THE PARISH FINANCE GROUP

Finance Group

October Income £7008.01

October Expenditure £5294.11

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 available from Ken Worthington.

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St Mary's Middlewich

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Thank you to all who sponsored our newsletter during 2026.

The cost of sponsoring is £60 for 1 month. Please email the Parish office if you wish to sponsor a month in 2027. You may wish to include a special prayer request or remain anonymous.

There will be a Holy Hour and Confessions at St Margarets 15th December after the 11.30am Holy Mass

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

We are hoping to put together some much needed Christmas parcels and would be grateful for the following items:



Tinned potatoes
Instant mash
Crisps
Biscuits
Christmas crackers

We currently have an excess of pasta, toiletries, sanitary products, baby food and cleaning products so we do not need these.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

We would like to warmly invite you to our AGM. Please see information at the back of Church.

PLEASE NOTE

Middlewich and District Foodbank. We will be closed from Tuesday 22nd December, 2026 and open again on Monday 4th January, 2027.

Every blessing, Alison Boulton

The Pope's prayer Intention for December For for single-parent families.

Specifically, the intention asks people to pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father–that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, along with help and strength in the faith during difficult times

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality

invite everyone to join them at Mass to celebrate the feast of The Immaculate Conception at 7.00pm on 8th December, at St Hugh and St John Timperley - car park post code WA14 5HL. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass .

Our Lady of Walsingham Pilgrimage

1st to 4th March 2027



We need to confirm numbers and contact details in order to book our Pilgrimage to Walsingham next year.

Approx cost including transport both ways will be £390 per person (subject to final numbers) A £65 non returnable deposit will be required on booking, this includes half board accommodation at The Anglican Shrine in Walsingham Village. If you wish to join us, Booking forms will be available at the back of Church which will need to be returned by the end of December together with your deposit.

*(**Please note** there may be a small additional cost if we organise an **optional** outing)*

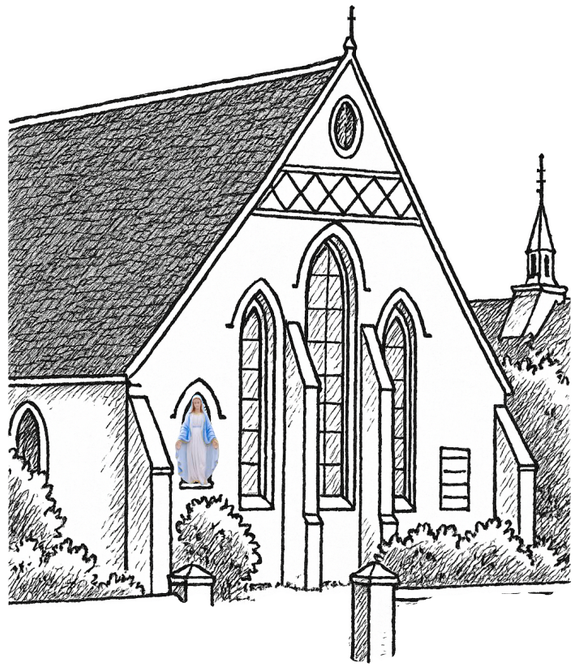
Advent Retreat Day for Young Adults (Age 18-35 ish)

On **Saturday 5th of December** there will be a day of recollection for young adults at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport, led by Fr Joseph Fawcett-Wood and Fr Sean Davidson. Please bring a packed lunch. Schedule: 12pm Rosary with Meditations, 12:20pm Talk, 1:15pm Lunch. 2:15pm Talk, 3pm Coffee Break, 3:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions, 4:30pm - Benediction, 5pm - Mass for anyone who wishes to stay, 6pm onwards - Social. (No need to register in advance, but if you have questions please contact: stockportshrine@gmail.com)

100 Cub winners for October:

Sue Semple £200
Ken Worthington £100
Tom Cox £50
Madeleine Galloway £50

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



NEWSLETTER

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29th November 2026. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

As a new Church year begins, Advent invites us to wake up and be ready for the coming of the Lord. Jesus reminds us not to become distracted by the worries and busyness of life, but to remain watchful and faithful. Advent is not simply about preparing for Christmas; it is about preparing our hearts to welcome Christ every day.

Like a loving parent waiting for a child to return home, God patiently awaits our response. This season calls us to renew our prayer, deepen our trust, and live with hope. As we light the first Advent candle, may its flame remind us to stay awake to God's presence and ready to receive the gift of His love.

"Lord, keep us vigilant in faith, joyful in hope, and ready to welcome You into our hearts.



Saturday 28th November Eucharistic Adoration 11.15 - 12.15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

Key Contacts & Information

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Holy Rosary

Takes place on the following days and times.
Monday on **zoom at 10.00am**
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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027:

As preparations for our 76th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now well underway, you are warmly invited to join the Management Team and other members of the pilgrimage for a launch event on Saturday 5 December 2026 at Saint Hugh and Saint John parish in Timperley (WA14 5HL is the postcode for the car park). Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon in church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall with more information about our 2027 pilgrimage being available. We look forward to seeing you, and hope that you will be able to join us.

Holmes Chapel Christmas Market.
Sunday 6th December

If you could spare 30 mins to help on the Churches Together stall at the Holmes Chapel Christmas Market between 4pm and 7pm on Sunday 6th December, please email John Bryden (jpbryden8@gmail.com). Volunteers on our stall give out free knitted Christmas angels and our Christmas cards with details of Christmas services at the 3 churches in Holmes Chapel.

A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2026
This little booklet will be available at the back of Church from this weekend. It contains a short daily reflection for each day of Advent. The cost is £1.50

Our Parish Advent Reflection
Saturday 12th December 10am-1pm
Will YOU be ready for Christmas?
Give YOURSELF a break from the hustle and bustle and spend some quiet time in prayer.
Join in our Christmas SELF preparation.
Fr. Vijay, Deacon Tony and Sue N warmly welcome you to
Meditation and Reflection in the Parish Centre
Followed by Mass, Adoration and Forgiveness in Church
BE READY FOR CHRISTMAS !
Refreshments from 9.30am. 🙏

🚪 PLEASE ENSURE CHURCH DOORS REMAIN CLOSED WHILST SERVICES ARE ON DURING THE WINTER MONTHS 🚪 SO WE CAN KEEP OUR FUEL BILLS DOWN. 🚪
Thank you for your help 🙏

🎄Parish Christmas Fayre
Tomorrow 29th November following the 11am Mass.

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Please come and support our Parish. There will be something to interest everyone including:



Fancy goods / gift items
🍫 Tombola
🎨 Craft stall ✨
🧸 Toys and games
📚 Books, CDs and records
🎟️ Raffle ✨
🎂 Cakes, bakes and festive treats
Have some social time with tea/coffee & cake

If you purchase your tree from GRANGE Christmas Trees and mention St Mary's Church Middlewich the parish will receive £5 for our Parish Funds.



What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Sun	**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**	12.15pm
Wed	RCIA	7.15pm
Thurs	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Fri	Mums & Tots	9.30am
Fri	St Nicks Alumni Choir	7.00pm
Sun	Childrens Liturgy	10.00am

Sat 28/11	10.00am	Holy Mass.	Ursula Finn RIP
Sat 28/11	6:30pm	Holy Mass. **First Sunday of Advent**	Michael & Rosemary Tolkien (Wed Anniv)
Sun 29/11	9.00am	Holy Mass. **First Sunday of Advent** ***St Margaret's***	
Sun 29/11	11.00am	Holy Mass. **First Sunday of Advent** PEP Certificate Presentation	
Mon 30/11		No Mass or Service	
Tues 1/12	9.00am	Holy Mass	Clarry, Don & Ann France RIP
Tues 1/12	11.30am	Holy Mass **St Margarets**	
Wed 2/12	6.30pm	Holy Mass	Mike Vosser RIP
Thurs 3/12	9.00am	Holy Mass **School St Francis Xavier** ***Day of Special prayer for all Migrants and Refugees***	Jane Laverick Anniv RIP
Fri 4/12	9.00am	Holy Mass	Shackleton Family Int
Sat 5/12	10.00am	Holy Mass.	Vicky Moger RIP
Sat 5/12	6:30pm	Holy Mass. **Second Sunday of Advent**	Gordon Woolridge RIP (B'day) Anniv
Sun 6/12	9.00am	Holy Mass. **Second Sunday of Advent**	
Sun 6/12	11.00am	Holy Mass. **Second Sunday of Advent**	

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
Margaret English
Rev. Norman Keen
Mary McGorty
John Francis O'Neill
Mary Griffiths
Brigid Mary Sweeny
Reg Hambley
Mary McAleer
Ann Smith

Anniversaries
James Edward Ellison
Bernard Barnes
Winefride Pace
Betty Murphy
Wendy Billington
Sylvia Clarke
Frasnciska Jaglic
Larry Porter
Denis Kenny

Anniversaries
Annie O'Donnell
Robert Widgery
Annie Howman
Rev John Woods
Rev John O'Sullivan
Rev Jack Warnock
Rev Joe Norbury (Deacon)
Rev Mgr Terence Welch
Rev Patrick O'Brien



Please pray for those who have died recently especially
Maureen Ferris, Patricia Gallimore, Teodoro Martone, Ursula Finn & Kenneth John Page

Also for those who are sick at home and in hospital, especially:
Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Margaret Scarlett, John Brazier, Deacon Peter Mascarenhas, Sr Kay Harte, Lupita & Edward Edwards, Gerry Tarpey, Pat Bomford & Bill & Carole Browne