological fulfilment; the human heart is ordered toward God (MH 11).

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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- **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

Thursday 24th September
Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham



Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk was one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The Lady of the Manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by the Virgin Mary to build an exact replica of the house of Nazareth in which the annunciation had taken place in her village. According to tradition the vision took place in 1061, though a more likely date is 100 years later. The original house was destroyed during the reformation, but during the 19th and early 20th centuries pilgrimage to Walsingham was revived for both Anglicans Catholics.

COMMUNITY MASS & LUNCH
This Monday 21st SEPTEMBER



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.

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.

Thank you to Fr Bernard Forshaw 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 Saturday Evening Mass.

What’s on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Mon	PEP	6.00pm
Wed	RCIA	7.30pm
Thurs	Confirmation	7.00pm
Thurs	Alpha	7.00pm
Fri	Mothers Prayers	9.30am
Fri	St Nicks Alumni Choir	7.00pm

Sat 19/9	10.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>		
Sat 19/9	6.30pm	Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time		
Sun 20/9	9.00am	Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets.	Home Mission Sunday
Sun 20/9	11:00am	Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	Home Mission Sunday	Mary Hannon Anniv
Mon 21/9	12.00pm	Community Mass & Lunch	St Matthew	
Tues 22/9	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion		
Wed 23/9	9.00am	Holy Mass (St Margarets.)		
Wed 23/9	6.30pm	Holy Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	Mary Theresa Nugent
Thurs 24/9	9.00am	School Service of The Word & Holy Communion.	Our Lady of Walsingham	
Fri 25/9	9:00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion		
Sat 26/9	10.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>		
Sat 26/9	6:30pm	Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time		
Sun 27/9	9.00am	Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets.	
Sun 27/9	11:00am	Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	Celebration Mass Children’s Liturgy.	John Stoneley 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
Kevin Cannon	Ellen Mills	Edward Maksimowicz
Jim McHale	Ellen Maher	Joanne Newman
Victor Roe	Lilian Worthington	Rev John Corcoran
Bridget Jordan	John Fahey	Rev Gerald McDonald
Mabel Hambley	Ellen Hughes	Canon Clement Turner
Fr. William Mellor	Kathleen Bomford	Rev Canon Francis Murphy
Rosalie Sivills	Joseph Costello	Rev William Mellor
Mary Upton	Patrick (Pat) Joseph McGuinness	Canon Patrick Healey
Mary Mills	Anne Bratt	Rev Joh Lennon



Please pray for those who have died recently
especially Stephen Cooke, William Davies & Mary Nugent

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