

THE PARISH FINANCE GROUP

Finance Group

August Income £5846.68

August Expenditure £4836.08

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 central heating system at St Margaret's and to restore the front of the Parish Centre at St Mary's. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Gift aid forms for UK Tax payers are available from Ken Worthington. Donations can be made via the QR Code, Dona machine or via bank transfer.

St Mary's Middlewich

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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.

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 prayers & generosity.

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.

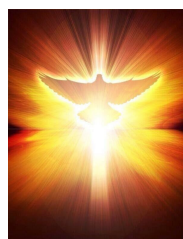
Altar Servers Thank You

As a thank you to all the servers at St.Marys, we are taking them bowling. Photo's will be posted on our Facebook page after the event which is on Sunday the 18th October.



PRAY FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please keep all our young people in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in November.



Lourdes Pilgrimages Re-Union

There will be a reunion for participants in recent Shrewsbury Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimages on Saturday 10th October at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. The reunion will start with Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments in the church hall. All former pilgrims are welcome.

Thank you to the parishioners who are sponsoring our Newsletter during the month of October



NEWSLETTER

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27th September 2026. TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARYTIME

Gospel Reading [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

The example Jesus poses in today's Gospel could have been taken directly from family experience. Each of us can recall instances in which family members spoke one thing but then did another. The point of Jesus' story is to show that our actions speak louder than words, even with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about times when a family member said one thing and then did another. Acknowledge that sometimes the action taken displays a true change of heart. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32. Observe that Jesus faulted the religious leaders for not allowing John the Baptist's message of repentance to change their hearts and actions. The word we sometimes use for this change of heart is conversion. Jesus wants us to do more than pay lip service to the Gospel; he wants us to be transformed by his word.

Pray together that your family will experience a conversion to God and show evidence of this in both actions and words.

Pray together today's second reading, Philippians 2:1-5.

Reflection of Gospel Reading taken from Loyola Press

Saturday Eucharistic Adoration 11.15 - 12.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

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

Parish Bank Account: St Mary's Middlewich.

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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

Bereavement

On Fr Vijay's return from India we intend to host a get together for any parishioners who have suffered a loss in their life, be it recent or in the past. We are looking to see if a monthly tea, coffee and cake meet up would be a good format to allow people who share loss to get together for a chat and some company or perhaps a walking group. The date and time will be in the newsletter in the near future.

Please keep this group in your prayers. 🙏

29th September Feast of the Archangels

St. Michael the Archangel: Defender of the Faith
St. Gabriel the Archangel: Herald of Good News
St. Raphael the Archangel: Healer and Guide

The Archangels remind us that the spiritual world is real, active, and close to us. In a culture that often dismisses or distorts angels, the Church invites us to honour these powerful servants of God who protect and intercede for us. Today is an opportunity to renew our devotion to the Archangels, asking them to guard our homes, guide our choices, and bring us closer to Christ.

As we celebrate their feast, let us pray:
St. Michael, defend us. St. Gabriel, announce to us God’s plan. St. Raphael, heal and guide us. Holy Archangels, lead us to eternal life with God.



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 lax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

The Pope’s prayer Intention for October

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the Mental Health Ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental health illnesses.

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

TOMORROW

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.

Thank you to Fr Bernard Forshaw who will be celebrating The Holy Mass for us again 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
Sun	SVP	10.00am
Sun	Children’s Liturgy	11.00am
Wed	RCIA	7.30pm
Thurs	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Thurs	Confirmation	7.00pm
Thurs	Alpha	7.00pm
Fri	Mums & Tots	9.30am
Fri	St Nicks Alumni Choir	7.00pm

Sat 26/9	10.30am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)	
Sat 26/9	6:30pm	Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	Special Day of Prayer for Harvest
Sun 27/9	9.00am	Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets. Special Day of Prayer for Harvest
Sun 27/9	11:00am	Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Celebration Mass Children’s Liturgy.	John Stoneley Anniv
Mon 28/9	9.00am	NO MASS OR SERVICE	
Tues 29/9	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Wed 30/10	9.00am	Holy Mass	(St Margarets.)
Wed 30/10	6.30pm	Holy Mass	Jane Kent RIP
Thurs 1/10	9.00am	School Service of The Word & Holy Communion.	St Theresa of The Child Jesus
Fri 2/10	9:00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion.	Guardian Angels
Sat 3/10	10.30am	Holy Mass. (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)	
Sat 3/10	6:30pm	Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time	
Sun 4/10	9.00am	Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets. Dogerty Family (Dec’d family members)
Sun 4/10	11.00am	Twenty Seventh 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 fo
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/9458449456?pwd=Ym15NEI2UXNrelnhcFpGc3JFNTlwdz09>
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
Sheila Woods	Damian Garnett	Fred Fletcher
Denis Alcock	Harry Sandbach	Rev John P Lynch
Mary Barry	Janet Teresa Fry	Rev John Michael Dyson
Bill Griffiths	Gerry Brothy	Pope John Paul I
John Davis	Hugh Patrick Murray	Canon Christopher Hickey
Garth Walker	Ellen Gallagher	Rev Michael Cupit
Tom Ryan	Val Costello	Rev James Savage
James Hayes	Bert Whitehead	



Please pray for those who have died recently especially 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 & Gerry Tarpey.