

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>

28th JANUARY 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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 St Angela Merici	27	10.00am	Memorial Service for Yvonne Roberts RIP Recently Deceased All welcome	
		5.00pm	Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Yvonne Roberts RIP Recently Deceased Intention of Allan Clare Sheila Lennon (sick)
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice	28	9.30am	Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Enrolment Mass & Mass of Election for Confirmation Candidates	Paul Dwerryhouse RIP Recently Deceased Hedley and Kathy Perry RIP Anniversary Jeff Hindle RIP Recently Deceased
Monday St Vincent	29		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday	30	9.30am	Adoration and Confession	Pat Smith RIP 1 st Anniversary
		10.00am	Mass	Molly Pugh RIP Anniversary
Wednesday St John Bosco	31		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday The Conversion of St Paul	1	9.30am	Adoration and Confession	Barbara Young RIP 4 th Anniversary
		10.00am	Mass	
Friday The Presentation of the Lord	2		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday St Werburgh	3	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of the Moore Family David Perkins RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	4	9.30am	Mass Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Followed by FHC Reconciliation Preparation in Community Hub	Pat Smith RIP 1 st Anniversary Thanksgiving Intention for Pat Connors 94 th Birthday

Requiem Mass for Paul Dwerryhouse RIP on Wednesday 7th February at 11.00am followed by interment at Nantwich Cemetery at 12.30pm. Please pray for his soul and keep the family and friends of Paul in your prayers.

St Annes 200 Club 2024 If you would like to join the 200 club and support the running of St Anne's please see information at the back of church or contact Michael Wilcock Mob: 07968520276 email: mjwilcock64@gmail.com

Confirmation programme 2024 The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St. Annes on the 10th May 2024 at 7pm. Bishop Mark will celebrate the confirmation Mass. 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. Programme details have been sent to those who have already registered. Extra copies can be found at the back of Church.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION Last weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund was held. Thank you very much for your contributions of £478.04. A leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations.

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Join us for LOVE NANTWICH 18:00, 24th February 2024 at St Mary's Nantwich or an evening of worship and prayer for our town. Visit our LOVE NANTWICH page on Facebook and join us in praying blessing upon our community.

Diocesan Choir Festival – ‘Sing a New Song’ You are invited to come along and sing as part of a diocesan choir. Learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm. We will learn Schutz: Praise to you Lord Jesus, Schubert: Mass in G and more, on Saturday 24 February, 10.30am-4.30pm with Mass beginning at 5pm. At St Anthony's, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Refreshments and registration from 10.30am, rehearsals begin at 11am. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. The cost is £5 per person, payable on the day. Book by completing the form at [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/DIOCESANCHOIRFESTIVAL](http://tinyurl.com/diocesanchoirfestival) The deadline for bookings is Friday 16 February. For more information contact reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Our local Catholic High School St Thomas More is looking to recruit more foundation governors to support it in continuing to deliver first class education in keeping with Catholic values and Ethos. Applicants must be practising Catholics. No specific previous experience is required. The job is not onerous and there is usually only one or two meetings per term. Further information can be found at: [www.https://st-thomasmorehigh.greenschoolsonline.co.uk/Governor-Information/](https://st-thomasmorehigh.greenschoolsonline.co.uk/Governor-Information/) St Thomas More is one of the highest performing schools in Cheshire; recently it also received the highest score possible of Outstanding from the National Catholic Schools Inspectorate. If you are interested please contact Simon Burns at mr.s.burns@st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk

The Year 2025 is the next Jubilee year in the Church. Pope Francis has asked the church to prepare well, and in order to help us do so Pope Francis has call 2024 'A year of Prayer'. In response the team for evangelisation and mission will be organising retreat days on Prayer throughout the year. Come and Understand what the Church teaches about prayer and experience different types of prayer throughout the day. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information: Jane Deegan 07517 906435 jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Natalie Orefice 07730526826 natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



Loose Plate = £452.07

Offertory received by Bank transfer in December = £2641.00

Thank you

Last week's Envelope &



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-annenantwich>

Pope's January Prayer Intention For the Gift of Diversity within the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals within the Catholic Church.

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!

Shrewsbury Diocese Ongoing Formation for Sacramental Marriage

Overview : Presentations on both the relational aspects of the marital relationship, and the faith/spiritual meaning of holy matrimony to help strengthen, heal and enrich your marriage.

There is no group sharing

Next Retreat: - 9th-11th February 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) - 25th -27th October 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

PLACE: Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre 89, Broughton Lane, Crewe CW2 8JS

Information and Bookings: Booking is essential - Go to the website at www.loving4life.co.uk or Contact: Jane Deegan jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435



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](https://missio.org.uk/redbox): 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.

☆☆☆☆☆ 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 ☆

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://catholic sentinel.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 AWESOME AUTHORITY OF JESUS

MARK 1:21-28

Jesus is preaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. It's his first time preaching in a synagogue. The synagogue was one of the most important religious institutions in Jesus' day.

The word "synagogue" comes from the Greek *synagōgē* and means "assembly." In Galilee in the first century AD, every town and village had its synagogue. It was a place for prayer, worship and instruction in the Jewish faith.

As soon as Jesus begins to teach, those present are amazed. They are impressed because they can see the difference between his preaching and that of other religious leaders. Jesus' teaching is unlike anything they have heard before. It has authority. They can feel it; they can see it. His words not only have the power to move people, they make things happen.

A man with an unclean spirit is sitting in the congregation. As soon as Jesus begins to teach, the man interrupts him, and starts to shriek and shout. He knows who Jesus is, and he is afraid. Jesus rebukes him, and immediately the unclean spirit vanishes.

Jesus' teaching is more than the words he speaks; it is also expressed in his actions. That is why the people marvel at what they have witnessed, why they say to themselves: "Here is a teaching that is new, and that has authority behind it."

The authority that Jesus displays is the authority of God himself. It is the power of the Holy Spirit, which he received at his baptism in the Jordan, that enables him to speak with such conviction and wisdom.

Jesus' teaching is unlike anything his listeners have heard before. It can literally change people's lives. ■

DO

Think of the example you give to those around us. Are you authoritative? What values do you model?

LEARN

Jesus speaks to us in the scriptures, in the liturgy and in the voice of his Church.

Jesus is alive and active in our community and our world.

REFLECT

It's no surprise that we tend to be cynical about those in authority. We have been disappointed so often on so many levels. Politicians who enter office promising a bright new dawn turn out to be no different to those who preceded them. People admire and respect in the world of sport or celebrity all too often turn out to have feet of clay. Church leaders disappoint when they fail to address adequately the scandals or other pressing issues in the Church.

On the rare occasion when we come across someone who oozes authority, we notice it and it registers. When people have authority, it shows.

Today's Gospel is an opportunity for Christians to think about authority and what it means to have it. First, it reminds us that our greatest authority is Jesus. He is the one who shows us how to live. If we want to know how to live honourably and with integrity – all we need to do is look to Jesus. Whatever it is we want to know about living life well – all we need to do is look to Jesus. We Christians take our cue from Jesus, because he is our teacher, our leader, our model, our guide.

And we Christians are called to be people of authority ourselves. The same Holy Spirit who was given to Jesus in the Jordan has been given to us too. We teach with authority when we live what we profess, when we practise what we believe. That is what impressed people when they looked at Mother Teresa – that she was living what she believed. It is what people see when they look at Pope Francis – that he practises what he preaches. And it gives him extraordinary credibility in the eyes of Christian and non-Christian alike.

It is the kind of authority each of us is called to demonstrate in our own lives. ■

SAY

"Help me, Lord, to live in such a way as to give glory to you. Help me to be an effective witness to you in all I say and do. Amen."

PRAY

Pray that you will always look to Jesus as your teacher, authority and guide.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

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

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth, and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 94 (93):1-2, 9-10

Response:
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

1 Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2 Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3 O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption,
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call
on you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.