

## 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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## ST MARY'S 100 CLUB!

### September 2026 Winners:

|                      |                  |             |
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| <b>Gemma Jakubik</b> | <b>1st prize</b> | <b>£200</b> |
| <b>Pat Springett</b> |                  | <b>£100</b> |
| <b>Jim Porter</b>    |                  | <b>£ 50</b> |
| <b>Sue Semple</b>    |                  | <b>£ 50</b> |

**Congratulations to all** 🎉

## RETREAT: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD 20th-23rd November 2026

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God.

Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate.

Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

## 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

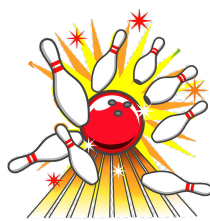
### Coming soon:

- 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

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

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## 4th October 2026. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics to pray the rosary each day in October for peace. Sister Benignus, has written a short reflection on the Rosary.

"The Rosary is a very rewarding and grace-filled prayer that can be prayed by all, no matter our status or age. The Rosary is basically a contemplative prayer that can deepen our love and understanding of the Gospels. It is a powerful weapon against evil. In 1214 the Church was facing a growing threat, the Albigensian Heresy. St Dominic was called to combat this heresy in an unexpected, but powerful way. It is widely believed that, in the same year, Dominic had a vision of Mary. She is said to have presented him with a string of beads and special prayers to say through her intercession. It quickly became Dominic's greatest weapon in the spiritual battle against the Albigensians. It also transformed his life and mission. He founded the Dominican Order whose members, to this day, promote the Rosary throughout the world.

We are told that Dominic of Prussia, a Carthusian monk, developed the Joyful, Glorious and Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. He encouraged centering each decade on an event in the lives of Jesus and Mary, helping us to contemplate these important moments in the Gospels. Sometimes our minds wander, but I find that the Scriptural Rosary is a great method to maintain focus. Many people use this method, by reading a line of the Gospels before each Hail Mary, helping us to focus on the mystery more deeply. Devotion to the Rosary was formally established by Pope Pius V in 1569, and established October 7th a feast day in honour of Our Lady of Victory, to commemorate victory over the Ottoman threat to attack Christian countries. In 1917, during the Fatima apparitions, Our Lady requested the addition of the prayer "O My Jesus" after each decade. On October 16th, 2002, Pope St John Paul II added five new "Luminous Mysteries" to the traditional Rosary. These focus on events in Christ's public ministry.

Let us resolve to pray the Rosary daily, a powerful contemplative prayer, especially on October 7th, the feast of the Holy Rosary.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

*From Plymouth Diocese*

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

### Key Contacts & Information

|                                  |                                                                                            |                                    |                |                         |
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| <b>St Mary's Primary School.</b> | <b>Parish Safeguarding Rep:</b>                                                            | <b>Administration.</b>             | <b>Finance</b> | <b>PPT Chair-person</b> |
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**Office Hours THIS WEEK: 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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