

THE PARISH FINANCE GROUP

Finance Group

September Income £7860.85

September Expenditure £6226.59

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.

Donations can be made via the QR Code, Dona machine or via bank.

Gift aid forms for UK Tax payers are



BINGO & KARAOKE FUN NIGHT

Saturday 14th November

EYES DOWN 7.30pm

£10 per Adult Pay on the Door

£5 per child (ages 5-16) Under 5s Free

Includes 5 Games of BINGO & a delicious bowl of chilli.

Bring your own alcohol, soft drinks available.

KARAOKE - Be a star for the night

IMPORTANT - Please provide your name & number on the sheets at the back of both churches if you can attend.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND

8th-10th January 2027

Our residential Marriage Preparation Weekend offers engaged couples time and space to explore the beauty of the Church's teaching of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Led by Stefan and Eleonora Kaminski, it combines a Scripture-based theological reflection with prayer, thoughtful conversation and practical exercises for couples. Please share this opportunity with engaged couples, clergy and marriage-preparation teams in your community.

Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/>

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.



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.

CTiM are putting on a Moving Nativity

starting at Middlewich Primary, then to St. Mary's and the High School down to the Bullring and St.Michael's.

We need 2 volunteers to marshal for the event.

Plus we need anyone who is interested in acting (adults actors only) in the play to come forward.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 20th October 7.30pm at MCC . It will be good fun and hopefully very well attended by the town.

Please contact Dave Collins or Deacon Tony for further details. if you are interested

Please let us as a parish support the church community in our town with this.

Quiz Night Success

Thank you to the Confirmation Candidates for organising the quiz night last Saturday. The evening was lovely social night with some healthy competition between teams taking place! The evening raised £290 which the candidates would like to go towards the statue of Our Lady for the outdoor area. Thank you to all who supported the event by taking part or donating prizes.

St Mary's School Foundation Governor Vacancy

There are currently three vacancies for foundation governors at our parish school, and expressions of interest are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the roles. Being a Governor is an enjoyable and rewarding role supporting the education and development of our children.

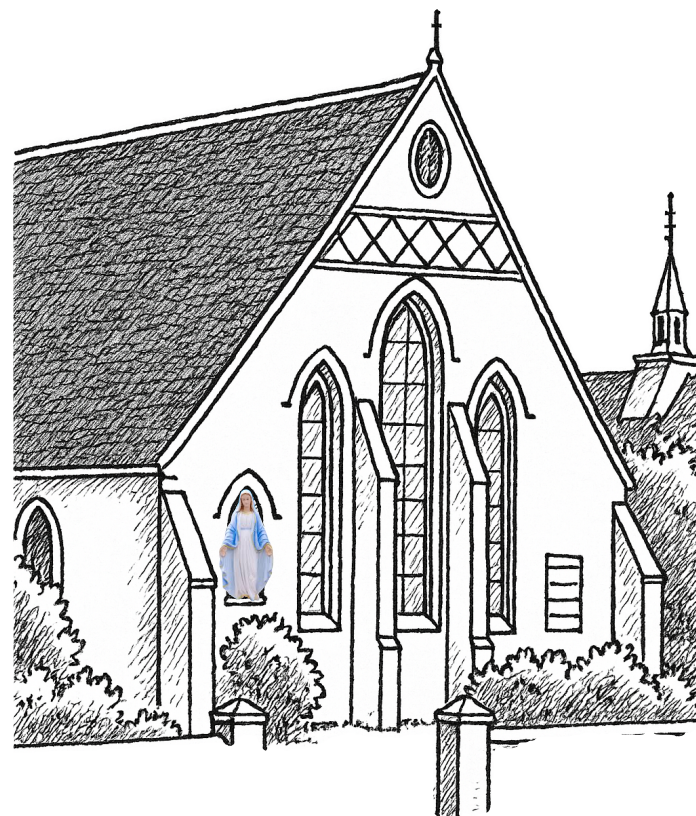
Governors have key roles in ensuring clarity of vision, holding the school to account, and financial oversight. Foundation Governors are appointed by Bishop Mark, to represent his and the catholic communities' interests, to ensure that the religious character of the school is well preserved, and religious education is delivered in accordance with the Bishop Mark's policy.

If you are interested in the role, further information is available from Fr Vijay, or Simon Davis, chair of the Governing Board who can be contacted on 01606 832359

Would you be interested in a short pilgrimage to the shrine of **Our Lady of Walsingham** during Lent next year? If so please email the parish office as soon as possible so that accommodation can be reserved.



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

Parish Priest

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Newsletter

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18th October 2026. TWENTYNINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

Jesus' words today, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," remind us that every Christian lives with two responsibilities: our earthly duties and our heavenly calling. Taxes, laws, work, and civic life matter — but they never define us. What truly marks us is the image we bear: God's own likeness stamped on our hearts.

This Sunday invites us to pause and ask: What part of my life have I given too much to "Caesar"? And what part have I not yet given to God? When we place God first — in our choices, our time, our relationships — everything else finds its right place. We become people who bring integrity, compassion, and hope into the world. May this week help us return to the One whose image we carry, offering Him our lives with trust and joy.

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

Key Contacts & Information

St Mary's Primary School.	Parish Safeguarding Rep:	Administration.	Finance	PPT Chair-person
Head Teacher	Jo Hopton	Mary Ford	Gemma Jakubik.	Dave Collins
J. McKinley	Tel: 07786 755168	Office: 01606 832359		
Tel: 01606 516171	www.stmarysparishmiddlewich.org.uk	Parish Mobile 07836 614 833		

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.
SortCode 30-15-52 Acc No 54643068

SVP CONTACT INFO: Mobile 0747 495 8103 Email: SS_MandMW_SVP@icloud.com

Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury: Registered Charity 234025



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**CHURCHES
TOGETHER
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Coming
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Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm

Mid-Cheshire Community Church,
34-36 Brooks Lane, Middlewich

Join us, all welcome!

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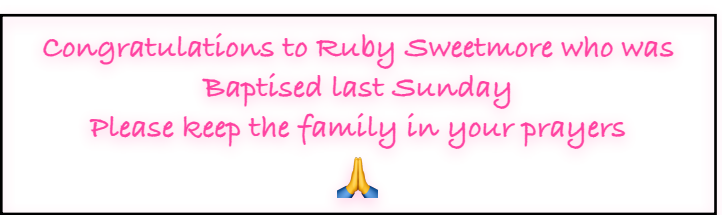
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Congratulations to Ruby Sweetmore who was
Baptised last Sunday
Please keep the family in your prayers



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day! Thanks to your generosity, we have donated £819.80 to CAFOD from our recent Fast Day collection and from St Mary's teas and coffee monies. (£370 of the donations were gifted aid). Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents.

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Sat 17/10	6:30pm	Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	Day of Special Prayer for World Mission	
Sun 18/10	9.00am	Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets.	Day of Special Prayer for World Mission
Sun 18/10	11.00am	Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	Day of Special Prayer for World Mission	Clarry France RIP Anniv
Mon 19/10		NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Tues 20/10	9.00am	Holy Mass	Anna Allan (Healing)	
Wed 21/10	6.30pm	Holy Mass.		
Thurs 22/10	9.00am	Holy Mass	School	Susan Rougraff RIP
Fri 23/10	9:00am	Holy Mass	Alison Browne RIP <i>(Birthday)</i>	
Sat 24/10	10.30am	Holy Mass. <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>		
Sat 24/10	6:30pm	Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time	Celebration Angela & Keith Paul 60th Wedding Anniv	
Sun 25/10	9.00am	Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time	St Margarets.	Shackleton Grandchildren Int
Sun 25/10	11.00am	Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time	PEP Celebration	
Sun 25/10	12.30pm	Baptism of Alexandros William Staios		

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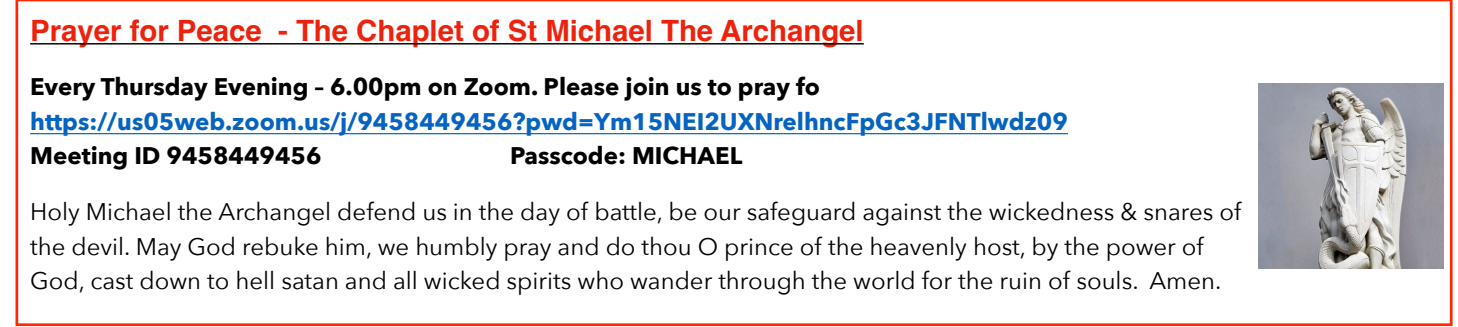
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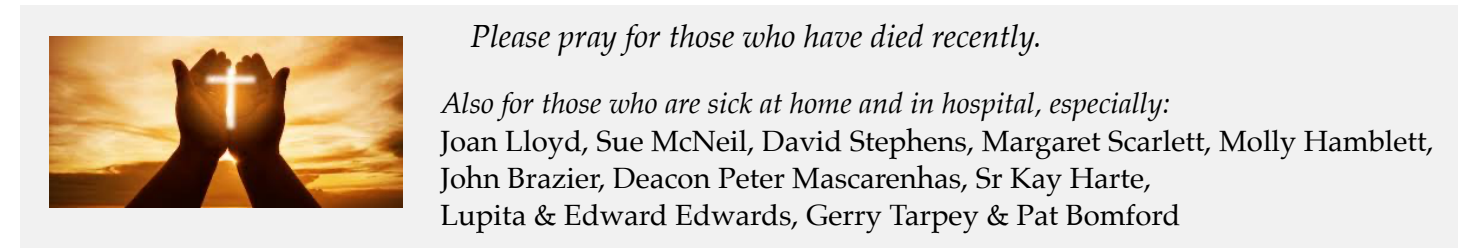
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Bertha Bratt	Ted Jinks	Terry O'Rourke
Denis McCarthy	Ann Hough	Canon Joseph Briscoe
Colin Graytrex	Mabel Spilsbury	Rev Percival Bailey
Michael Hogan	Cannon Patrick Kerney PP	Rt Rev Bishop Brian Noble
John Dolan	Margaret Costello	Mgr Canon Peter Walton
Mary Bannaghan	Sarah McGlinsky	Rev Bernard Barron (Deacon)
Catherine Down	John Tefler	Canon Louis John St John
Bridget Casey	Joan Thackwell	



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Also for those who are sick at home and in hospital, especially:
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