

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>

21st JANUARY 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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 Fabian St Sebastian Collection: Priests' Retirement fund	20	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	David Perkins RIP Dorothy and Harry Davenport RIP Anniversary
Sunday Sunday of the Word of God Collection: Priests' Retirement fund	21	9.30am	Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Dwerryhouse RIP Recently Deceased
Monday St Vincent	22		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday	23	9.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Adoration and Confession Mass Requiem Mass for David Perkins RIP	Fiona Mary Campbell RIP 5 th Anniversary
Wednesday St Francis De Sales	24		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday The Conversion of St Paul	25	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Joyce Donnelly (Sick) Conversion of St Paul Anniversary Intention for the OMI
Friday Sts Timothy & Titus	26		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday St Angela Merici	27	10.00am 5.00pm	Memorial Service for Yvonne Roberts RIP Recently Deceased All welcome Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Yvonne Roberts RIP Recently Deceased Intention of Allan Clare
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice	28	9.30am	Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Enrolment Mass & Mass of Election for Confirmation Candidates	Hedley and Kathy Perry RIP Anniversary The Parish

Requiem Masses

David Perkins RIP on Tuesday 23 January at 11.30am followed by committal at Crewe Crematorium at 1.00pm

Paul Dwerryhouse RIP on Wednesday 7 February at 11.00am followed by interment at Nantwich Cemetery at 12.30pm

Please pray for their souls and keep the families and friends of David and Paul in your prayers.

St Annes 200 Club 2024 If you would like to join the 200 club and support the running of St Anne's please see information at the back of church or contact Michael Wilcock Mob: 07968520276 email: mjwilcock64@gmail.com

Confirmation programme 2024 The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St. Annes on the 10th May 2024 at 7pm. Bishop Mark will celebrate the confirmation Mass. If you have children who are in Year 9 and over who would like to be confirmed please pick up a form at the back of church or contact the office on stannesnantwich@btinternet.com. Programme details have been sent to those who have already registered. Extra copies can be found at the back of Church.

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SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION This weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. In the time I have been with you, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of the Diocese towards the Retired Priests' Fund. With your help, we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. A leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations or please place your offerings in our Collection baskets. There will be a second collection his weekend or you can donate through the QR code on the Newsletter or through the Digital Plate at the back of Church. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support. With every blessing, + Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury

Join us for **LOVE NANTWICH 18:00, 24th February 2024 at St Mary's Nantwich or an evening of worship and prayer for our town.** Visit our LOVE NANTWICH page on Facebook and join us in praying blessing upon our community.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: This year's Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Thursday 18 January. The theme for this year is "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27). Please click on this link for more information www.cbcew.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/

Our local Catholic High School St Thomas More is looking to recruit more foundation governors to support it in continuing to deliver first class education in keeping with Catholic values and Ethos. Applicants must be practising Catholics. No specific previous experience is required. The job is not onerous and there is usually only one or two meetings per term. Further information can be found at: [www.https://st-thomasmorehigh.greenschoolsonline.co.uk/Governor-Information/](https://st-thomasmorehigh.greenschoolsonline.co.uk/Governor-Information/) St Thomas More is one of the highest performing schools in Cheshire; recently it also received the highest score possible of Outstanding from the National Catholic Schools Inspectorate. If you are interested please contact Simon Burns at mr.s.burns@st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk

The Year 2025 is the next Jubilee year in the Church. Pope Francis has asked the church to prepare well, and in order to help us do so Pope Francis has call 2024 'A year of Prayer'. In response the team for evangelisation and mission will be organising retreat days on Prayer throughout the year. Come and Understand what the Church teaches about prayer and experience different types of prayer throughout the day. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information: Jane Deegan 07517 906435 jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Natalie Orefice 07730526826 natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Setting up a Pro-Life Group. Ordinary parishioners often want to support the pro-Life cause but are aware that they have limited time and energy. In a previous parish Fr. Nick Kern (currently the parish priest at St. Mary's, Crewe) set up a cross-parish group. Some could pray, some do administration, others turned up at Sunday Masses to support petitions or appeals. Each had different roles, but there was a sense of mutual encouragement, as well as a sharing of information on the issues. If you are interested in being part of such a group, we are holding an initial meeting on **Wednesday 24th January** at 7pm at St. Mary's Presbytery, Crewe. Park at the Parish Centre at the bottom of Delamere St CW1 2JX (remembering to register your car in the Centre's porch!) and then enter the presbytery through the church. Parishioners will be there to guide you.



Loose Plate = £615.46

Offertory received by Bank transfer in December = £2265

Thank you

Last week's Envelope &



Here is your webpage link to support the Mission of the Church in St Anne's and through the Red Boxes and Missio, to the poorest parts of the world or please scan QR code. Many thanks. <https://donate.mydona.com/st-annenantwich>

Pope's January Prayer Intention For the Gift of Diversity within the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals within the Catholic Church.

Missio Red boxes – Please bring your boxes for counting ensuring your name is on the box. You can hand them to Pauline Binnie our Missio Local Secretary. New boxes are 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!

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](https://missio.org.uk/redbox): 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.

☆☆☆☆☆ Is your child joining Reception in 2024? Do you want to find out more about St. Anne's? Open to Catholics and non-Catholics. Ring school on 01270260783 or e-mail office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk to come to look around ☆

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

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.

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://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/>

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 21 January 2024 • Paschal Week 3



We all know about Jonah in the belly of the whale. But we may wonder what this story is doing in the Bible.

How did this extraordinary story end up being placed in the Old Testament alongside the stories of such significant prophets as Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah? Jonah is a very short story of only about 1,300 English words but it has a purpose and a message that is as relevant to believers today as when it was first recorded many centuries ago.

God orders Jonah to go to Nineveh, capital of Assyria, to urge them to repent and turn from their wicked ways. But Jonah resists; he doesn't want to go. He doesn't want to preach salvation to a bunch of foreigners. And so he runs away. He boards a ship bound for Spain but soon a storm brews and the ship is in danger of sinking. The pagan sailors draw lots to see who has brought them bad luck. Of course, they discover it is Jonah, who, knowing God is angry with him, asks them to throw him overboard, which they are happy to do, and the storm settles. God instructs a whale to swallow Jonah and, after three days, to vomit him up again, still alive.

Now God again asks Jonah to go to Nineveh. This time, though still reluctant, Jonah obeys. He preaches, the population of 120,000 is converted, and God spares the city from punishment. But rather than being happy for the Ninevites, Jonah is angry with God. He doesn't want these foreigners to be saved. He thinks that pagans should not benefit from God's mercy. And so in his anger, Jonah tells God to please put him out of his misery: "It is better for me to die than to live," he says.

He sulks outside the city, shaded from the sun by a plant that God provides. A worm then withers the plant, and Jonah roasts under the heat of the sun. Which again makes him angry enough to want to die. But God says to him, "You pity the plant for which you did not labour, nor did you make it grow," and yet resent my pitying the people of Nineveh "who do not know their right hand from their left?". On that harsh note, the Book of Jonah ends.

How did the story of this reluctant, disobedient prophet end up in the Bible alongside great, obedient prophets like Isaiah? Because the story is not really about Jonah but about God. It is a reminder of God's goodness and how God's love and compassion is available to all - not just Jews, not just those we consider 'good' or deserving. God calls all to repent, no matter who they are, because God wishes everyone to be saved.

Jonah is used as an example, a warning to all narrow-minded Jews that they should not be myopic like Jonah and seek to restrict God and God's mercy. God is not just the God of the Hebrews but the God of all the children of Abraham, whoever they are, wherever they are, whatever they've done. God's mercy and forgiveness is freely available to everyone. Jonah found that too much to accept but, for the rest of us, it is wonderful good news. None of us is excluded from God's love and compassion. ■

REFLECT

A lesson of the Jonah story is: Don't narrow God. Don't limit God according to your own narrow notions. For a long time, our Church taught that only Catholics could be saved, that salvation was impossible outside the Catholic Church. Thank God, we have moved beyond that idea. Some Christians continue to believe that Catholics cannot be saved unless they

are born again. They exclude Catholics from the Christian community.

There are so many ways in which we can limit God. There is the God who has time only for devout Catholics who go to Mass and the sacraments regularly, the God who has no time for atheists or communists or liberals or those who are woke, the God who rewards only those we consider 'good' and punishes those we think don't measure up.

DO

Today's liturgy invites us to think about how we follow Jesus. A good way to follow Jesus is like this:

- Pray every day – if only for a few minutes.
- Be aware of God's presence with you every minute of every day.
- Go to Mass regularly.
- Be honest and just in your dealings with others. Gossip less; forgive more.
- Treat everybody the same.



PRAY

Think about your attitude to refugees and immigrants. Ask the Lord to give you a heart big enough to exclude nobody from your love.

SAY

"Help me, Lord, to see everyone the way you see them. Help me to exclude nobody from my love."

LEARN

Following Jesus means always putting him first.

To be a disciple means being prepared to follow even where we don't want to go.

Our discipleship only has meaning in belonging to a community of faith that follows Jesus along his way.

The Book of Jonah tells us we must always think big about God. God's love extends to all - Jew and non-Jew, Catholic and non-Catholic, the God-fearing and God-denying - and is freely available to all. God wishes everybody to be saved.

For God, there is no 'outsider,' no 'foreigner,' no 'them and us.' There is only 'us.' Imagine if we could think as big as God thinks. What a very different world we would have. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah. The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented; he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 24 (25) 4-9, 7b-9

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

- 1 Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
- 2 Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

2 The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path, he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:28-31

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

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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,

(fall 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

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"What do the disciples share? What little they have: five small loaves and two fishes. But it is precisely those loaves and fishes that in God's hands feed the whole crowd. And it is the disciples, bewildered by the inability of their means, by the poverty of what they have at their disposal, who invite the people to sit down, and – trusting the Word of Jesus – distribute the loaves and fishes that feed the crowd. This tells us that in the Church, but also in society, a keyword that we need not fear is "solidarity," that is, knowing how to place what we have at God's disposal: our humble abilities, because [it is] only in the sharing, in the giving of them, that our lives will be fecund, will bear fruit. Solidarity: a word upon which the spirit of the world looks unkindly!"

(Pope Francis: Homily for Corpus Christi)



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