

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>

23rd July 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

IN NEED OF A PRIEST Please contact Deacon John on 07973 375422

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

Saturday St Mary Magdalene	22	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joan & Terrance McSweeney RIP Anniversary Birthday Intention for Pat Wilkinson
Sunday World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	23	9.30am 11.00am	Mass Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism Robert Albert Dulla	Thanksgiving for the birth of Astrid Blenkiron and for the recovery of Diana The Parish
Monday St Sharbel Makhluf	24		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday St James	25	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Birthday Intention for Brigadier and Chief Engineer UK of NATO Irena Dzisiewska
Wednesday Sts Joachim and Ann	26		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday	27	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Olivia Spencer RIP Recently Deceased Jennie Alwood (sick)
Friday	28		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus	29	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Duggan RIP Anniversary John Gavigan RIP Anniversary Intention for Hugo aged 2 ½ (sick)
Sunday	30	9.30am	Mass Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intention for Mary Ballinger RIP and her family and friends



[Message-of-His-Holiness-Pope-Francis-for-the-Third-World-Day-for-Grandparents-and-the-Elderly](#)

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £505.14
Offertory received by Bank transfer in June = £2566
Thankyou

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

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

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

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

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

- Make a bank transfer: Account name: Missio; Sort Code: 16-00-16; Account Number: 10824230. Please use the reference RB + your postcode.
- Donate by telephone with your debit/credit card by ringing 020 7821 9755 during office hours.

- Donate via texting REDBOX 5 (to donate £5.00) or REDBOX 10 (to donate £10) to 70085. To ensure that your donation is attributed to **St Anne's, Nantwich**, it would be helpful (but not essential) if you would quote reference **SHR063/1117**.
- If you are a Gift Aid contributor, please inform Missio, so that they can recoup the tax from your donation.

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

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

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

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

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

Useful links and resources

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – Online Ministry Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for @Shrewsbury_ymt. Find us on YouTube by searching for Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – SYMT, don't forget to subscribe.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicssentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

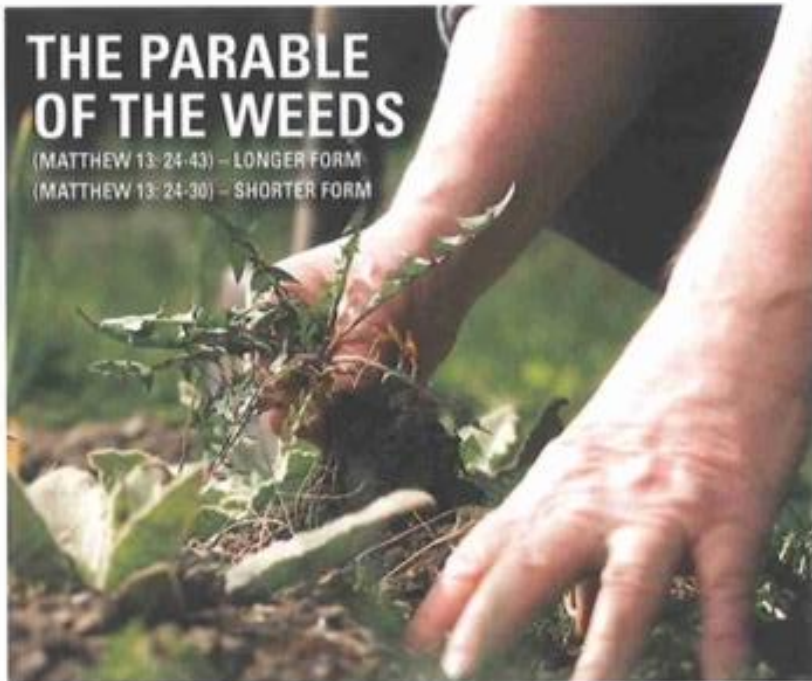
Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>

<http://prayasyougo.org/>

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

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



THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

(MATTHEW 13: 24-43) – LONGER FORM
(MATTHEW 13: 24-30) – SHORTER FORM

Today we are presented with three parables explaining how the kingdom of God interacts with the world.

The parable of the weeds demonstrates the good and evil that co-exist in the world. The mustard seed reminds us that our actions of mercy and love can have small beginnings but will grow into something much greater. The yeast expresses that the church is indeed very much part of a society that will contradict and challenge its teachings and activities. These parables also show that the kingdom of God is very much alive and active in the world. Jesus never said that being part of a Church was going to be easy.

The kingdom of God is brought about when we as individuals interact with the world in a spirit of respect, compassion, freedom and truth. Our term of reference is Jesus Christ. We confront evil in our world and are challenged by it. We sow seeds of love and kindness that will bear much fruit in our lives and the lives of others. And finally, we are inextricably linked to a world that can form us and educate us. But this world also needs to hear our message of Christ's love and compassion for all. ■

LEARN

'Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word?' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546)

SAY

'Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.'
(Rosa Parks)

DO

Think of something you can do for your parish this week. A visit to someone who's sick or living on their own is always a good start or maybe a phone call to your parish priest to see if any volunteers are needed for a future project.

REFLECT



Apple iPhones and computers have become the landmark and standard tools for the average internet user. There are other brand names of course but Apple seems to have led the industry with their expertise and brilliant innovative technologies. When Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak invented the Apple Computer, they quickly realised that they hadn't the organisational capabilities to get the company off the ground. They had brilliant ideas but needed greater management expertise. They approached the President of Pepsi, John Sculley, asking him to leave his position and come join them. Sculley declined the invitation but Jobs and Wozniak were persistent. They went back to him again and again. Eventually Steve Jobs said to him, 'Do you want to spend the rest of your life selling sugared water, or do you want a chance to change the world?' Indeed, Jobs and Sculley went on to change the world.

This is the very task being presented by Jesus through three parables today. How are we going to change the world? When you think about it, it's quite a daunting task. We spend a lot of our days working to earn money, to support our family, to buy nice things, to pay the bills. But what do we actually do for the Church? Are we changing the world in the way we confront evil and injustice? Are we planting seeds of compassion and love through our actions and conversations? What is our response when society challenges a belief or teaching that we hold dear? When bringing about the kingdom of God on earth, we change the world. Like the mustard seed, it happens one small step at a time. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your
grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith, and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your
commands.
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 Wisdom 12:13, 18-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.
There is no god, other than you, who cares
for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you
never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient
to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign
power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who
know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild
in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is
there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to
your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his
fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 85(86): 5-9, 12, 15-18

Response:
O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1 O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

2 All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)

3 But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.
For when we cannot choose words in order
to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses
our plea in a way that could never be put into
words, and God who knows everything in our
hearts knows perfectly well what he means,
and that the pleas of the saints expressed by
the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds
for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds: 'The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a man who sowed good seed in his field.
While everybody was asleep his enemy
came, sowed darnel all among the wheat,
and made off. When the new wheat sprouted
and ripened, the darnel appeared as well.
The owner's servants went to him and said,
"Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed
in your field? If so, where does the darnel
come from?" "Some enemy has done this"
he answered. And the servants said, "Do you
want us to go and weed it out?" But he said,
"No, because when you weed out the darnel
you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them
both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time
I shall say to the reapers: First collect the
darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then
gather the wheat into my barn."
He put another parable before them: 'The
kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
which a man took and sowed in his field. It
is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it
has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and
becomes a tree so that the birds of the air
come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The
kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman
took and mixed in with three measures of
flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in
parables; indeed, he would never speak to
them except in parables. This was to fulfil the
prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the
house; and his disciples came to him and
said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in
the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower
of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field
is the world; the good seed is the subjects of
the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the
evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the
devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the
reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the
darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire,
so it will be at the end of time. The Son of
Man will send his angels and they will gather
out of his kingdom all things that provoke
offences and all who do evil, and throw
them into the blazing furnace, where there
will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then
the virtuous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who
has ears!'

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)

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

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the
law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your
faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of
Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour
of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we
pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
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:

SRC DT - 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