

NEWSLETTER
St Mary's
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&
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12th July 2026. FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

Today's Gospel reminds us that God is always sowing His word generously into our lives. Some days our hearts feel distracted, tired, or overwhelmed, and the seed struggles to grow. Yet the Lord never stops planting hope, truth, and encouragement.

The "good soil" Jesus speaks of is not about being perfect; it is simply about being open. When we give God even a little space—through quiet prayer, listening to His word, or small acts of kindness—His grace takes root and grows quietly, steadily, and fruitfully.

This week, may we notice where God is sowing new seeds in our lives, and may we welcome His word so that it bears fruit that blesses our families, our parish, and all whom we meet.

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

Key Contacts & Information

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Normal Office Hours: Monday 9.30 - 11.30. Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30. Friday 9.30 - 12.00

Parish Bank Account: St Mary's Middlewich. Sort Code 30-15-52 Acc No 54643068

Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury: Registered Charity 234025

The Annual Parish BBQ ☀️
 will take place This Sunday
 12th July from 1pm.
 Please bring your own side dishes, desserts & drinks.
 A BIG thank you to Cheshire One Radio for sponsoring and supplying the burgers for our BBQ

Launching the St Mary's 100 Club! ★
 Your parish needs you!
ONLY 33 more members needed for our 100 club.

Thanks to the 67 who are now members. Your numbers will be issued by the 24th July, with the first draw on the 26th.

Be in it to win prizes of £200, £100, £50, £50. Each month. Sign the forms at the back church and use guidance below.

100 Club Payment Guidance

We are extending the deadline to join the 100 Club until 24th July.

The first draw will take place on Sunday 26th July. To help the Finance Committee keep accurate records, all 100 Club payments need to be made on the 1st of each month.

If you are joining now, please choose one of the following:

- Make a double first payment on 1st August,
- **OR**
- Make one payment in July and set up your standing order to begin on 1st August.
- Bank Details - Account name: St Mary's Middlewich
- **Account number: 54643068**
- **Sort code 301552**
- **Reference 100club-your name**

This keeps everyone on the same monthly schedule and ensures the draw can be managed smoothly.

Any questions please email stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com
Dave Collins, PPT Chair ★

We now have a New Facebook page:
 Please search and follow
 St Mary's Catholic Church Middlewich

- Holy Rosary**
- 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

FOODBANK SHORTAGES
 Tinned custard, Noodles, Tinned tomatoes & Cream crackers
Please keep the Foodbank in your prayers at this time.

Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion – September 2026

If your child is starting Year 3 (or above) in September, we would like to welcome them to prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion.

For children within the Parish who do not attend St Mary's School, please contact Clare Bloor on 07901816157 for further information.

Registrations onto the programme will take place after the 11am Masses at St Mary's Church on Sunday 12th July and Sunday 19th July.



MARY'S MEALS
 A thank you letter was received from Mary's Meals thanking the parish for the generous donation sent recently of £600

Parish Pilgrimage Re-Union
 There is a re-union on Saturday 18th July at St Mary's Church for all who took part in the Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in May.
 The day will begin with Holy Rosary at 10.00am followed by Holy Mass 10.30am and a Holy Hour 11.15 - 12.15pm.
 Refreshment will follow in the parish centre.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER
 During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

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

Thank you to Peter De Vere for sponsoring our Newsletter during the month of July.

Parish Finance Group

May income £7123
May Expenditure £5768

Thank you to all who have responded to our request to help the Parish Finances, especially those who have increased their regular giving or made one-off donations. If you haven't yet set up a standing order, there is still time to do so using the bank details below. 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).

If you would like to know more or to receive a copy of last years figures, please email the parish office.

Thank you again for your kind generosity.

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CAFOD VENEZUELA APPEAL

What is happening and how we can help the people of Venezuela?

The UN estimates that millions of people have been affected by the disaster. Thousands of people have been killed, and the death toll continues to rise.

Many more people are still missing. Hospitals are under extreme pressure as they treat large numbers of injured people.

People in Venezuela were already struggling with basic needs and services, especially healthcare, before the earthquakes.

Since the earthquakes struck last week, our partner, Caritas Venezuela has been supporting people who have lost their homes and accompanying those affected by this tragedy with practical help and compassion.

By joining with the DEC's appeal today, we also reach the wider public in the UK to raise funds to respond to the growing needs in Venezuela in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for keeping the people of Venezuela in your prayers and thank you for your ongoing support for CAFOD's work.

The Apostleship of The Sea

There will be a retiring collection for The Apostleship of The Sea at all Masses this weekend.

The Pope's prayer Intention for July

Respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Stop assisted suicide being legalised

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September.

Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11th September. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

ALPHA

A new ALPHA will be running from September 2026.

Open to anyone (of faith or none) interested in discussing life, faith and meaning.

Please sign the list at the back of Church or email the Parish Office if you would like more information.

Unpack the
Christian faith
together.



Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.

Explore
life,
faith &
meaning



What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Sunday	Children's Liturgy	11.00am
Thursday	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Friday	Mums & Tots	9.30am
Saturday	Pilgrimage Re-Union	12.15pm

Sat 11/7	10.30am	Holy Mass Day of Special Prayer for Europe	Dec'd Rel & Friends of Fewtrell Family. St Benedict Patron of Europe
Sat 11/7	6.30pm	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun 12/7	9.00am	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Margarets Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers
Sun 12/7	11:00am	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers Mary Walker & twin sister Nanette Croucher RIP (100th birthday)
Mon 13/7	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion.	
Tues 14/7	9.00am	Holy Mass.	Vera Whittaker RIP
Wed 15/7	6.30pm	Holy Mass.	Margaret Howman (90th Birthday) St Bonaventure
Thurs 16/7	9.00am	School Holy Mass.	Leavers Mass Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Fri 17/7	9:00am	Holy Mass	
Sat 18/7	10.30am	Holy Mass	The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 18/7	10.30am	Parish Pilgrimage Re-Union	
Sat 18/7	6:30pm	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun 19/7	9.00am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Margarets
Sun 19/7	11:00am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Stoneley Family Intentions

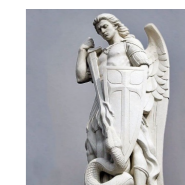
Prayer for Peace - The Chaplet of St Michael The Archangel

Every Thursday Evening - 6.00pm on Zoom. Please join us to pray for peace.

<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

Nora Anne Tulley

Ron Yearsley

Roy Hewitt

Sarah Millington

William Bannaghan

Solomon Glover

Ray Richardson

Anniversaries

Michael Hughes

Brian Clarke

Elizabeth Christall

Joseph Regan

Anne Baker

Margaret Mary Steven

Ann Haggerty

John McHale

Anniversaries

William Innes

Molly Galbraith

Lily Theresa Whalley

Mary Kirkham

Sr Ruth

Andrew Regan

Rev Albert Knight



Please pray for those who have died recently, Especially
Sarah Sample

Also 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.