

# 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>

## 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024 EASTER SUNDAY 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](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

Holy Saturday Clocks go forward tonight	30	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Easter Sunday	Mercia Davies RIP 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary John Oswell (Sick)
Easter Sunday	31	9.30am	Mass Easter Sunday	Hugh Ecob RIP Anniversary Intention of Harold on his Confirmation Ryk Iwancz RIP Recently Deceased Josie Davenport RIP Recently Deceased
Monday of the Easter Octave	1		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday of the Easter Octave	2		No Mass or Service Today	
Wednesday of the Easter Octave	3		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday of the Easter Octave	4	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Mary Stanway RIP Anniversary Mercia Davies RIP 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Friday of the Easter Octave	5		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday of the Easter Octave	6	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Second Sunday of Easter	Pat Smith RIP Anniversary
Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	7	9.30am	Mass Second Sunday of Easter	David and Albert Murphy RIP Ryk Iwancz RIP Recently Deceased Peter Nawn RIP Anniversary Peter Gollaglee RIP Recently Deceased

### Fr. Tony, Fr Mike and Deacons Peter and John wish you all the Joys & Blessings of Easter.

This Sunday's Gospel captures the excitement of the disciples on that first Easter morning. It gives us a glimpse into their new-found happiness, as they hurried to spread the Good News. Their hearts were full of that joyful awareness of being God's people. The joy of the apostles on Easter Day is our joy too.

**The SVP is hoping to organise a Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham in September.** It is expected to be a 4 day mid-week trip by coach with 3 nights' accommodation in Walsingham. The cost is estimated to be £300 per person. A generous benefactor has offered to help with the cost of those needing financial help. Please tell any member of the SVP or Deacon John if you are interested.

Thank you for using Offertory Envelopes and for your generous support of the Parish – this is greatly appreciated. Alternatively if you would like to switch to a standing order form if you are not able to come to Church, please contact Teri at the Presbytery.  
**Collection Envelopes for 7<sup>th</sup> April** The new set of envelopes are ready for collection from the back of the Church. Please do not worry if the envelope number has changed from the ones you use currently, as these new numbers correspond to the Master List that we maintain. **Attention all Gift Aid Donors** The tax year 2023/24 will end on 5<sup>th</sup> April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Teri know by 5<sup>th</sup> April, if you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have moved house in the last year, please could you let Teri know.

**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).

**Sunflowers Nursery and St Anne's Primary School.** There are currently places available at the Nursery and some places available at the school with effect from September 2024. Please contact the school for further information on 01270260783 or e-mail [office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Children are very welcome at St. Anne's Parish.** During the 09.30hrs Sunday Mass there is a thriving children's liturgy group which the children are invited to attend at the start of Mass. The children go into the sacristy, or Father's House, with the Liturgy group leaders (who are DBS checked) and parents/grandparents/carers are also very welcome to accompany their children and should attend with very young children. During the sessions there are a wide range of activities undertaken based on the gospel of the day or the time of year. The age range is approximately 1-10 years.

**Can anyone donate an old or spare mobile phone** for a person in need? Please contact Deacon John

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024:** If any parishioners would like to join with St Mary's, Crewe and St Anne's on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, please can you contact Martin Massey on 567263 or Ann Alexander on 623784. This year there will have to be a change of travel arrangements because of the Paris Olympics.

**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality:** You are invited to join in prayer with members and friends of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82815763187?pwd=XvOp7xzY7FJ8wJagoDG3aHyWa2nR5q.1> Meeting ID: 828 1576 3187 You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom: +44 208 080 6591 United Kingdom Please make any requests for the password to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267.



Last week's Envelope & Loose Plate = £618.68  
Offertory received by Bank transfer in February = £2295  
Thank you



The Card machine at the back of church is a convenient and cashless method of making donations to support the Mission of the Church in **St Anne's**, the **Red Boxes/ Missio**, to the poorest parts of the world and **the SVP**.

Please scan QR code to take you to our donation web page or use the link. Many thanks.

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-annenantwich>

**Pope's March Prayer Intention** We pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world; may their courage and missionary zeal permeate the Church. <https://youtu.be/RJbGEOAtjLO>

**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](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/>

### **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](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/>

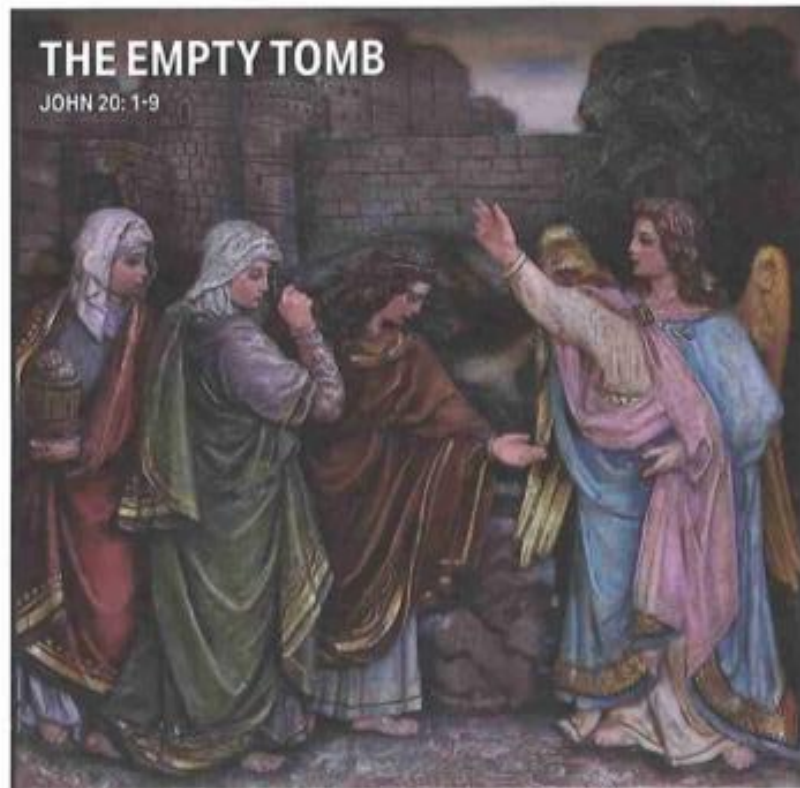
**Life** Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

**Young Catholics Resources** <https://young-catholics.com/3636/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

# Sunday Message Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

THE WORD

Year B • 31 March 2024 • Psalter Week 1



## THE EMPTY TOMB

JOHN 20: 1-9

The Gospel reading tells the story of the first Easter. A mixture of excitement and confusion as Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and then runs to break the news to Simon Peter and the disciple who Jesus loved.

Those closest to Jesus receive the news first and then slowly, news of this great event spreads throughout the towns and countryside. We read St. Paul's letter in the second reading encouraging us to look higher, all the way to the top, to Christ. Christians are to think of what's above, not what's on earth. We're to live where Christ is – as a parish, as a community. We're a risen community, we're an Easter people and through our baptism, we share in Christ's new life and risen life of the first Easter. ■

### LEARN

The resurrection of Jesus Christ represents the ultimate triumph over death and sin. Christians learn that death is not the end but a transition to a new and everlasting existence.

### DO

Do one thing this week that celebrates the joy of Easter. Don't let this important event pass without acknowledging its significance in our lives.

### SAY

"I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures."

(1 Cor 15: 3-4)



### REFLECT

I think we all have experience of happy people in our lives. They're the ones who are involved in the world, indeed you might even describe yourself as a happy person! Such a person enjoys festivals of life – like birthdays, first communions, confirmations, graduations, and marriages. An involved person sees problems like poverty, racism and hunger and tries to solve them. But occasionally such a person is tempted to lose hope – perhaps feeling abandoned by others in the struggle for justice and misunderstood by even the closest friends and relatives. Suffering and violence continue to grip our world and witnessing the torment of people due to war and violence breaks our hearts. The challenge of Easter today is to understand human suffering in the light of Jesus' resurrection. We must take God's part in protecting against the violence and the suffering that are accepted so readily as inevitable.

Christians see help against despair in the celebration of Easter. The resurrection of our Lord is the central mystery of our faith, our chief festival of life. It gives hope to those who've lost it. Theologian and scholar Harold A. Buetow describes it as the day on which Jesus snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, vindicated his life and teachings and confirmed our faith. It's the most exciting event in world history. It isn't only an event that happened once in the past: it's the power of God that's seen constantly in people's lives. The resurrection is a sign of God's loving interest in our world. ■

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, alleluia.

**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 on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
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**

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:  
"You must have heard about the recent  
happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth  
and how he began in Galilee, after John had  
been preaching baptism. God had anointed  
him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and  
because God was with him, Jesus went about  
doing good and curing all who had fallen into  
the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to  
everything he did throughout the countryside  
of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to  
the fact that they killed him by hanging him on  
a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised  
him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by  
the whole people but only by certain witnesses  
God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those  
witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him  
after his resurrection from the dead - and he  
has ordered us to proclaim this to his people  
and to tell them that God has appointed him to  
judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that  
all the prophets bear this witness: that all who  
believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven  
through his name."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 117 (118) 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice  
and are glad.

Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed:  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds (R.)
- 3 The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-4 (or 1 Cor 15:4-8)

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

Since you have been brought back to true life  
with Christ, you must look for the things that are  
in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right  
hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things,  
not on the things that are on the earth, because  
you have died, and now the life you have is  
hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is  
revealed - and he is your life - you too will be  
revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice  
and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and  
Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended; combat strangely  
ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the  
way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting:  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen; he goes before you  
into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has  
been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 20:1-9 (or Mark 16: 1-7)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and  
still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the  
tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved  
away from the tomb and came running to Simon  
Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus  
loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the  
tomb," she said "and we don't know where they  
have put him."

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go  
to the tomb. They ran together, but the other  
disciple, running faster than Peter, reached  
the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen  
cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.

Simon Peter who was following now came up,  
went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths  
on the ground, and also the cloth that had  
been over his head; this was not with the linen  
cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then  
the other disciple who had reached the tomb  
first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till  
this moment they had failed to understand the  
teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the  
dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through  
the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with  
Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him  
in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten  
observance is concluded, let us renew the  
promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once  
renounced Satan and his works and promised  
to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And  
so I ask you:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his works?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his empty show?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father  
almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried, rose again from  
the dead and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you 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?

All: I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
who has given us new birth by water and the  
Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
for eternal life.

Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the  
unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

