

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 APRIL 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 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 Marjorie Batty RIP 10 th Anniversary
The Annunciation of the Lord	8	10.00am	Mass at St Gabriel's Alsager	
Tuesday	9	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Peter Nawn RIP Anniversary
Wednesday	10		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday St Stanislaus	11	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Joan Davenport RIP Anniversary
Friday	12		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday St Martin 1st	13	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Third Sunday of Easter	Olga Tilley RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	14	9.30am 11.00am	Mass Third Sunday of Easter Baptism Finlay Raymond Fox	Tom and Kathleen McGowan RIP Anniversary

Fr. Tony, Fr Mike and Deacon Peter and Deacon John wish you all the Joys & Blessings of Easter. Many thanks for your Easter Offerings and Easter Cards. Many thanks to all who prepared the flowers and celebrations for Easter. God bless.

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.

200 Club Congratulations to our March winners 1st £100 Pat Le Grice, 2nd £60 Peter & Eileen Miller, 3rd £ 40 David Faulkner.

Collection Envelopes for 7th 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 are in alphabetical order.

Attention all Gift Aid Donors The tax year 2023/24 will end on 5th 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 5th April, If you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have moved house in the last year, please could you let Teri know.

Thank you for using Offertory Envelopes and for your generous support of the Parish, it is greatly appreciated. Alternatively if you would like to switch to a standing order form if you are not always able to come to church, please contact Teri at the Presbytery.

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.

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

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.

TEA AT THE TOWER Join us for a hot drink and a piece of home-made cake at St Mary's, Acton every Sunday, 2.30 until 4.30 pm. Very friendly people. Donations appreciated.



Last week's Envelope & Loose Plate = £1070.39
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**, or there are options to support **the SVP** or the **Red Boxes/ Missio**.
Alternatively, please scan QR code to take you to our donation web page or use the link. Many thanks.
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-annentwich>

Pope's March Prayer Intention In April, we pray with Pope Francis for the dignity and worth of women to be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. https://youtu.be/OMUs5H_pVFU

DISCOVER
New Tours

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE
8th - 15th October 2024
BOOK NOW £799

Exclusive Package Includes:

- Return Flights from Manchester
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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. Donations Can Be Made at St Anne's, (Box in porch), St Mary's Parish Office, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Nationwide, M&S and Elim Church.

NANTWICH FOODBANK 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/>

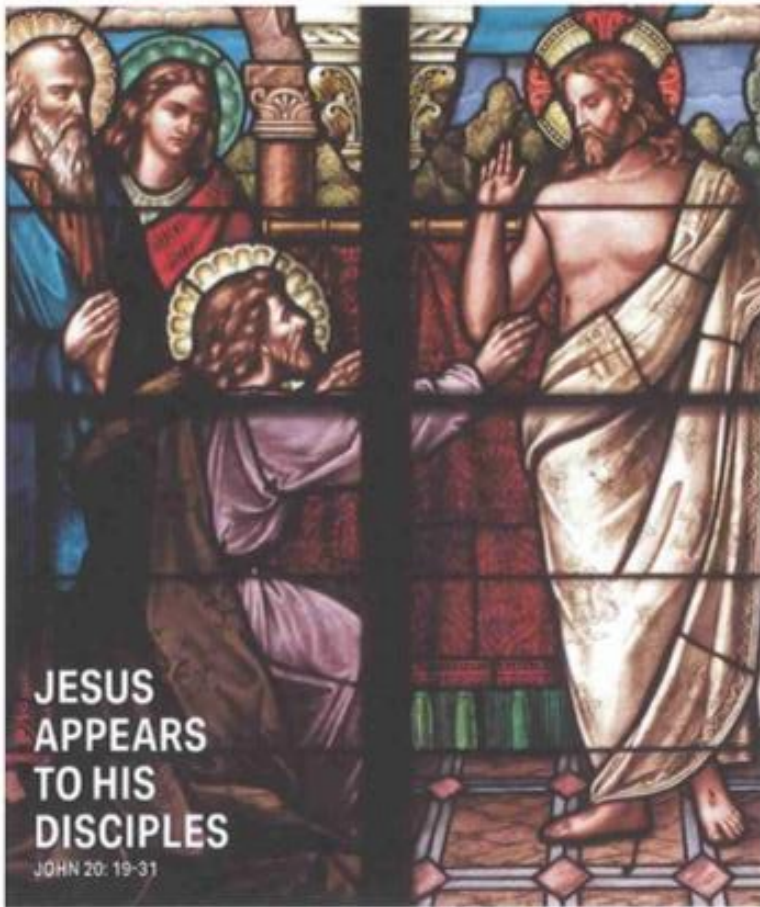
Young Catholics Resources <https://young-catholics.com/3636/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

Sunday Message

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year 8 • 7 April 2024 • Psalter Week 2



JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

JOHN 20: 19-31

In today's Gospel the disciples are gathered in a locked room. You can imagine how scared they are, and the recent violence has made them security conscious. They have run away from society and are left pondering the question, 'what happens next?'

The atmosphere is charged with fear and yet, for all their defensiveness, they cannot keep out the love of the risen Christ. Jesus seeks them out and he appears in their midst. The encounter is framed by Christ's offer of peace and love. The response of the disciples is of joy. For the evangelist John, Easter Sunday is Pentecost and the gift of the Spirit is the breath of the risen Christ. The disciples breathe in and the Spirit becomes part of their lives. But Thomas is missing and when he arrives to hear the story, he refuses to believe. Thomas is an interesting character. He is part of the group but he is also very independent. He can think for himself. Scripture scholar Denis McBride states that for Thomas, honesty is more important than loyalty. His doubt cannot be transformed into faith by willing it. The other disciples only come to believe in the risen Jesus when they see him. Thomas comes to believe in the risen Christ in the same way the disciples do. He stands for all those who have not seen the Lord but are asked to believe in him. ■

SAY

'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

REFLECT

Everybody has some kind of faith. Think about the countless people who pass through airports on an annual basis. They journey through the web of passages that eventually brings them to a cigar shaped aluminium tube, also known as an airplane. With its engines and travelling at incredible speeds 35,000 feet above the earth, passengers don't really understand much of what's happening, but are content to have faith that it will all work!

The main character in today's Gospel is the famous Doubting Thomas. The admirable quality he brings to the gathering is his questioning mind. He's not casual about his faith and belief in Jesus. Everybody in the locked room is called to believe in the risen Christ and witness the wounds of Christ and his greeting, 'peace be with you.' For Thomas, the signs and miracles of Jesus during his public ministry are one thing, but it's quite another to encounter Jesus risen from the dead. Like Thomas, we are all free to question and to react to God's works in our own way. Thomas was broken-hearted when Jesus was crucified and buried. He possibly wanted to be alone in his grief, needing time to process the events that unfolded. But there is something admirable about Thomas. Remember, it had been Thomas' wish for himself and the other apostles to go to die with Jesus. In today's encounter, he professes his faith once again with the words, 'My Lord and my God.' ■

DO

Reflect this week on the encounter between Jesus and the disciples in the locked room. Place yourself into the scene. What is your reaction?

LEARN

'Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.'



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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 everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 4:22-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 117 (118):3-4, 15-18, 22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

- 1 Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (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. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 22:12-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand;

put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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 oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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