

NEWSLETTER

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OUR COMMUNITY HUB is now available for booking for private events. Here is the link to the public website for information and bookings :<https://hallbookingonline.com/stanne>

16th July 2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

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

Saturday	15	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions for Jean & Olive RIP Recently Deceased Rafe Lawton RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	16	9.30am 11.00am	Mass Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism	Theresa Kerr RIP Anniversary Aideen McGarvey RIP Recently Deceased Grace Brady (sick)
Monday	17		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday	18	9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Adoration and Confession Mass Yr 6 St Anne's Leavers Mass	Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer RIP St Thomas Aquinas DOM 700 th Anniversary of Canonisation Fr Thomas Hurley RIP
Wednesday St John Plessington	19		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday St Apollinaris	20	10.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving Intention for Deacon John's 22 nd Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate
Friday St Lawrence of Brindisi	21		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday St Mary Magdalene	22	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joan & Terrance McSweeney RIP Anniversary Birthday Intention for Pat Wilkinson
Sunday	23	9.30am 11.00am	Mass Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism	The Parish



A Big thank you to everyone who enjoyed last weekend's cake sale and made a contribution to the St Thomas More, St Crewe and Nantwich Lourdes pilgrimage. We are delighted to have received over £1000 in donations. We will keep you in our prayers.

NANTWICH SHOW WEDNESDAY 26th JULY Come and join volunteers from Churches Together in Nantwich and help on the CTiN tent, collecting litter or join Deacon John together with singers from other churches in singing Top Ten Hymns. We will pay for your entry to a wonderful day at the Nantwich Show. Contact Deacon John and sign up at the back of Church. Tel: 07973375422 Email: johncpenny@gmail.com

St Gabriel's SVP senior citizens FREE trip to Llandudno Thursday 27th July. There are some spaces available on the trip. If you are interested please sign up on the list at the back of church. For further details call Michael Massey 01270 872515

Message from Ann Alexander who will be visiting Lourdes from 28 July for one week. If anyone would like me to carry prayers to be left at the Grotto, please see me or a member of the clergy. Thank you.

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.

CAR PARK – please take care when driving out after Mass. Leave plenty of time for the parishioners to vacate the church before driving away.

Watch this space. New card reader machine arriving soon to enable us to accept donations via card.

St Annes 200 Club 2023 If you would like to join the 200 club and support the running of St Anne's please pick up a flyer from the back of Church.

A vacancy has arisen for a **Pastoral Assistant/Personal Assistant** based at **Sacred Heart Church, Floatshall Road. M23 1HP**. Rate of pay: £13 per hour. Interviews will take place on the morning of **25 July**. Closing date: Tuesday **18 July at 12 noon**. CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For further details please follow link <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Lourdes Bookings have been coming into the Pilgrimage Office steadily over the last months, but there are still spaces available with a few seats left on the pilgrimage coach and more available on the plane. Booking details can be found on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk .

In July, we pray with Pope Francis for Catholics to place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, which profoundly transforms human relationships and enables us to come closer to God and our sisters and brothers. <https://youtu.be/luckJcd1kc0>

The brochure (including the booking form) for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on 8th to 15th February 2024 can be found on the Diocesan website here: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>

We continue our reflections on **Vatican II, in Part III On The Church**. This time, we ask the question: **'Why is the Church?'** Why does she exist...? **Podcast 9** and its **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org in the section on **'News and Events'**. A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

Tea Under the Tower at St Mary's, Acton every Sunday from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Tea, coffee and homemade cake. All are very welcome. Donations welcome.

SURVIVE-MIVA is a national Catholic Charity, founded in The Archdiocese of Liverpool in the 1974. It exists to provide one vital element for the successful health programmes and pastoral work that is being carried out by the Church in isolated areas of great need in Africa, Asia and Latin America – an essential form of transport. <http://www.survive-miva.org/>

NANTWICH FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS. We praise God for our many volunteers however we have a particular shortage of delivery drivers. If you are interested in volunteering to drive please contact Teri at the presbytery to obtain more details. Our current shopping list is: Long life milk and fruit juice, coffee, tinned vegetables and tinned fruit, toothbrushes and nappies [size 5 and 6]. **DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN NANTWICH** at St Anne's, (Box in porch), St Mary's Parish Office, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Nationwide, M&S and Elim Church. See leaflets at the back of the church for latest updates and requirements.



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £412.81
Offertory received by Bank transfer in June = £2566
Thankyou

Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes and Standing Orders If you are interested in joining the scheme please speak to Teri, it is simple to join, and the church will benefit from an extra 25% on top of your offertory donation.

Online donations <https://app.investmycommunity.com/campaigns/stannedioceseofshrewsbury2168>

Missio Training Future Priests Sponsorship Programme Contact Angelica Eutizi, Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU **020 7821 9755** Missio England and Wales has a long-standing relationship with five seminaries across the world offer the opportunity to sponsor students studying for the priesthood. As a sponsor, you'll receive the name of a student in the first of his final four years of Theology studies. And he will receive your name, so you can pray for each other. spa@missio.org.uk

Missio Red boxes – Please bring your boxes for counting in June and ensure your name is on the box. Available at the back of church – why not take one for your house to collect for this worthy cause – all those spare pennies soon add up! If you would like us to count your red box donations, then please hand to Pauline Binnie our Missio Local Secretary or a steward or a member of the clergy at Mass.

Missio Red Box holders can donate to Missio – Mill Hill Missionaries in a variety of ways: Please leave your Red box in church with name on it for counting or Give online: missio.org.uk/redbox.

- Make a bank transfer: Account name: Missio; Sort Code: 16-00-16; Account Number: 10824230. Please use the reference RB + your postcode.
- Donate by telephone with your debit/credit card by ringing 020 7821 9755 during office hours.
- Donate via texting REDBOX 5 (to donate £5.00) or REDBOX 10 (to donate £10) to 70085. To ensure that your donation is attributed to **St Anne's, Nantwich**, it would be helpful (but not essential) if you would quote reference **SHR063/1117**.
- If you are a Gift Aid contributor, please inform Missio, so that they can recoup the tax from your donation.

Mass Preparation: WEDNESDAY WORD: www.wednesdayword.org/parish
PREGO: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

The Universe Catholic Weekly Order your Digital 4 weeks **FREE introductory offer** by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk **We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities**

Mary's Meals <https://marysmeals.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=71642ed3d70deb2b1c25da8f0&id=7d7f84ea81&e=f7949e3fb3>

Carmelite Priory in Oxford. The Friars are looking to increase their ministry to Young Adults to help grow and form the faith of Young Adults. The Friars are currently hosting free online talks on the formation of Young Adults and if this interests you, please see here: <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/events/young-adult-formation-for-the-third-millennium/>

St. Mary's Nantwich Friday Place of Welcome 10am-1pm in the Parish Hall Come and enjoy and let people know about us! Our simple menu. We're now a member of the Places of Welcome national network offering a regular free, safe, welcoming space for anyone to drop in to share food and meet together in friendly company. A place where you can share ideas, activities and find local information.

Useful links and resources

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.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholic sentinel.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/>

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>

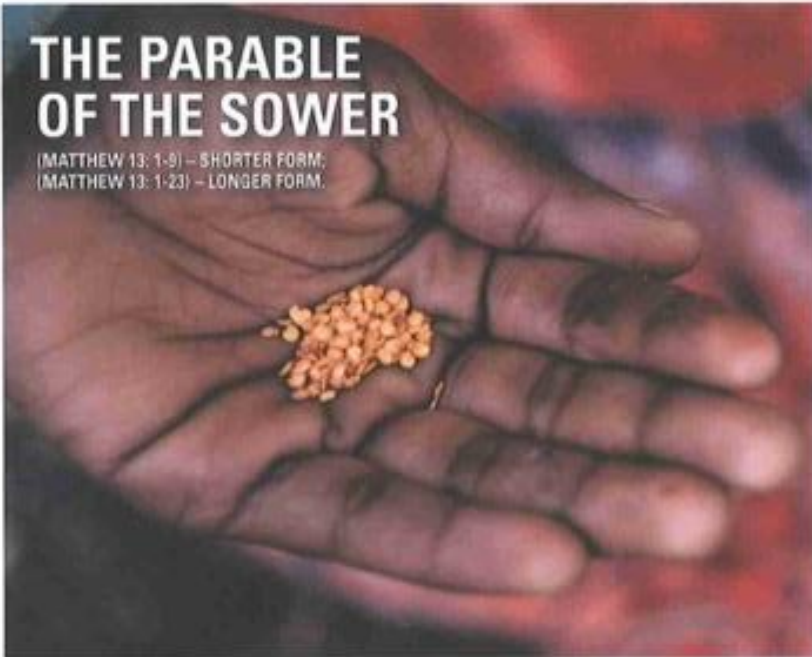
<http://prayasyougo.org/>

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

Young Catholics Resources <https://young-catholics.com/3636/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

(MATTHEW 13: 1-9) – SHORTER FORM;
(MATTHEW 13: 1-23) – LONGER FORM.



REFLECT

One of the great joys for art lovers and even curious minds like myself is a visit to 'Musée d'Orsay' in Paris. The works of Jean-Francois Millet is one of the many features there and his most famous piece is that of *The Sower*. The fame of the art work increased ten-fold with its appropriation by Vincent Van Gogh in the latter part of the 19th century. If you're computer literate, take the time to Google the two separate pieces and compare them. You will notice that Van Gogh's depiction has more colours but there are many similarities also.

Both artists demonstrate the generosity of the Sower. His satchel full of seed is resting on his left shoulder and you can tell by the extension of the Sower's right arm, that the seed is being spread generously across the tilled earth. The Sower walks with confident strides and is totally concentrated on the task in hand, spreading the seed. Since most of Millet's paintings depict peasants at work, we can presume that the Sower in this painting worked for a local landlord.

One can surmise that there was very little reward for his long hours of hard

work. The injustices against peasants are a feature of many 19th century French artists. However, despite this, the Sower continues to sow. He has an indomitable spirit that makes him good at his job and seeks little or no reward in return for his hours of labour.

Most of us have a great understanding as to the difficulties Jesus faced as the Sower of God's Word in the world. A lot of what he said fell on deaf ears and those who did listen, never really allowed the Word to take effect or change their lives. But Jesus never gave up in his task of preaching and showing God's love to the world. He is the ultimate Sower, the kind of person who continues to follow a path and seeks nothing in return.

We listen to the seed of God's Word each time we participate in the Eucharist and when we read the Bible. May this Word take root in us and effect our minds and hearts. May it not fall on deaf ears, for in sowing God's Word, Jesus opens us up to the possibility of encountering God. ■

The first thing that may strike you today is the hunger of the people to hear God's Word.

The crowds have gathered in such large numbers that Jesus must sit in a boat. He teaches them using parables or stories. Bishop Robert Barron (www.wordonfire.org) states that poetry and story-telling are so important in trying to reach life's deeper realities. In order for Jesus to explain the nature of God, he time and time again turns to story-telling to teach people the deeper realities of a life in God.

The Parable of the Sower contains that inherent challenge for all of us to be good listeners and receivers of God's Word. ■

LEARN

"Both the Old and New Testaments are like a mirror in which the pilgrim Church on earth looks at God, from whom she has received everything, until she is brought finally to see Him as He is, face to face." (*Dei Verbum*, 7)

DO

This is the year of Matthew's Gospel. Get into the habit of reading a single chapter every week. You will find yourself naturally entering into the world of Jesus and his followers.



SAY

God our Father, help me to hear your Word with an open mind and heart. May it bear fruit in my life and increase my faith. Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the
name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow
come down from the heavens and do not
return without watering the earth, making it
yield and giving growth to provide seed for
the sower and bread for the eating, so the
word that goes from my mouth does not
return to me empty, without carrying out my
will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 64

Response:

Some seed fell into rich soil,
and produced its crop.

- 1 You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)
- 2 And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)
- 3 You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.
(R.)

- 4 The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans.

I think that what we suffer in this life can
never be compared to the glory, as yet
unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The
whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to
reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on
the part of creation that it was made unable
to attain its purpose, it was made so by God;
but creation still retains the hope of being
freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence,
to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the
children of God. From the beginning till now
the entire creation, as we know, has been
groaning in one great act of giving birth; and
not only creation, but all of us who possess
the first fruits of the Spirit, we too groan
inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set
free.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening.
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPELMatthew 13:1-23 (or short version
Matthew 13:1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside,
but such crowds gathered round him that
he got into a boat and sat there. The people
all stood on the beach, and he told them
many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a
sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some
seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the
birds came and ate them up. Others fell on
patches of rock where they found little soil
and sprang up straight away, because there
was no depth of earth; but as soon as the
sun came up they were scorched and, not
having any roots, they withered away. Others
fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up
and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and
produced their crop, some a hundredfold,
some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who
has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and
asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?'
'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the
kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but
they are not revealed to them. For anyone
who has will be given more, and he will
have more than enough; but from anyone
who has not, even what he has will be taken
away. The reason I talk to them in parables
is that they look without seeing and listen
without hearing or understanding. So in
their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being
fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but
not understand, see and see again, but not
perceive. For the heart of this nation has
grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes, for fear they
should see with their eyes, hear with their
ears, understand with their heart, and be

converted and be healed by me. 'But happy
are your eyes because they see, your ears
because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many
prophets and holy men longed to see what
you see, and never saw it; to hear what you
hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore,
are to hear the parable of the sower. When
anyone hears the word of the kingdom
without understanding, the evil one comes
and carries off what was sown in his heart:
this is the man who received the seed on
the edge of the path. The one who received
it on patches of rock is the man who hears
the word and welcomes it at once with joy.
But he has no root in him, he does not last;
let some trial come, or some persecution
on account of the word, and he falls away
at once. The one who received the seed in
thorns is the man who hears the word, but
the worries of this world and the lure of
riches choke the word and so he produces
nothing. And the one who received the seed
in rich soil is the man who hears the word
and understands it; he is the one who yields
a harvest and produces now a hundredfold,
now sixty, now thirty.'

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

(*fall bow during the next two lines*)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those
who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Welcome to the St Annes 200 Club 2023

This will be the 19th consecutive club year of fund raising to help our Parish meet its day to day running costs. To date your membership has raised nearly £43,000.

The difficulties we are continuing to experience has placed extra strain on the Parish finances, so we need as many members as possible to help us through 2023

We are looking forward to you renewing your membership
- or most importantly: JOINING OUR COMMUNITY IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER.

You might win £100 every month!!
The cost is £52 for the year, or 2 instalments of £26.

As many of us can't meet at mass, there are 3 ways to subscribe:

1. By credit transfer to:

SRCDT - 234025 St Annes Sort code: 30 - 15 - 52 Ac no. 54643760

Ref. 200 Club

I would appreciate you contacting me by phone, text, or email if you choose this way to ensure we don't miss your transfer.

2/3. By cash or cheque. Would you please post it to me or drop it off into the Presbytery post box.

Please make cheques payable to St Anne's Church. If you are paying cash, please include your name.

My contact details are:

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Looking forward to hearing from you.

Michael Wilcock