

## 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>

### 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023 TWENTY FIRST 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)

Saturday Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi	26 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving for Kim Richardson in new job
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Maria Oliver (sick) Grace Brady RIP Recently Deceased Margaret East RIP
Monday St Augustine	28 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday The Passion of St John the Baptist	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Kevin Smith RIP
Wednesday Sts Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward & Anne Line	30 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday St Aiden and the Sts of Lindisfarne	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Service of the Word and Holy Communion	The Parish
Friday World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	1 <sup>st</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr Michael Ryan OMI Birthday Intention Mary & Barry Faulkner 45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of the Wilkinson Family Yvonne Roberts (sick)

**Requiem Mass** for Grace Brady will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Grace's family and friends in your prayers.

Tea and Coffee after Mass on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in celebration of Fr Mike's Birthday and Mary and Barry's 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. All welcome.

#### 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: [johnpenny@gmail.com](mailto:johnpenny@gmail.com) Mobile: 07973375422

**In August, we pray with Pope Francis** that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-07/pope-francis-august-prayer-intention-world-youth-day-2023-lisbon.html>

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**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.

**CAR PARK – please take care when driving out after Mass. Leave plenty of time for the parishioners to vacate the church before driving away. Also be aware that the Food Festival is on 1-3<sup>rd</sup> September so Love Lane Car Park in Nantwich will be not be available for those that park there for Mass at the weekends**

**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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk) We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities.

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](http://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](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or Tel: 07730 526821.

### 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.

### DAY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The SVP Outing to the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield. It will take place on Monday, 11th September departing from St Annes at **9:00AM** and from St Gabriel's at 9.30am returning by 5:30pm. The coach journey is just over one hour. The cost of £10 is subsidised by the SVP and covers the coach and the land train which takes you round the arboretum. Wheelchair access is generally good and wheelchairs can be accommodated on the land train. Please bring a packed lunch if you do not want to eat at the restaurant. A list for you to sign if you want to go is at the back of church.

**Street Angels** In Africa it is said that it takes a village to raise a child. In our village, Nantwich, we want to keep our young people safe from harm and so we are setting up Street Angels. Before COVID we had Street pastors and this is similar to that. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to give up one evening a month to go out onto the streets and provide support for vulnerable young people, providing a listening ear, a helping hand, a bottle of water, flip flops, first aid care, a friendly face and basically to be a presence around town. All training is given. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference and to enrich your own life. There is no age limit to those who can become Street Angels.

Please come along to the volunteer evening at the Methodist Church on Hospital Street on the 14th September at 6.30-7.30 to learn more. Please contact me if you would like any more information. Roisin Maguire, [director.ero@gmail.com](mailto:director.ero@gmail.com)

### 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 = £ 497.60

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/stannesdioceseofshrewsbury2168>

**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](http://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/>

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://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](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/>

Jesus struggled with many things during his ministry, but one of the common threads that runs through the parables and Gospel scenes is the difficulty people had in identifying him as the Son of God, the Messiah.

He would perform miracles and preach of a kingdom where people would be greeted with the love and mercy of God, and yet, people still questioned his authority.

Today's Gospel is a teaching exercise for the disciples. It is time for Jesus to claim his true identity and he needs his followers to understand. 'Who do people say the Son of God is?' he asks. The answers that come back to him are varied. Some still identify Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist as the Son of God. But Peter is confident today. He steps forward and is unequivocal in his announcement, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' This statement from Peter is interesting as he has witnessed many of Jesus' acts of healing and miracles. He is convinced that the man he has been following and watching closely, is the Son of God. The future direction of the Church will rest on Peter's shoulders and Jesus says, 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.' Peter will go on to tell the world of the Messiah who brought healing, love and compassion to everyone he met on the way. ■

## SAY

Lord, God, you call us.  
You come to us with your  
commandment.  
And you ask our commitment.  
We offer you our hands to serve  
the needs of the poor.  
We offer you our voices to speak  
out against injustices.  
We ask this through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.  
(Peace Church, Munich)

## DO

Read today's gospel story again and reflect on the challenge placed upon Peter's shoulders. How can we help in this task of building a Church that has mercy and love as its foundation?

## 'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

(MATTHEW 16: 13-20)



St. Peter's Square from Rome in Vatican State

## REFLECT

Standing in St Peter's Square in Vatican City can be an awe-inspiring activity. From the centre of the square, you can catch a glimpse of the papal apartments, the doors of St. Peter's Basilica, the large queues of tourists awaiting entry to see Michelangelo's 'Pietà' and other sights of beauty that can capture the imagination. After absorbing the hustle and bustle of life around this sacred place, one can also get a true sense of the wonder of church tradition – a Church that began two thousand years ago with the apostle Peter at its helm. A Church that has maintained the connection between our current pope and our first pope. A church that continues to grow and continues to pray to the Messiah, who is love.

When Peter received today's task from Jesus, one can only imagine the feelings that went through his mind. We know that Peter's journey with Jesus wasn't always straight forward. He refused to believe Jesus' prediction that death and new life will be part of Christ's path. When death does come for Jesus, Peter and his followers are nowhere to be found. And in the days following Easter Sunday, Peter and those close to him will still be in hiding. Jesus will have to revisit Peter at a later date to reiterate the importance of his role as leader of the Church and preacher of the Word.

We are reminded today that we too have a responsibility to carry on the traditions of the Church, handed on to us by the disciples. Like Peter, we need the encouragement of Jesus through prayer, to help us in our task. ■

## LEARN

'Often the Church has been called the building of God. The Lord himself compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the cornerstone. On this foundation, the Church is built by the apostles.....As living stones, we here on earth are built into it.' (Lumen Gentium, 6)

**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**

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the  
master of the palace: I dismiss you from your  
office, I remove you from your post, and the  
same day I call on my servant Eliakim son  
of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird  
him with your sash, entrust him with your  
authority; and he shall be a father to the  
inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of  
Judah. I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall  
close, should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he  
will become a throne of glory for his father's  
house.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 137

Response:

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

- 1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
- 2 I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
- 3 The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Roman 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God - how deep  
his wisdom and knowledge - and how  
impossible to penetrate his motives or  
understand his methods! Who could ever  
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever  
be his counsellor? Who could ever give him  
anything or lend him anything? All that exists  
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To  
him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was  
reconciling the world to himself,  
and he has entrusted to us the news that  
they are reconciled. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea  
Philippi he put this question to his disciples,  
"Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And  
they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist,  
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of  
the prophets." "But you," he said, "who do you  
say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You  
are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living  
God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah,  
you are a happy man! Because it was not  
flesh and blood that revealed this to you but  
my Father in heaven. So I now say to you:  
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my  
Church. And the gates of the underworld can  
never hold out against it. I will give you the  
keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you  
bind on earth shall be considered bound in  
heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be  
considered loosed in heaven." Then he gave  
the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone  
that he was the Christ.

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**

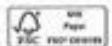
The earth is replete with the fruits of your  
work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

**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.

"Having a clear faith, based on the creed  
of the church is often labelled today as  
fundamentalism. Whereas relativism, which  
is letting oneself be tossed and swept along  
by every wind of teaching, looks like the only  
attitude acceptable to today's standards."

Pope Benedict XVI



## 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