

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>

22nd OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY NINTH 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 Day of Special Prayer for World Missions 2 nd Collection	21	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter Rigby (sick)
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for World Missions 2 nd Collection	22	9.30am	Mass 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	David Young RIP Recently Deceased Yvonne Roberts RIP Recently Deceased
Monday St John of Capestrano	23		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday St Anthony Mart Claret	24	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Pat & Teresa Monaghan RIP Anniversary Alan Evans (Sick)
Wednesday	25	2.30pm	No Mass or Service today St Anne's Bible Group in meeting room	
Thursday Sts Chad and Cedd	26	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Kathleen Davies RIP Recently Deceased
Friday	27	6.00pm	Hour of prayer for peace in the Holy Land and for peace in World	
Saturday Sts Simon & Jude Clocks go back one hour tonight	28	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Davenport RIP Anniversary
Sunday	29	9.30am	Mass 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish

World Mission Sunday 2nd Collection Today is World Mission Sunday which is being celebrated in very Catholic parish around the world. It supports Missionaries who work alongside communities that our poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary who has given her whole life to being the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. There are envelopes at the back of church or Please call **0207 821 9755** or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a DD and Gift Aid you donation if possible: missio.org.uk

St Anne's Bible Group. Meeting on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4.00 pm each week 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

☆☆☆☆ 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 at your convenience. ☆

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.

Confirmation programme 2024 The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St. Annes in Nantwich on Friday the 10th May 2024 at 7pm. Bishop Mark will celebrate the confirmation Mass. The programme for the candidates for Confirmation and the dates of the meetings will be advised shortly. 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, we want to launch the programme by 1st Dec 2023.

St. Winifrede's Sandbach, by Fr Michael Morton. On 23rd Nov, just prior to the Advent Season when we begin to read St Mark's Gospel (Year'B') Fr Morton will offer, Reflection on The Mind of Mark, from 7 to 8 pm.

Pope Francis October Prayer Intention We pray with Pope Francis that listening and dialogue will permeate every level of the Church, and that she will let herself be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. <https://youtu.be/2JfxktabmyE>

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.

TEA AT THE TOWER All are very welcome to visit St Mary's, Acton every Sunday from 2.30 until 4.30 pm for tea/coffee and home-made cake. Donations, please.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE On Sat 21st Oct at 10am, The Shrewsbury Diocese Catechetical Conference - 'A Witness of Faith and a Keeper of the Memory of God' (Directory of Catechesis, 139) will be held at St Columba's Church Hall, Chester. This event will be presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and the Mission for Catechesis Team. All catechists from Shrewsbury Diocese are warmly invited to attend. To book please follow: [Shrewsbury Diocese Catechetical Conference Tickets, Sat 21 Oct 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £588.78
Offertory received by Bank transfer in Sept = £2561

Thankyou



Now Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our new **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE**, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.



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-anne-nantwich>

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: missio.org.uk/redbox.

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

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/>

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 22 October 2023 • Psalter Week 1



TAXING QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 22:15-21

Jesus' opponents in today's Gospel are a coalition of religious leaders (the Pharisees) and the supporters of the unpopular royal family who controlled parts of the Holy Land (the Herodians).

The challenge to Jesus is set up as though it were a well-intentioned request for guidance on a difficult matter made to a teacher who is recognised for his plain speaking. The question is about paying taxes to the Romans. But it is a trap. It only allows for a 'yes' or 'no' answer. If Jesus says it is permissible to pay taxes, he risks losing popular support. After all, these taxes were imposed by an occupying power which used the money to maintain its army and administration.

If he says it is not, then he is a dangerous political revolutionary who must be denounced to the authorities.

Jesus sees through the game these 'hypocrites' are playing and responds with a master stroke. He asks to see the coin used to pay the tax. Jesus and his disciples probably did not carry money simply because they didn't have any. The coin was a Roman coin, bearing the image and inscription of the emperor. Strictly speaking, observant Jews like the Pharisees should have avoided carrying anything, including a coin, with the image of a human being as it contravened the commandment forbidding idolatry. It was even worse to bring one into the temple precincts. Jesus' answer defeats his critics and exposes them as compromised by their support for the imperial power. ■

LEARN

Our primary allegiance is to God and God's values.

The Christian puts God first in everything.

The Christian uses the goods of this world to further God's kingdom.

DO

Think about your attitude to money. How important is it to you? Do you put it before everything else?

SAY

"Lord, help me to put you first always. Help me to use all I have to give glory to you. Amen."

PRAY

Pray for those in financial distress. Pray for those throughout our world who are caught up in poverty.



REFLECT

Money, money, money
Must be funny
In the rich man's world.
Ah, all the things I could do
If I had a little money
It's a rich man's world.

These lines from a song by Swedish super group, Abba, neatly describe humanity's fixation with money. Money is the answer to all life's problems, the key to happiness.

That's why the internet is full of get-rich-quick schemes; why we love 'rags-to-riches' stories of self-made billionaires like Jeff Bezos of Amazon; why we cling to the faint hope of winning the lottery or discovering an elderly rich relative. Finding ways to generate wealth

is what keeps the international monetary system going.

Even those of us with no desire to be featured in *Fortune* magazine or the *Wall Street Journal* can get distracted by money. Seeking happiness, security, stability, we become grasping, hung up on our possessions, preoccupied with material things. Money becomes our focus.

This is understandable, since the world of commerce and advertising and Instagram promotes envy and the desire to have at least as much as our neighbours. We can become attached to money without even realising it. But Jesus challenges this way of thinking. The Gospel invites us, in the words of Pope

Francis in *Gaudete et Exsultate*, "to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse." But wealth ensures nothing, Francis writes. Wealth makes it difficult for us to have room in our hearts for what really matters.

As Christians, we know that everything we have comes from God. All is a gift. We depend on God at every moment of every day. We must live in such a way that we do not allow money or material things to supersede our relationship with God and our commitment to God's kingdom. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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,
grant that we may always conform our will
to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know
me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I am you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.’
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 66

Response:

Give the Lord glory and power.

1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
(R.)

2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)

3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-9

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and
thank God for you all, and constantly remember
before God our Father how you have shown your
faith in action, worked for love and persevered
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when we
brought the Good News to you, it came to you
not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

The Pharisees went away to work out between
them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And
they sent their disciples to him, together with
the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you
are an honest man and teach the way of God
in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to
you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible
to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was
aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites!
Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the
money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him
a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this?
Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then
said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what
belongs to 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

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your
grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we
serve.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly
things,
we may be helped by what you give in this
present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to
be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to
perform the ordinary duties of the day well. A
short road to perfection—short, not because easy,
but because pertinent and intelligible. There are
no short ways to perfection, but there are sure
ones.

St John Henry Newman

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