

# 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>

## 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY FIFTH 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](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

<b>Saturday</b> St Pius Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Padre Pio – memorial intention Geoff Edge RIP Recently Deceased Tommy Curtis RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b> Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Gerard Coburn RIP Birthday Anniversary Michael Tomley RIP Anniversary Deacon Tom Coyle RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Tuesday</b> Sts Cosmas & Damian	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> KS1 Children from St Annes Primary school will be joining us	Peter Rigby (sick)
Wednesday St Vincent de Paul	27 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Thursday</b> St Wenceslaus St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession <b>Mass</b>	Geoff Edge RIP Recently Deceased
Friday <b>Sts Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael Archangels</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Saturday</b> St Jerome	30 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Jim Smith RIP 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Terence Kevin Schutte 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b> Anniversary of Bishop Mark's succession (2010)	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Nora Mills/Healey Thanksgiving 84 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of St Theresa of Lisieux

☆☆☆☆☆ Is your child joining Reception in 2024? Do you want to find out more about St. Anne's? Open to Catholics and non-Catholics. Come join us on our open day; a fabulous opportunity to take a look at our facilities and meet our staff. Pop in on **Saturday 7th October** between 10-2 for a warm St. Anne's welcome.

Ring school on 01270260783 or e-mail [office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk) to let us know you're coming. We look forward to meeting you.

\*\*\* If you can't make the open day, please give us a call and come to look around at your convenience.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:johncpenny@gmail.com)

**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).

**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](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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267.

**St Annes 200 Club 2023** Congratulations to our August winners 1<sup>st</sup> £100 Mary Atkinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> £60 Tim Quirk, 3<sup>rd</sup> £40 Grace Thompson. 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](mailto: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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize: £1,000, the draw takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £665.90

Offertory received by Bank transfer in August = £2320

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.

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.** 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!

#### 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.

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

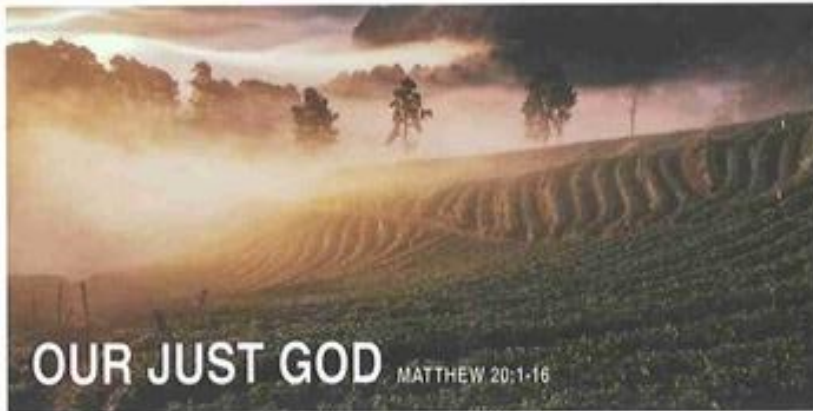
**Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses** Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

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

**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 Good Employer irritates some people. It seems unfair, even unjust, that the labourers who had worked since dawn were paid the same amount as those who had worked for only a few hours or less. We may identify with those workers who grumble about its unfairness. They had toiled in the boiling sun all day while the others did nothing.

But the employer isn't unfair. He has cheated nobody. He has paid them what they were entitled to and what they agreed - a just wage. Instead, the employer is compassionate. He pays the latecomers a full day's wages because he takes pity on them. He doesn't want them to go hungry. He doesn't want their loved ones to suffer. He wants them to be able to feed their families tomorrow. He knows he's unlikely to become a billionaire with a super yacht if he pays people a day's wages for an hour's work - but he does it anyway. His sense of justice demands it.

Today's Gospel tells us much about God and God's justice.

First, about God's justice. At the heart of the Old Testament is God's covenant with the people of Israel. God promised them that, if they stuck by him, he would never abandon them. God would always lavish his love on them, no matter how often or badly they let God down.

This covenant between God and God's people formed the template for how the people of Israel should live. They were to treat each other with justice because that was how God had treated them. They were to stand alongside the oppressed because God had stood alongside them when they were oppressed in Egypt. They were to care for the weakest in society, the widow and orphan, because God had cared for them in their distress. By being compassionate, they were simply mirroring God's compassion for them.

In the New Testament, Jesus epitomises God's justice. He stood alongside the poor. He identified with the most marginal. He said they would be first in the kingdom of heaven. Justice and compassion informed everything Jesus said and did, and it must be the same with us, he said.

Second, about good news. Today's Gospel declares it's never too late for us, for anyone. Salvation, redemption, is always available, even at the eleventh hour. The way the landowner acted towards his workers in the parable is the way God acts towards us. God is generous - more generous than any of us could ever be. God is just - more just than any of us could ever be. God is compassionate - more compassionate than we could ever be. It doesn't matter how long we've been serving him, or how recently we turned to him, or what our situation or history may be, God treats us generously and justly. Like the workers taken on at the eleventh hour, God wants all of us to be saved, no one to be excluded or forgotten. Whether we're stuck at the bottom of the economic ladder or trapped in a moral or spiritual haze, whatever the mess we're in, God's love envelops us completely. This is the good news we need in 2023. ■

## PRAY

We are all aware of the appalling conditions in which children and vulnerable adults throughout the world are forced to work. Pray for them today, and pray for a more just world.

## SAY

"Lord, help me to see and treat others the way you see and treat them. Amen."

## REFLECT

Recently, I discovered a staggering statistic: The coronavirus pandemic has been very good for the super rich. The Institute for Policy Studies has calculated that in the first months of the pandemic the collective wealth of America's 643 billionaires increased from \$2.95 trillion to \$3.8 trillion. That works out to gains of \$4.7 billion a day - all during a time when the rest of the world was in economic turmoil.

A trillion is one billion million. An awful lot of noughts.

Of course, America isn't Europe. Still, worldwide, even before Covid-19, the pattern has been similar - wealth is being concentrated in fewer hands. A tiny number of people do very, very well out of the global economic order. The poor do not benefit at all. Soaring inflation has made life even more difficult for ordinary people and families.

Despite the remarkable progress humanity has made over the last century, economic inequality has grown - not lessened. Structural injustice has increased - not diminished. Billions struggle to survive, while oligarchs splash out on super yachts to flaunt how super rich they are.

This is a long way from God's vision for humanity, as revealed in the bible. It's a long way from Jesus's vision in today's Gospel.

The Book of Micah asks the question: "What does the Lord require of us?" And God's answer: "Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with God." Charity or philanthropy, no matter how generous, is no substitute for the work of justice. Pious prayers or easy words of consolation are no substitute for the work of justice. We must act towards others as God has acted towards us, even if it means we can never afford the price of a super yacht. ■

## LEARN

God's justice is ruled by generosity and compassion.

All are equal in the eyes of God.

## DO

If possible, try to ensure that the goods you buy are not the product of cheap or forced labour.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**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 founded all the commands of  
your sacred Law  
upon love of you and of our neighbour,  
grant that, by keeping your precepts,  
we may merit to attain eternal life.  
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 55:1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take  
pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who  
speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 144

Response:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

- I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, rightly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

- The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Philippians 1:20-24, 27

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by  
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is  
Christ, but then death would bring me something  
more; but then again, if living in this body means  
doing work which is having good results – I do  
not know what I should choose. I am caught  
in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with  
Christ, which would be very much the better, but  
for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent  
need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would  
be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of  
heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak  
to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an  
agreement with the workers for one denarius a  
day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at  
about the third hour he saw others standing idle  
in the market place and said to them, 'You go to  
my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.'  
So they went. At about the sixth hour and again  
at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the  
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went  
out and found more men standing round, and  
he said to them, 'Why have you been standing  
here idle all day?' 'Because no one has hired  
us' they answered. He said to them, 'You go into  
my vineyard too.' In the evening, the owner of  
the vineyard said to his bailiff, 'Call the workers  
and pay them their wages, starting with the last  
arrivals and ending with the first.' So those who  
were hired at about the eleventh hour came  
forward and received one denarius each. When  
the first came, they expected to get more, but  
they too received one denarius each. They took  
it, but grumbled at the landowner. 'The men  
who came last,' they said, 'have done only one  
hour, and you have treated them the same as us,  
though we have done a heavy day's work in all  
the heat.' He answered one of them and said, 'My  
friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not  
agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and  
go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I  
pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my  
own? Why be envious because I am generous?'  
Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

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**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess with devotion and faith  
may be theirs through these heavenly  
mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have laid down your precepts to be  
carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your  
statutes.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously raise up, O Lord,  
those you renew with this Sacrament,  
that we may come to possess your  
redemption  
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the  
church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.  
Saint John Chrysostom

# 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