

# NEWSLETTER

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Sacrament of reconciliation is available 20 mins before Mass

Saturday	21	5.00pm <b>NEW TIME</b>	St Pius X Vigil Mass Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fiona Mary Campbell RIP Pray for Peace in Afghanistan
Sunday	22	9.30am 11.00am	Mass Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism Ciaran Adam Brazendale	The Parish Thanksgiving intention for our student parishioners
Monday	23		No Mass or Service today St Rose of Lima	
Tuesday	24	10.00am	Mass St Bartholomew	Special Intention for a dear friend who is sick
Wednesday	25		No Mass or Service today St Thomas of Hereford	
Thursday	26	10.00am	Mass Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi	Pray for the people of Haiti
Friday	27		No Mass or Service today St Monica	
Saturday	28	5.00pm <b>NEW TIME</b>	St Augustine Vigil Mass Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving intention for the work of the Stewards during the Covid restrictions
Sunday	29	9.30am 11.00am	Mass Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism Nancy Isabelle Barlow	The Parish

**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](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

### Guidelines with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**Baptism** On Sunday we welcome Ciaran Adam Brazendale into God's family through Baptism. We pray for God's blessing on Ciaran and his family and friends.

**Congratulations** to our student parishioners on their GCSE, A Level, College course and Degree results which they have received this summer. We will keep them in our prayers and send best wishes to them as they embark on the next stage of their careers.

**No.9 LMA** magazines are available at the church entrance and exits. Highlights include articles on the Hub and Sunflowers nursery and photos of our floral display.

**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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice).

### **CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world**

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

### **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**

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 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm in the church.



£318.90

Thank you

Envelopes, standing order and gift aid forms are available from the Presbytery. Online donations <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/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 Pius X, pope 1835-1914 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**St Bartholomew apostle 24<sup>th</sup> August** Bartholomew is named in the list of apostles and is generally identified with Nathaniel of Cana, the 'Israelite without guile'(John 1:47), led to Jesus by the apostle Philip. He is said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

**St Thomas of Hereford, bishop 1218-1282** from a powerful Norman family, he took part in the Council of Lyon 1245. Twice chancellor of Oxford and briefly of England, he was elected Bishop of Hereford and was an energetic pastor in Herefordshire and South Shropshire. Excommunicated by the archbishop of Canterbury, after a dispute over jurisdiction, he was vindicated by Rome, where he died.

**St Monica 332-387 27<sup>th</sup> August** Monica was probably born in Algeria and died in Ostia Italy. Before her marriage, her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother in law to Christianity. Following years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son, St Augustine, Monica lived to see his conversion. She is remembered for her patience and persistence in prayer.

**St Augustine of Hippo, bishop 354-430 28<sup>th</sup> August** Difficult and wayward in his youth and early manhood, Augustine came late to the love of God. He threw himself wholeheartedly into his Christian commitment and was one of the greatest bishops in the history of the Church with his See being in Hippo. He was an energetic writer with 'Confessions' and 'the City of God' being the most widely read.

**Missio Red 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 do soon add up!

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.

Diocese of Shrewsbury's prayer for the ending of the pandemic National-Day-of-Prayer-for-the-ending-of-the-pandemic.pdf

### 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](mailto:info@nantwich.foodbank.org.uk)



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](http://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](http://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](http://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/>

**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





## **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](http://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](mailto:sunflowers@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk)



In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people of Israel. Make up your minds once and for all, he tells them. "If you will not serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve." It is decision time.

In today's Gospel, Jesus puts a similar challenge to his followers. Because of his teaching about the living bread, many of his followers turned their backs on him. They found his teaching too hard to stomach. They walked away. So Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you wish to go away too?"

This is not simply a question from history. Jesus puts it to each of us today also: "Do you wish to go away too? Are you sick of my teaching about the living bread? Are you fed up with my talk about forgiving your enemies? Are my statements about justice and honesty too much for you? Are you turned off when I take the side of the marginalised? Are you embarrassed by the cross? Is the command to turn the other cheek a little OTT?"

It's decision time. It always is. Do you wish to go away, too? Or do you wish to stay? Either way, why? Before you answer, listen to the answers of the Israelites to Joshua and of the twelve apostles to Jesus. The Israelites say: "There is no way that we will forsake the Lord to serve other gods. Look at all God has done for us." And Peter takes it on himself to answer for the apostles: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and we know that you are the Holy One of God." ■

**SAY**

Say with Peter: "Lord, you have the words of eternal life. I have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

**LEARN**

Each Christian is called to say a personal "yes" to Jesus.

Following Jesus means having to make hard choices.

**DO**

Think about the faith that you profess. What does it mean to you to say you are a Catholic? Can other people see that you are?

**PRAY**

Pray for those you know who no longer go to church or no longer believe in God. Pray also for those who introduced you to the faith and brought you up in it.

**REFLECT**

It seems that every year, more and more people are walking away from the Church, and for a variety of reasons. Some, due to their sexuality or domestic situation, do not feel welcome; others feel betrayed by the long litany of church scandals; still others have been hurt by a priest or religious; some feel excluded by the Church's clericalism and misogyny; some have simply lost faith. Today's Gospel offers an opportunity to think about why we choose to stay when so many others have not. There are three main reasons why I choose to remain in the Church.

First, and most important, is the person of Jesus Christ. For me, Jesus is the one who gives life meaning. For me, Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life – literally. For me, life makes sense only because God's Son took on flesh like mine and

died on a cross to save me from oblivion. In the difficult times, when scandals threaten to overwhelm me, I always try to distinguish between Jesus and his Church, which is made up of fallible human beings. Even when the Church lets me down, Jesus never lets me down. Even when the Church disappoints, Jesus never disappoints. We should never let the failures of the Church cut us off from Jesus.

Second, I stay because of the example of so many people who by their lives of love and service show me the meaning of Christianity. People like Fr Peter McVerry, who out of love God and neighbour, has devoted his life to caring for the young homeless of Dublin and elsewhere. People like 27-year-old American Jean Donovan who was martyred in El Salvador 40 years ago. She knew she was putting her life

at risk by remaining in that war-ravaged country, but she stayed there anyway. She stayed out of love of God and God's people. She followed Jesus even to the cross.

Third, I stay because of the consoling knowledge that we are a Church of sinners. I'm not perfect. Despite my best efforts, I fail all the time. I can be moody and hard to live with. But I look around, and I see this is something we all have in common in the Church from the top down – we are all frail, fragile, broken people, who sin and fail, and sin and fail again. But I know that, even despite my failures, despite the Church's failures, God loves me – loves us – anyway, and that God will never abandon me. God is always on my side, and with God always on my side, there is no good reason why I should walk away. ■

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all  
the day long.

**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 cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
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** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel  
together at Shechem; then he called the elders,  
leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and  
they presented themselves before God. Then  
Joshua said to all the people: "If you will not  
serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish  
to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors  
served beyond the River, or the gods of the  
Amorites in whose land you are now living. As  
for me and my House, we will serve the Lord."

The people answered, "We have no intention  
of deserting the Lord our God and serving  
other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who  
brought us and our ancestors out of the land of  
Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those  
great wonders before our eyes and preserved  
us all along the way we travelled and among  
all the peoples through whom we journeyed?  
We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 33

Response:

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

- I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- The Lord turns his face against the  
wicked

to destroy their remembrance from the  
earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

- They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will  
save. (R.)
- Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue  
him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
- Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his  
servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:21-32

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

Give way to one another in obedience to  
Christ. Wives should regard their husbands  
as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head  
of the Church and saves the whole body, so  
is a husband the head of his wife; and as the  
Church submits to Christ, so should wives  
to their husbands, in everything. Husbands  
should love their wives just as Christ loved the  
Church and sacrificed himself for her to make  
her holy. He made her clean by washing her in  
water with a form of words, so that when he  
took her to himself she would be glorious, with  
no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but  
holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands  
must love their wives as they love their own  
bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him  
to love himself. A man never hates his own  
body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that  
is the way Christ treats the Church, because  
it is his body – and we are its living parts. For  
this reason, a man must leave his father and  
mother and be joined to his wife, and the two  
will become one body. This mystery has many  
implications; but I am saying it applies to  
Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** John 8:50-59

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

After hearing his doctrine many of the  
followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable  
language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus  
was aware that his followers were complaining  
about it and said, "Does this upset you? What  
if you should see the Son of Man ascend to  
where he was before?

"It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

"But there are some of you who do not  
believe." For Jesus knew from the outset  
those who did not believe, and who it was that  
would betray him. He went on, "This is why I  
told you that no one could come to me unless

the Father allows him." After this, many of his  
disciples left him and stopped  
going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about  
you, do you want to go away too?" Simon  
Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to?  
You have the message of eternal life, and we  
believe; we know that you are the Holy One of  
God."

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**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by  
adoption  
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your  
work, O Lord:  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.