

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

Sort Code **30-15-52**

Acc No **54643068**



October is the month of The Holy Rosary Prayer of St. Louis de Montfort

O Jesus living in Mary, come and live in Your servants, in the spirit of Your holiness, in the fullness of Your might, in the perfection of Your ways, in the truth of Your virtues, in the communion of Your mysteries. Subdue every hostile power, the devil, the world and the flesh, in the strength of Your Spirit, for the glory of Your Father, Amen.



Presentation on St Joseph

On November 4, Sr Ruth will give a presentation on St Joseph after evening mass in the parish centre, assisted by Dom and Mary. It is called:

"The Son of the Carpenter:

St Joseph in the Life of Jesus and for Ourselves."

This will include reflections from scripture with illustrations, and refreshments. Please do come along and encourage your friends to join us.

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.

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.



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.Michaels.

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.

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:

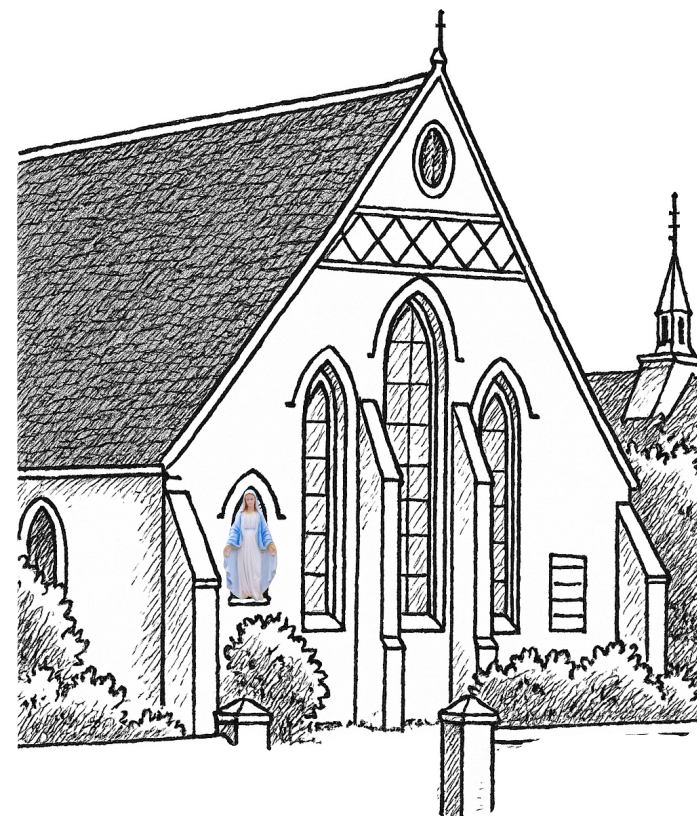
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/>

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 as soon as possible so that accommodation can be reserved.



'On Sunday 18th October after the 11.00 am mass Dominic and Mary will be giving an informal slide show, while parishioners have their tea and coffee, of their recent visit to Sri Lanka where they celebrated their son Joshua and Sinneli's Wedding. Do pop in to the Parish centre and enjoy some cake while you watch.'

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



NEWSLETTER

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&

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Holmes Chapel

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11th October 2026. TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Vijay's Reflection for The Week Ahead

The Gospel reminds us of God's generous invitation to share in His life. The king prepares a banquet for all, yet many ignore the call. Jesus is clear: God never stops inviting, but we must respond with hearts ready to be transformed. The wedding garment symbolises a life shaped by grace — compassion, forgiveness, and a willingness to walk in God's ways. It isn't about perfection; it's about saying yes to God's invitation and allowing His love to change us.

As we enter this week, we might ask: Am I making room for God's invitation, or am I too distracted to notice it? The banquet is ready. The Lord wants us there. May we come with open hearts, clothed in the simple garment of daily faithfulness.

Thank you to Deacon Tony for all his help during my absence.

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

Key Contacts & Information

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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS COMING WEEK

Parish Bank Account: St Mary's Middlewich.

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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

Bereavement

We intend to host a get together for any parishioners who have suffered a loss in their life, be it recent or in the past. We are looking to see if a monthly tea, coffee and cake meet up would be a good format to allow people who share loss to get together for a chat and some company or perhaps a walking group. The date and time will be in the newsletter in the near future.

Please keep this group in your prayers. 🙏

COMMUNITY MASS & LUNCH
Monday 12th October



Coming

together

in prayer

Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm

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

Join us, all welcome!

The Prisoners Week prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

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/>

The Pope’s prayer Intention for October

For Mental Health Ministry
Let us pray that the Mental Health Ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental health illnesses.

LET’S COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER
Thursday October 29th at 2 pm

A warm invitation to everyone to come and join me, Sue Noyce for another opportunity to meditate together at St Margaret’s Church Holmes Chapel. We will take Our Lady’s amazing spiritual direction as our inspiration, as we pray together. Remember meditation is the opportunity to pray in your heart and is accessible to everyone. Don’t worry at all if you missed the last one!

Followed by refreshments

Thank you for supporting CAFOD’s Family Fast Day!

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.

To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou

What’s on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
Sat	Quiz night	7.30pm
Sun	Children’s Liturgy	11.00am
Mon	Community Lunch	12.45pm
Wed	RCIA	7.30pm
Thurs	Happy Little Signers	9.30am
Thurs	Confirmation	7.00pm
Thurs	Alpha	7.00pm
Fri	Mums & Tots	9.30am
Fri	St Nicks Alumni Choir	7.00pm
Sun	SVP Meeting	10.00am
Sun	Dom & Mary Chawner Sri Lanka visit slide show	12.15pm

Sat 10/10	10.30am	Holy Mass (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)	John & Mary Comer (Wedd Anniv)
Sat 10/10	6:30pm	Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time	Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependents
Sun 11/10	9.00am	Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time St Margarets.	Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependents Sarah Sample RIP
Sun 11/10	11:00am	Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time PEP Celebration Mass Presentation of Medals	Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependents
Sun 11/10	12.30pm	Baptism of Ruby Sweetmore	
Mon 12/10	12.00pm	COMMUNITY MASS & LUNCH	
Tues 13/10	9.00am	Holy Mass	Gerry Tarpey (Health)
Wed 14/10	6.30pm	Holy Mass.	Clarry France RIP
Thurs 15/10	9.00am	Holy Mass School	St Theresa of Avila Susan Rougraff RIP
Fri 16/10	9:00am	Holy Mass	John Strong RIP (Birthday Anniv)
Sat 17/10	10.30am	Holy Mass. (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)	St Ignatius of Antioch Susan Biddle & Jenny Mullineux RIP (sisters)
Sat 17/10	6:30pm	Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	
Sun 18/10	9.00am	Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time St Margarets.	
Sat 18/10	11.00am	Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	Clarry France RIP Anniv

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=Ym15NEI2UXNreIhncFpGc3JFNTIwdz09>
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
Trudie Whitehead	Frances Booth	Helen Mclvor
Timothy O’Sullivan	Madge Lynch	Patrick O’Shea
James McGorty	James Malone	Christopher Casey
Ellen Ryan	Oswald Sant	Charles Kelly
Alfred Lomas	John McEwen Telfer	May Horricks
Philip Carr	Mary Graham	Rev James Murphy
Gladys Bannaghan	Barbara Rice	Rev Leo Holleron
Patrick Devaney	Anne Jordon	Canon John L Roper
Mary Sweeting	Charles Egan	Rev Denis Maher



Please pray for those who have died recently.

Also for 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, Lupita & Edward Edwards, Gerry Tarpey & Pat Bomford