

# 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>

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY SECOND 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	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of the Wilkinson Family Yvonne Roberts (sick) Joan and Kevin Hardy RIP Anniversary
Monday St Cuthbert	4 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Padre Pio (Saint)
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass Requiem Mass for Grace Brady RIP	Fr Michael Ryan OMI Birthday Intention Grace Brady RIP Recently Deceased
Friday Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday St Peter Claver	9 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Yolanda Rogers RIP Anniversary
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for Education	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	Mass 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism Millie Isla Magee	Grace Brady RIP Recently Deceased The Parish

**Requiem Mass** for Grace Brady RIP 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.



Refreshments 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.

Children and Students will be returning to school and college from this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on the next stage of their education.

### 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) Mobile: 07973375422

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**St Annes 200 Club 2023** Congratulations to our August winners 1<sup>st</sup> £100 Mrs G A Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> £60 Eileen McClelland, 3<sup>rd</sup> £40 Tony Davies. 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 not be available for those who park there for Mass at the weekends.**

**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

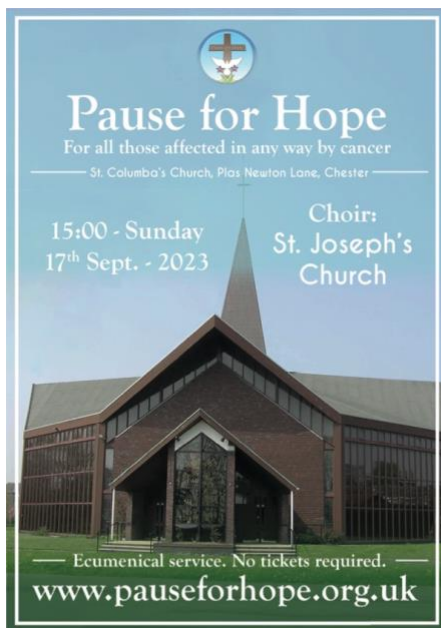
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### SVP RAFFLE

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.



### 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. See leaflets at the back of the church for latest updates and requirements.

**Street Angels** 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 Roisin Maguire, [director.ero@gmail.com](mailto:director.ero@gmail.com)



## OFFERTORY

Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £459.22

Offertory received by Bank transfer in July = £2395

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 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://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](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/>

# Sunday Message

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 3 September 2023 • Psalter Week 2



In today's Gospel Jesus prepares his disciples for the ordeal he is about to face in Jerusalem. He tells them that he will suffer greatly and be put to death, and that he will be raised up on the third day.

The prediction is too much for his disciples. They are appalled by his words. Just a little earlier Peter had declared Jesus to be the Messiah. The Jews associated the Messiah with glory and power and victory, not suffering and failure and death. If Jesus is the Messiah, then he could not end up on a cross.

Peter points this out to Jesus. "Heaven preserve you, Lord," he says. "This must not happen to you." But Jesus turns on Peter and rebukes him in very harsh language: "Get behind me, Satan. You are an obstacle in my path."

Peter must have been shocked to the core by the violence of Jesus' response. Only a short while previously Jesus had told Peter that he would be the rock upon which he would build his Church; now Jesus tells him that he is a tool of Satan.

Peter failed to understand what Jesus' mission was about. For Jesus, the most important thing in the world was proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom. He knew that to do so would mean making enemies; that it would even cost him his life. But he knew too that he could not betray the will of his heavenly Father no matter what the price.

Jesus goes on to explain what being a follower of his really means. It is not about seeking earthly glory or material reward. It is about being willing to take up one's cross. It is about being willing to die to self, to risk everything, even to lose one's life, for the sake of the Gospel.

But he assures us that it is a price worth paying - for it will guarantee us the reward of eternal life. ■

## DO

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it very clear what being his follower entails. Think about your life and your priorities. Do you follow the way of the world or the way of Christ?

## PRAY

It is so difficult to follow Jesus. Even Peter, the first pope, found it hard. In last Sunday's Gospel he is praised for correctly identifying who Jesus is; now Jesus rebukes him for opposing the cross. Pray for all members of the Church, and for all Christians, that we may constantly strive to follow Jesus to the best of our ability.

## SAY

"Lord, help me to follow you faithfully. Give me the courage to take up my cross if I have to. Amen."

## LEARN

To be a follower of Christ often means going against the values of the world we live in.

The Christian is one who puts God first - at whatever the cost.

## REFLECT

**W**e shouldn't be too hard on Peter. He couldn't understand why the Messiah had to suffer, why suffering would have to be part of the deal. Why would he?

None of us likes to have to face up to the reality of suffering. Our culture today is one that is big into pleasure and youthfulness and instant gratification. We want to enjoy the good life, to celebrate the body beautiful, to keep the ageing process at bay, to deny for as long

as we can the discomfiting fact that we are mortal.

Our society finds it very hard to have to deal with suffering and pain. We don't want anything that will inconvenience us, or upset us, or put us out. We don't want to have to confront pain or live with it. We find it particularly hard to see how anything good could come out of suffering.

Jesus does not see suffering as something good. In the garden of Gethsemane, he prayed to avoid it. But he knows that it is part of life, part of the human condition, and that to follow his way means having to take up one's cross. To give oneself for others always costs. But Jesus knows, too, that God is present with those who suffer, and that this knowledge gives us strength. The pain of Calvary is the prelude to the glory of Easter. ■

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**GLORIA**

Glorify 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**

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your name,  
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what is good  
and, by your watchful care,  
keep safe what you have nurtured.  
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**

Jeremiah 20:7-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah,  
You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let  
myself be seduced.  
you have overpowered me: you were the  
stronger.  
I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.  
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!  
The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.  
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name anymore.'  
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my  
heart,  
imprisoned in my bones.  
The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 82

Response:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

1 O God, you are my God, for you I long,  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2 So, I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3 So, I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4 For you have been my help.  
In the shadow of your wings, I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you.  
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12:1-2

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

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship  
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking  
beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy  
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model  
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around  
you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by  
your new mind. This is the only way to discover  
the will of God and know what is good, what it is  
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that  
he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer  
grievously at the hands of the elders and chief  
priests and scribes, to be put to death and  
to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him  
aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.  
'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must  
not happen to you.' But he turned and said to  
Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle  
in my path, because the way you think is not  
God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone  
wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce  
himself and take up his cross and follow me. For  
anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but  
anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.  
What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole  
world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to  
offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the  
glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he  
does, he will reward each one according to his  
behaviour.'

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**

May this sacred offering, O Lord,  
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,  
that what it celebrates in mystery  
it may accomplish in power.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly  
table,  
we beseech you, Lord,  
that, being the food of charity,  
it may confirm our hearts  
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.  
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