

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>

17th SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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

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

Saturday St Cornelius & Cyprian	16 th	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ann Alexander Birthday Intention Fr Lance Caraher RIP Recently Deceased David Smith – pray for a speedy recovery Patsy Farrell – pray for a speedy recovery
Sunday Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2 nd Collection	17 th	9.30am	Mass 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intention of Pauline Roach Judy Mascarenhas RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	18 th		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday St Theodore of Canterbury St Janarius	19 th	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Geoff Edge (sick)
Wednesday Sts Andrew Kim Taegön, Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions	20 th		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday St Matthew	21 st	10.00am	Mass Children from St Annes Primary school will be joining us today	Children and Students commencing the next stage in their education
Friday	22 nd		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday St Pius Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	23 rd	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Padre Pio – memorial intention
Sunday Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest	24 th	9.30am	Mass 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gerard Coburn RIP Birthday Anniversary Michael Tomley RIP Anniversary

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (The Joy of the Gospel). The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to be joyous in proclaiming the faith – seeking new ways of understanding the faith and reaching out to others. What practical steps can you do this week to share love, joy and faith with the people you meet? Could you commit to seeking and sharing words of joy in the face of adversity? Could you do one extra act of kindness to help another who is in need? Could you talk and listen to someone who has been missing from your Church community? Read more about 'What is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday?' at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/what-is-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/> There will be a 2nd Collection this weekend.

Please come to **St Anne's Bible Group**. Meeting on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4.00 pm each week starting 4th October in the Church Meeting Room. Aim is to improve our understanding of the Bible. Please contact Chris Oliver for further information: chris@chris-oliver.net or 07481 476 333

BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme starts in the Autumn. Please contact Deacon John for more details: Email: johncpenny@gmail.com Mobile: 07973375422

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Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies: The diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) will resume this month, with both an online course or daytime classes in Wythenshawe. Details are at: www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs or enquiries to ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

A Way through the Old Testament : St. Winifrede's Sandbach, by Fr Michael Moreton. A series of four talks in late September / and October on the subject of a reading of the Hebrew Bible (the 'Old Testament'). They will be held on **Thursdays from 7pm - 8 pm in St Winifredes's Hall:** Sept 28 The *Torah*. October 5 The Prophets and the Law, 12 October The People of the Messiah and 19 October The Seat of Wisdom.

[Also, on 23rd November, just prior to the Advent Season when we begin to read St Mark's Gospel (for Year'B') Fr Morton will offer, Reflection on The Mind of Mark, also from 7 to 8 pm.]

Pope Francis September Prayer Intention We pray with Pope Francis for people living on the margins of society, in inhumane conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and may they never be considered of lesser importance.

https://missio.org.uk/pope-francis-prayer-intention-september-2023/?mc_cid=7a7f22da9a&mc_eid=ae221f4de

The next meeting of the **Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality** will be the Annual General Meeting, on Saturday 30th September at 2pm at St Chad's, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 2AF. Please register your attendance, send apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Agenda items should be submitted seven days before the meeting. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending. Please note nominations are now being accepted for the new Vice-President/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like any further information about these roles, please get in touch.

ACTION: Please help us to "scrap the cap" on Catholic free schools. The Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk

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.

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

Weekend Retreat Mary Mother of the Word in Sacred Scripture At Holywell Shrine 27-29 October Venue: The Guest House, 20 New Road, Holywell Flintshire. Contact Barbara Davies barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 07450252733.

SVP RAFFLE As last year, the SVP are participating in the Rotary Community Lottery Draw to raise funds for their work. Members of the SVP will be selling raffle tickets after Mass. Our SVP will receive 80% of the ticket price. 1st prize: £1,000, the draw takes place on 11th November 2023.

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 & 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 = £464.53

Offertory received by Bank transfer in July = £2395

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 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/>

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/>

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/>

Sunday Message

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 17 September 2023 • Psalter Week 4



Peter and his companions must have got a terrible shock. Peter has just asked Jesus how many times should he forgive someone. Would seven times be enough? According to Jewish tradition, God forgives three times and punishes on the fourth. Since human beings could not be more forgiving than God, forgiveness was, therefore, limited to three times.

Peter must have thought that to forgive someone seven times was being more than generous since it went way beyond what Jewish tradition taught. And certainly, to a reasonable person, seven times seems very generous indeed.

But Jesus says it is not generous enough. The Christian must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven. In other words, Jesus is saying that the Christian must never stop forgiving. There must be no limit to our mercy and forgiveness.

Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us in his letter *Gaudete et Exultate*, is the fulfillment of the golden rule: "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you."

"Giving and forgiving," explains Pope Francis, "means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly."

Note the word 'superabundant.' The bigness of it, the extraordinary excess of it, the extravagant nature of it. God gives and forgives superabundantly. God gives and forgives without limit. God's mercy abounds and expands like the universe.

That's how we are called to live. To forgive - not once, not twice, not even 70 times - but today and tomorrow and everyday. To show mercy - not occasionally, not when we feel like it, not when we're coaxed or coerced into doing it, but today and tomorrow and everyday.

As Christians, we must always seek to forgive and to be forgiven. ■

REFLECT

I took Gary Ridgway nearly 20 years to be brought to justice. Ridgway, from Seattle in the USA, was a serial killer who told police he was missing the part of humanity that makes people care about others.

By the time he was caught, he had murdered at least 49 women, including a 16-year-old called Linda Rule. For years Linda's father, Robert, and her family sought justice for Linda. Finally, in 2003, Ridgway was arrested.

In court, Ridgway remained cold and without remorse. One by one, his victims' loved ones spoke from their hearts, expressing their contempt for the killer sitting before them. The courtroom was full of anger and pain,

understandably so. But the bespectacled Ridgway sat unmoved. The judge lambasted him for his "complete absence of compassion."

Then it was Robert Rule's turn to address the court. Rule was old by now; he worked as a Santa at a shopping centre and he looked the part. Plump, with a big white beard, he wore a pair of brightly coloured braces for his day in court. While family members of other victims had sobbed or screamed or wished death on Ridgway, Rule was composed as he faced his daughter's killer. What he said surprised everyone, including the cold-hearted murderer.

"Mr Ridgway, um," he began, "there are people here who hate you. I'm not one of them. I forgive you for what you've done.

PRAY

To forgive someone who has hurt us or betrayed us badly can be very difficult. Pray for the strength always to try to forgive.

LEARN

Forgiveness is at the heart of Jesus' message.

For the follower of Jesus, there can be no limit to mercy and forgiveness.

Forgiveness sets us free.

SAY

"The Lord is compassion and love."



DO

Confession is the wonderful celebration of God's forgiveness, which sets us free. How long is it since you have been to confession? Perhaps you could consider going this week.

You've made it difficult to live up to what I believe, and that is what God says to do, and that's to forgive. And he doesn't say to forgive just certain people. He says to forgive all. So you are forgiven, sir."

As the father spoke, Ridgway's chin began to quiver. He blinked rapidly. He started to weep. And then he took off his glasses to wipe the tears. Robert Rule's words of forgiveness got to Gary Ridgway's heart in a way no other words could.

That's the power of forgiveness. As Robert Rule demonstrated, and as Gary Ridgway discovered, forgiveness sets us free. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

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

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your
mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our
heart.
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 Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.
Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin,
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be
forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the
Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death and live by
the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not
bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High,
and overlook the offence.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 102

Response:
The Lord is compassion and love, slow to
anger and rich in mercy.

1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2 It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. (R.)

3 His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4 For as the heavens are high above the
earth
so strong is his love for those who fear
him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence
on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if
we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead
we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ
both died and came to life: it was so that he might
be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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!

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?
As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not
seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who decided to settle his
accounts with his servants. When the reckoning
began, they brought him a man who owed ten
thousand talents; but he had no means of paying,
so his master gave orders that he should be sold,
together with his wife and children and all his
possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant
threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me
time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And
the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he
let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this
servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow
servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and
he seized him by the throat and began to throttle
him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow
servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying,
"Give me time and I will pay you." But the other
would not agree; on the contrary, he had him
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His
fellow servants were deeply distressed when they
saw what had happened, and they went to their
master and reported the whole affair to him. Then
the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he
said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you
appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to
have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity
on you?" And in his anger the master handed him
over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with

you unless you each forgive your brother from
your heart.'

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

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your
servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of
your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in
the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord,
we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
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.

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Looking forward to hearing from you.

Michael Wilcock