

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>

7th OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY SEVENTH 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

Saturday Our Lady of the Rosary CAFOD 2 nd Collection	7 th	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deacon's Thanksgiving Intention
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their dependents CAFOD 2 nd Collection	8 th	9.30am	Mass 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish Jim Smith RIP Anniversary
Monday St John Henry Newman	9 th		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday St Paulinus of York	10 th	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Molly Johnson RIP Anniversary
Wednesday St John XIII	11 th	2.30pm	No Mass or Service today St Anne's Bible Group in meeting room	
Thursday St Wilfrid	12 th	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Priest's Intention
Friday St Edward the Confessor	13 th		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday St Callistus I Day of Special Prayer for World Missions 2 nd Collection	14 th	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Langston & William Banham RIP Anniversary & Birthdays
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for World Missions 2 nd Collection	15 th	9.30am	Mass 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Davies RIP Recently Deceased

☆☆☆☆☆ 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 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. ☆

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – 7/8 October 2nd Collection Dr Nasha's mobile clinic gets lifesaving help to where it is needed so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelopes in church, card machine or cafod.org.uk

St Anne's Bible Group. Meeting on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4.00 pm each week 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 or 07481 476 333

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Confirmation programme 2024 The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St. Annes in Nantwich on Friday the 10th May 2024 at 7pm. Bishop Mark will celebrate the confirmation Mass. The programme for the candidates for Confirmation and the dates of the meetings will be advised shortly. If you have children who are in Year 9 and over who would like to be confirmed please contact the office on stannesnantwich@btinternet.com we want to launch the programme by 1st December 2023.

The October SVP Social Event for senior citizen will be a FREE coach trip to Trentham Shopping Village on Tuesday the 10th October. The coach will depart from St Anne's at 9.30am and St Gabriel's Church at 10.00am and leave Trentham at 2pm to return to Alsager. There is a unique blend of independent & nationally renowned high street leading names, gift shops, cafes, fine dining restaurants and quirky stores in the shopping village. If you wish to go please sign up on the list on the church notice board. Any queries contact Michael Massey on 07510 223337.



We know that poverty in the UK is an avoidable, solvable problem that can be fixed. That's why we're so excited to be supporting the Let's End Poverty Founding Assembly on 14 October, as people from across the UK gather together in towns and cities across the UK and online to call for a future where poverty

can't keep anyone down. Will you join us in building the movement towards ending poverty in the UK? Find out more and book your place: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/assembly/>.

A Way through the Old Testament : St. Winifrede's Sandbach, by Fr Michael Moreton. A series of 4 talks in late Sept/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: 12 Oct The People of the Messiah and 19 Oct The Seat of Wisdom.** [Also, on 23rd Nov, just prior to the Advent Season when we begin to read St Mark's Gospel (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

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.

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 07450252733.

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.



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £564.85
Offertory received by Bank transfer in August = £2320

Thankyou

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. 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!

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.

- 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

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

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 8 October 2023 • Psalter Week 3

UNWORTHY TENANTS

MATTHEW 21:33-45



In today's Gospel Jesus tells the story of a landlord who cultivated a vineyard and leased it to tenants. It was common in Jesus' time for land to be owned by absentee landlords, who would send their servants to collect the rent from the tenants at harvest time.

However, when the landlord in this parable sends his servants to collect the rent, they are treated brutally. One of them is killed. The landlord responds by sending a larger number who are treated in exactly the same way. As a last resort, he sends his own son, thinking the tenants would never hurt him. But he is badly mistaken. They throw his son out of the vineyard and murder him.

Matthew uses this parable to summarise the story of God's relationship with God's people. The characters in the story are symbolic. The landlord represents God, the tenants are the people of Israel, and the servants are the prophets, whom God has continually sent to Israel to remind the people of their true destiny. All of them were rejected and despised.

Finally, God sends his son Jesus, who, like the son in the parable, will be murdered by those to whom he came. The landlord will punish the tenants by leasing the vineyard to new tenants. This is Matthew's way of telling his readers that the Kingdom of God will be given to the Gentiles, the outsiders as it were, those who were not part of the original story. Since the Son has been rejected by the people he came for, he must go to others instead. ■

PRAY

In today's second reading, St Paul tells us that if there is anything we need we should pray for it, trusting in God. Pray today for your needs and the needs of the community.

SAY

"Father, thank you for sending your Son to show me how to live. Help me to live a good and fruitful life."

DO

Think about your relationships. Is there a person or friendship you have rejected? What steps do you need to take to restore it?

LEARN

God never stops giving us the chance to turn back towards him.

God always sees the good in us, our potential; God never rejects anyone.

God's message is intended for everyone.

REFLECT

Back in 2000, a young Irish-American quarterback dreamed of becoming a professional NFL footballer.

At the end of each season, there is what's known as the draft, when the 32 professional NFL teams pick the best young college players to bolster their squad. The team with that season's worst record gets the top pick, followed by the second-worst team, and so on. This process goes on through seven rounds. It's a way of trying to ensure that each team is competitive.

The young quarterback hadn't impressed the scouts in college. He was slow, awkward, he didn't seem to have the X Factor, still he hoped to be an early pick. He wasn't picked in the first round, or the second, or third, or fourth, or fifth. He feared he was going to be rejected. Finally, in round six, as an afterthought, the New England Patriots chose him as a possible backup quarterback. He was the 199th player selected—near bottom of the pile.

Last January, Tom Brady retired, aged 45. In the 23 years since the Patriots picked him as an afterthought, he had broken every NFL record by a mile - most career wins, most touchdown passes, most completions, most yards gained. And he had won seven Superbowls, more than any individual or team in history, winning four of them after his 37th birthday. The player nobody wanted had become the greatest ever; the reject selected as the 199th pick had become the GOAT (greatest of all time).

Tom Brady was rejected by the top coaches and scouts. But he didn't let rejection get him down. He trusted in his ability, his potential, and he became his team's cornerstone, its anchor, the key to its years of success.

In today's Gospel, Jesus quotes a verse from Psalm 118 - "the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone." It is a prophecy of his death and resurrection. He will be rejected by the religious leaders and put to death on a cross. But that is not the end of the story. Death will not have the final word. Jesus will be raised from the dead to become the cornerstone of the new community called Church.

This parable is a reminder, too, to never let rejection or failure get us down. We all have wonderful potential. We just need to see it and use it. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

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

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those
who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed
on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled
on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds

to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 79

Response:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

- 1 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its
shoots. (R.)
- 2 Then why have you broken down its
walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
- 3 God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
- 4 And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which
is so much greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, "Listen to another parable. There was
a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he
fenced it round, dug a winnery in it and built
a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his
servants to the tenants to collect his produce.
But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed
one, killed another and stoned a third. Next
he sent some more servants, this time a larger
number, and they dealt with them in the same

way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will
respect my son" he said. But when the tenants
saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him
out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?" They answered, "He will bring
those wretches to a wretched end and lease the
vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the
produce to him when the season arrives." Jesus
said to them, "Have you never read in
the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will
be taken from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we
consume.
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