

GREAT NEWS FROM
The Parish Finance Group
DONA MACHINE

The new Dona machine is now up and running 🙌🏻 which allows donations to be made by card or smart phones. We are hoping that this will allow people to donate more easily. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code on your smartphone at any time. It is also possible to gift aid, so if you are a UK taxpayer and eligible, please follow the on screen instructions. If you need any help in using the tablet/QR code, please see Gemma or contact the parish office. Thank you for your patience during this time.

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



June income £7092.67
June Expenditure £6799.22

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.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

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

The SVP would like to thank the tea and coffee teams at Holmes Chapel and the anonymous donor for their kind donations to support delivering the SVP in the Parish. We are delivering a befriending service to people of all faiths and none, either by a visit or a phone call, do you know some who would welcome a visit from us, totally relaxed, a brew and chat.

SVP contact details on the parish website
SVP CONTACT INFO: Mobile 0747 495 8103 Email: SS_MandMW_SVP@icloud.com
Or
www.stmarysparishmiddlewich.org.uk

Thank you to the parishioner who is sponsoring our Newsletter during the month of August.

ST MARY'S 100 CLUB!
July 2026 Winners:

Stella Freer 1st prize £200
Margaret Scarlett £100
Peter O'Keefe £ 50
Kathleen McNulty £ 50

Congratulations to all 🙌🏻

The winnings will be paid directly into your Bank Account during the coming week.

If you would still like to join for the August draw there are 10 places left, please email stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com and I will contact you with details of how to sign up.

On behalf of Fr Vijay, the Parish Pastoral Team and the Finance Team, I would like to offer our sincere thanks to everyone taking part in this project to help our parish finance.

Best regards
Dave Collins, PPT Chair

Tuesday 4th August Feast of St John Vianney.
Preist (1784 - 1859)

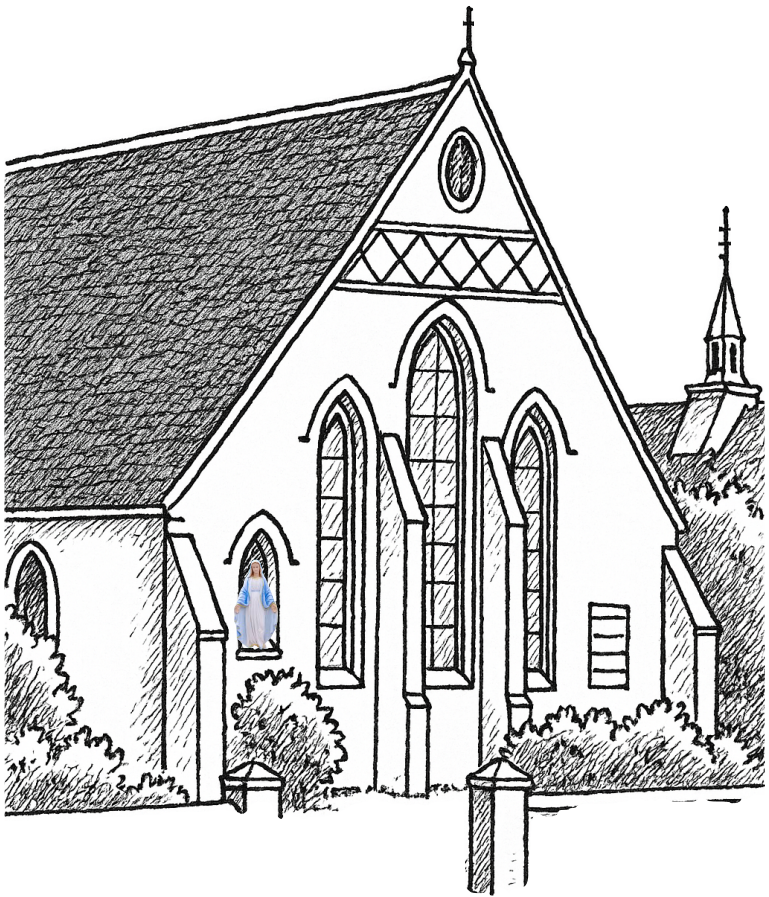
Known as Cure wars, he was a great preacher and confessor, spending up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional. His holiness drew many people to him and in 1929 he was named Aaron of parish clergy.



Please pray for Edison, Rupert & Margot Marshall who will be Baptised in St Mary's this weekend.
Please keep the family in your prayers. 🙌🏻

Sr. Josephine Bakhita - Patron saint of human trafficking and slavery

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. **Amen.**



NEWSLETTER
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2nd August 2026. Eighteenth SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

God invites us in Isaiah to "come without money, without price." It is a reminder that His grace is freely given, especially when life feels dry or demanding. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with almost nothing—five loaves and two fish—showing that God can multiply even the smallest offering when placed in His hands.

Saint Paul reassures us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Not worry, not hardship, not weakness. Today's message is simple: God sees our hunger, meets us with compassion, and turns scarcity into blessing. May we come to Him with open hearts and trust that He will provide what we truly need.

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

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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

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 are interested or 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.

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

The Pope’s prayer Intention for August

For Evangelisation in the City

Let us pray that large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community

Thursday 6th August is the Feast of THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

75th Anniversary Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

You may wish to follow via the Sanctuaries website <https://www.lourdes-france.com> and join us for the International Mass on Sunday 2 August at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and Grotto Mass on Monday 3 August at 10am (9am UK time). Other liturgies maybe live streamed also.

This year Bishop Mark has invited the Pilgrimage to pray for the following intentions:

- To pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.
- To pray for all who have gone before us in the pilgrimage of Lourdes over the 75 years of our Diocesan Pilgrimage.
- To pray that we and all pilgrims will respond to the message of prayer and conversion, walking together in Eucharistic faith and love, all our lives.
- To pray we will generously respond to our calling and for an abundance of new vocations in our Diocese to the great callings of Marriage, the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.
- To pray for the peace of the world amid many dangers and conflicts.
- To pray the threat of euthanasia to the sick and the aged will be averted and the lives of the most vulnerable cherished and safeguarded.
- To pray with Our Lady and Saint Bernadette that through the pilgrimage of life we will always remain in the joy of the Gospel.

Please pray for these intentions, particularly during the time of the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

No activities in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
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Sat 1/8	10.30am	Holy Mass. St Alphonsus Mary Liguori. Lena (<i>Health Int</i>)
Sat 1/8	6.30pm	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 2/8	9.00am	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time St Margarets Blessing for Sue & Steve Noyce (<i>40th Wedding Anniv</i>)
Sun 2/8	11:00am	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jack Laverack <i>RIP (Anniv)</i>
Sun 2/8	12.30pm	Baptism
Mon 3/8	9.00am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion.
Tues 4/8	9.00am	Holy Mass. St John Vianney
Wed 5/8	6.30pm	Holy Mass.
Thurs 6/8	9.00am	Holy Mass (<i>Church</i>). The Transfiguration of The Lord Kevin Jenkins & Angela Noyce (<i>for a long and blessed Marriage</i>)
Fri 7/8	9:00am	Holy Mass
Sat 8/8	10.30am	Holy Mass St Dominic Sarah Sample <i>RIP</i>
Sat 8/8	6:30pm	Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
Sun 9/8	9.00am	Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time St Margarets. Bren & Pete Shackleton (<i>55th Wedding Anniv</i>)
Sun 9/8	11:00am	Nineteenth 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 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	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Con Meschel	Zeko Perocevic	James Wilfred Costello
Mary McCooey	George Wickham	John McHale
Winifred Carter	Eileen Carroll	George Galvin
Molly Rees	Mary Ryan	Honarah Joyce
Peggy O’Dea	Malachy Young	Rev Richard Dunphy
Jim Quinn		Pope Paul VI

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.