

# 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>

## 30th July 2023 Seventeenth 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](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

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
Monday St Ignatius of Loyola	31		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday St Alphonsus Liguori	1	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Intention for June Lane (sick)
Wednesday St Eusebius of Vercelli St Peter Eymard	2		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday St Oswald	3	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	The Parish
Friday St John Vianney	4		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	5	5.00pm	Vigil Mass The Transfiguration of the Lord	Birthday Intention for Judy Booth's 80th
Sunday	6	9.30am	Mass The Transfiguration of the Lord	Michael & Agnes Cahill RIP Thomas & Agnes Owens RIP Bridie & Joe Richie RIP

**Message from Ann Alexander** Very many thanks to everyone who helped to serve refreshments on Saturday evening after Mass for Deacon John's celebration. Much appreciated. Thank for all your help. Love Ann xxx

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

**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. July winners will be announced a little later in August due to holidays.

**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>

**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).

The brochure (including the booking form) for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.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 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.

**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.

**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 = £648.03  
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 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](mailto: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](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/>

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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>

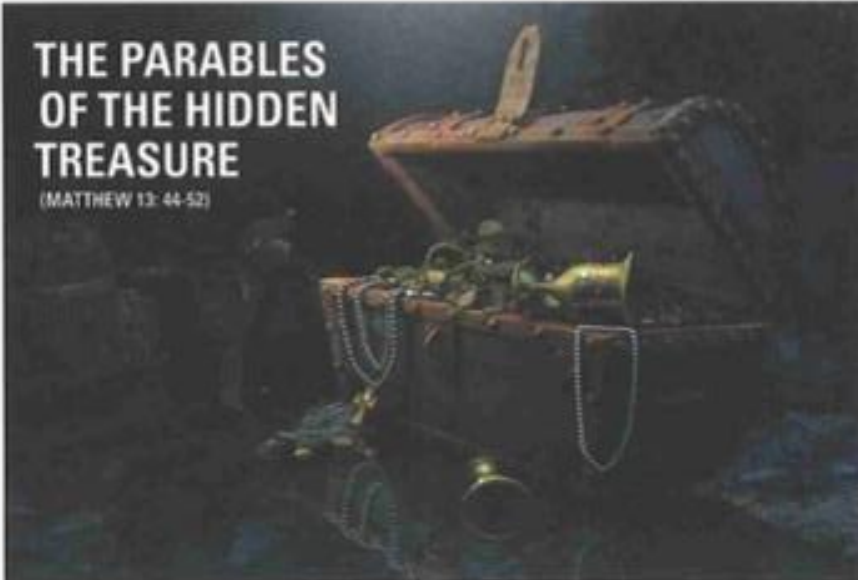
<http://prayasyougo.org/>

**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 PARABLES OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

(MATTHEW 13: 44-52)



You might have noticed over the past few weeks, that the teachings of Jesus have revolved around explaining what exactly the kingdom of heaven really is.

We heard last week of how the kingdom will be challenged by negative forces in the world, forces of evil and destruction. Therefore, the kingdom as defined by Jesus, needs to be protected by us believers. The importance of the presence of God on earth is reflected in today's gospel as it is likened to treasure buried in a field. On finding the treasure, the farmer hides it again and buys the field to care for it. The kingdom is like a fine pearl or a catch of quality fish. All deserve our protection and respect.

As you can see, parables are used in abundance today. Writer and former priest Michael Harding says that 'a story is the most beautiful way of bearing witness to the world.'

You can see from the three parables used last week and the three used today, that Jesus beautifully presents us with the importance of the kingdom of heaven in our world and our lives. The parables reassert the significant relationship between God and his people. God shows us his love and tenderness. We respond by honouring the treasure that is the kingdom of heaven. We do so through our prayers and actions. ■

## REFLECT

A man walked into a department store in London to buy a romantic gift for his wife, as her birthday was approaching. He walked up to the Chanel perfume counter and asked to see the range of perfume on offer. The sales assistant showed him the first bottle, priced £70. "No, that's too expensive, do you have anything else?" said the man. The polite assistant produced a smaller bottle priced £45. "You'll have to go again, it's still out of my price range," said the man. Indeed the sales assistant duly obliged and reached down to the bottom shelf where she produced

a £20 bottle of perfume that probably wouldn't be the best quality. The man replied, "Listen, I need you to show me something really cheap." So the assistant reached under the counter and showed him a mirror.

It's important to identify who or what your treasure is in life. For some it's their children or spouse. For others, it's their work and I think in particular of doctors, nurses, social workers and carers who treasure their patients and clients. In identifying your treasure in life, you can then go forward and reward that treasure with your love and care and generosity.

## SAY

'Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure is, there is your heart; where your heart is, there is your happiness.' (St. Augustine)

## LEARN

'The whole Church is apostolic, in that she remains, through the successors of St. Peter and the other apostles, in communion of faith and life with her origin; and in that she is sent out into the whole world. All members of the Church share in this mission, though in various ways. The Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the apostolate as well.... to spread the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth.'

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 863)

## DO

Identify the treasures in your life, the people you hold dear to your heart. How much time and energy do you give to them in terms of your love and generosity?



The kind of treasure being referred to in today's gospel is the treasure that is the kingdom of heaven. So how do we respond to this unique gift in our lives? Are we reluctant to invest time and energy in fostering a relationship with God? Do we talk to our children about the importance of prayer and belief in God during moments of difficulty and thanksgiving in their lives? When Jesus speaks to the disciples today, he wants them to acknowledge this wonderful treasure given to them freely by God. In embracing the kingdom of heaven, we show a generous and loving heart to the world. ■



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
He himself gives might and strength to his  
people.

**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, protector of those who hope in you,  
Without whom nothing has firm foundation,  
nothing is holy,  
Bestow in abundance your mercy upon us  
and grant that,  
With you as our ruler and guide,  
We may use the good things that pass  
in such a way as to hold fast even now  
To those that ever endure.  
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**

1 Kings 3:9-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 R v97

Response:

Lord, how I love your law!

- My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
Is to obey you word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold (R.)
- Let your love be ready to console me  
By your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
For your law is my delight. (R.)
- That is why I love your commands  
More than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. (R.)
- Your will is wonderful indeed:  
Therefore, I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
And teaches the simple. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Romans 8:28-30

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

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owes and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.  
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds.

When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding teeth.

Have you understood all this? They said 'Yes'. And he said to them, well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.

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**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings  
Which we bring from the abundance of your  
gifts,  
That through the powerful working of your  
grace  
These most sacred mysteries may sanctify  
our present way of life  
And lead us eternal gladness.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
And never forget all his benefits.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine  
Sacrament,  
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of  
your Son, grant, we pray, that this gift,  
which he himself gave us with love beyond  
all telling, may profit us for salvation.  
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:

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