

NEWSLETTER

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15th August 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Mary B

Sacrament of reconciliation is available 20 mins before Mass

Saturday	14	5.00pm NEW TIME	St Maximillian Mary Kolbe Vigil Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Mary	Priest's Intention
Sunday	15	9.30am	Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Mary	The Parish Mary Duggan RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	16		No Mass or Service today St Stephen of Hungary	
Tuesday	17	10.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for Richard's First Holy Communion
Wednesday	18		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday	19	10.00am	Mass St John Eudes	Priest's Intention
Friday	20	12.00 noon	Vinson and Nina Fernandes Wedding St Bernard	
Saturday	21	5.00pm NEW TIME	St Pius X Vigil Mass Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fiona Mary Campbell RIP
Sunday	22	9.30am	Mass Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
		11.00am	Baptism Ciaran Adam Brazendale	

IN NEED OF A PRIEST Please contact Fr Grace on 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

Guidelines with effect from 20th July 2021

- Church will be open for private prayer half an hour before Mass Confession is available in the garden for 20 minutes before Mass
- Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church. Please continue to wear face coverings at all times inside the church
 - Please use the QR code for track and trace Follow the one way system in and out of church
 - Please continue to make your weekly offerings when entering or leaving church using the collection bins
- Stewards may not be available to direct the communion procession, so please continue as we have been doing in the last few weeks. Starting at the sides and processing in single file up the centre to the step of the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion
 - The toilet is open for use
- We are not reintroducing holy water, the sign of peace by shaking hands or singing at the moment

The Nantwich Street Pastors will resume their Friday/Saturday night patrols from October if current infection rates continue to fall. The project urgently seeks new volunteers for the roles of both street and supporting prayer pastors. Training for potential street pastors will be provided. Would anyone who could be interested please contact the Coordinator, David Maidment (01270 627170)

School Governor

St Anne's Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint foundation governors to join its governing board. If you are interested in Catholic education, supporting our parish school and have a little time to spare, please contact Father Tony on 07548 887485 or Sue Day, Chair of Governors, on 07916 311085 to find out more about this rewarding and important role.

Job Opportunities at Sunflowers at St Anne's Nursery

Privacy Notice The parish of St Anne's sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice.

Sunflowers is recruiting! If you love children, are a qualified early years practitioner and would like to find out more about the exciting jobs available, please telephone the business manager Jane Howe on 01270 623333. Sunflowers follows all government requirements for safeguarding children.

S.V.P Meetings recommenced on Tuesday 20th July at 6.30pm in the church.



OFFERTORY

£277.85

Thank you

Envelopes, standing order and gift aid forms are available from the Presbytery. Online donations <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stannedioceseofshrewsbury2168>

Community Hub GREAT NEWS: OUR PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED! Next step is to put the building work out to tender. Thank you to everyone who has donated, this really does mean a lot to the Parish and community. We have received further donations, thank you, however we need to continue fundraising to reach our current target of £75k to reach £260k to commence building work. Please do help by making a donation by cash or cheque to the presbytery or via online banking.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for August We pray with Pope Francis that we, as Church, may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to be reformed in the light of the Gospel. <https://youtu.be/eG7ceTF7is8>

Feast/Memorial Days this week

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe priest, martyr 1894-1941 14th August Born near Lodz Poland, Maximilian died at Auschwitz on this day. As a Conventual Franciscan priest, he used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. He was condemned to death by starvation and was finally killed by lethal injection. He is remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry and his self-sacrifice.

St John Eudes priest 1601-1680 19th August A French missionary, he worked with the sick during two epidemics. He founded two congregations, one of priests to conduct seminaries and another of nuns to care for women trying to escape prostitution.

St Bernard abbot, Dr of the church 1090-1153 16th August born near Dijon and died at Clairvaux. At 21 he joined the impoverished, reformed abbey of Citreaux and soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order. He was a prolific writer on theology and spirituality, an eloquent preacher and an advisor of popes and kings. He is remembered as the most influential churchman of his age, for his inspirational leadership and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

St Pius X, pope 1835-1914 21st August Giuseppe Sarto was born in Riese and died in Rome. After being bishop of Mantua and patriarch of Venice, he was elected pope in 1903. In pursuit of his motto, 'to renew all things in Christ,' he initiated reforms of the liturgy and of canon law and took stern measures against modernist trends in theology. His efforts to avert world war were frustrated but he is remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Missio Red boxes are available at the back of church – why not take one for your house to collect for this worthy cause.

If you would like us to count your red box donations, then please hand to a steward or a member of the clergy at Mass. Thank you for your donations in 2020. St Anne's contributed £2717.30 through the red box and online donations.

**MAKING ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE
OUR WAY OF LIFE
IN THE CHURCH & THE WORLD**

A tool to reflect on nonviolence from the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative and Pax Christi.

Introduction: Tuesday 30 August
5-Week Course: from Tuesday 7 September

On zoom at 7.00pm - 8.30pm
(limited space)

Please register with Joan Joansharples@phonecoop.coop



CAFOD 10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

With many thanks and best wishes, **Ciara Hogan** *Community Participation Coordinator – CAFOD (Shrewsbury)*



[Saying Goodbye - support for miscarriage and baby and infant loss](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org/)
<http://www.sayinggoodbye.org/>

Volunteers needed to help with

- General Admin
- Drivers for deliveries & pick-ups

Can you spare a few hours a week to help us, please?

e: info@nantwich.foodbank.org.uk

SHARE



Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every day they attend school. Get involved link <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/>

Beda College Discernment Weekend The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3rd September to Sunday 5th September 2021. It takes place at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Information and registration forms are at: www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-1

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – Online Ministry Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for @Shrewsbury_ymt. Find us on YouTube by searching for Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – SYMT, don't forget to subscribe so you know when we go live or release new content.

The Well-being at Home programme is a free, 12 week programme aiming to increase activity levels and improve wellbeing of over 55 year olds living in Cheshire. **If you would like to find out more about the programme or the Active Waterways Cheshire project please visit our website** www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/activewaterways

Nantwich and Rural communities Newsletter link <https://www.cesap.org.uk/your-social-action/>

Catholic Universe weekly download <https://thecatholicuniverse.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f26e72ce9033a298ea75f4e7a&id=27b5a1edae&e=346a417d29>

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

Shrewsbury Youth Mission. <https://www.symt.org.uk/>

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>
<http://prayasyougo.org/>

Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> and latest news <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf>

Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw>

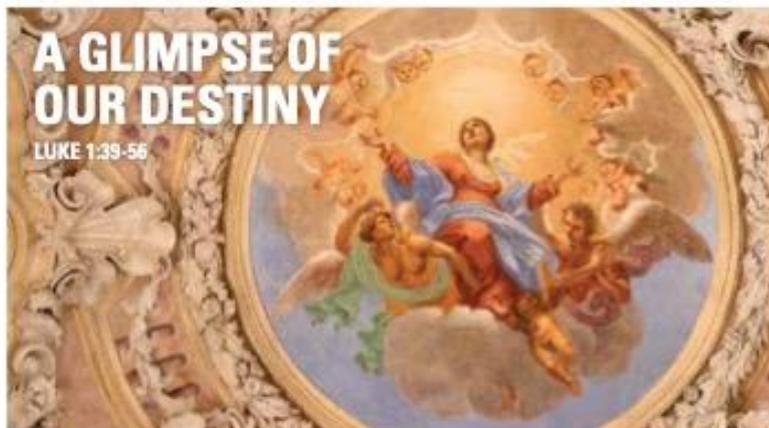
Life Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>



Are you looking for high quality childcare for your child?

Sunflowers at St Anne's is a day nursery which provides flexible care from 7.30 am – 6.00pm for babies and children. It has strong links with our parish school, St Anne's Catholic Primary School and is situated on the same site.

Why not visit our website www.sunflowers@stannes.co.uk and find us on Facebook: Sunflowers at St Anne's Nursery for more information. You can also telephone 01270 623333 or email sunflowers@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk



A GLIMPSE OF OUR DESTINY

LUKE 1:39-56

Teofilo Polacco's ceiling fresco of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta, Riva del Garda, Italy

We know the story of Mary of Nazareth. We know the indispensable role she played in God's plan for humanity, how she made it possible. Christians have honoured Mary from the Church's earliest days.

So many feasts have been established in her honour, so many church buildings named for her, so many religious congregations called after her. Mary has been given so many titles – Mother of God, Mother of the Church, Madonna, Queen of Heaven, Mother of Perpetual Help, Immaculate Conception – the list goes on.

Today we celebrate one of the great Marian feasts. The doctrine of the Assumption of Mary was promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It declares that Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This teaching is an acknowledgement of Mary's singular role in the story of salvation. It is also a promise – that if we follow the example of Mary, if we seek always to say "yes" to God as she did, then we too can look forward to life in God's presence for ever. ■

REFLECT

Henri Nouwen was a Dutch priest and academic who taught at Yale and Harvard universities in the 1970s and 80s. He was well known for his books on spirituality and for his reflections on his mental health struggles. After her defeat in the 2016 US presidential election, Hillary Clinton says she turned to one of his books, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, for comfort in her grief. Nouwen's wisdom has been a gift to many.

But even though he had gained tremendous success as a writer and academic, Nouwen began to feel that something was missing in his life. He sensed that God was calling him in a different direction. Having prayed about it, he finally found himself joining the L'Arche community, a charity that cares for those with intellectual and developmental needs. Henri Nouwen, this deep-thinking writer and professor,

this world-renowned spiritual guru, spent his final years bathing those who could not bathe themselves, feeding those who could not feed themselves, celebrating the sacraments with them, and seeing in them the beautiful face of Christ.

Like Mary the mother of Jesus, Henri Nouwen listened to God at work in his life and responded to it to the best of his ability. He heard the word of God and kept it. Nouwen felt a profound connection to Mary's simplicity and humanity. In one of his journals, he describes meeting a priest who summed up Mary's meaning to the world: "To look at Mary," the priest said, "is to see God's original plan for humanity." "In her," Nouwen wrote, "we see the way God wanted us to be... Mary shows us how to receive the marvellous gift of God's love, and how to respond to God's redemptive action in our lives."

SAY

"Lord, thank you for giving me Mary as my mother and model. Help me to follow her example so that I may share in her son's resurrection. Amen."

PRAY

Many of us grew up in homes where the Rosary was said every day. Pray the Rosary today, focusing especially on Mary's glorious assumption into heaven.

LEARN

On the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate our belief that the mother of Jesus was taken up, body and soul, into heaven, where she enjoys eternal life in the company of her son. It is a joyful feast because it points to what we believe will be our destiny. We believe that what God has done for Mary, God will do for us also – that at the end of time God will raise our mortal bodies and bring us into the fullness of God's presence for ever.

DO

Rejoice in good news.

Heaven is promised to all who fix their eyes on Jesus.

Ponder the joy and peace of the saints in heaven.

This is what we celebrate on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If Mary shows us "God's original plan for humanity", so does her assumption into heaven. In the assumption, preserved for ever before the face of God, freed from the corruption of the grave, Mary not only fulfils her destiny – but also offers us a glimpse of our destiny, too. Assumption is what God wants for us. Heaven is what God dreams for us. This is God's desire and design for us.

Today's feast reminds us of that promise – and that hope. We are called to model ourselves on the Mother of God – in her holiness, humility and humanity. If we want to reach heaven, if we are to claim our destiny, we must "listen to the word of God and keep it". That means, very simply, to live like Mary; to desire, like her, to bring the Word into the world; to birth Jesus every day, by all we say and do. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the
moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are
above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory...
Amen.

FIRST READING *Apocalypse 11:25, 12:1-6, 10*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.
The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and
the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.
Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a
woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the
moon, and with the twelve stars on her head
for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour,
crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a
second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red
dragon which had seven heads and ten horns,
and each of the seven heads crowned with a
crown. Its tail dragged a third of the stars
from the sky and dropped them to the earth,
and the dragon stopped in front of the woman
as she was having the child, so that he could
eat it as soon as it was born from its mother.
The woman brought a male child into the
world, the son who was to rule all the nations
with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken
straight up to God and to his throne, while
the woman escaped into the desert, where
God had made a place of safety ready. Then I
heard a voice shout from heaven, "Victory and
power and empire for ever have been won by
our God, and all authority for his Christ."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 44

Response:
On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.

- The daughters of kings are among your
loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of
Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's
house. (R.)
- So will the king desire your beauty:
he is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death
came through one man and in the same way
the resurrection of the dead has come through
one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all
men will be brought to life in Christ; but all
of them in their proper order: Christ as the
first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ,
those who belong to him. After that will come
the end, when he hands over the kingdom to
God the Father, having done away with every
sovereignty, authority and power. For he must
be king until he has put all his enemies under
his feet and the last of the enemies to be
destroyed is death, for everything is to be put
under his feet.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.
Mary set out and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of Judah.
She went into Zechariah's house and greeted
Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard
Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women
you are the most blessed, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured
with a visit from the mother of my Lord?
For the moment your greeting reached my
ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes,
blessed is she who believed that the promise
made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."
And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the
Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly
handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations
will call me blessed,
for the Almighty had done great things for
me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for
those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their
thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his
servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our
ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his
descendants for ever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three
months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession of the most
Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you... Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things
for me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the
resurrection... Amen.