

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>

12th MAY 2024 SEVENTH 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	11	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter	Angela Kay (sick) John Russel (Anniv) The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for World Communications	12	9.30am	Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter	David Cole RIP & Harriet Grant RIP Intentions of the Cahill Family Betty Palmer RIP Recently Deceased Harriet Grant RIP Recently Deceased
Monday Our Lady of Fatima	13		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday St Matthias	14	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Anita Ratcliffe RIP Recently Deceased Julia O'Riordan RIP Anniversary George Renshaw RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday	15		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday	16	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Brigid Smith (Sick) Rudy Vandaele RIP Anniversary
Friday	17		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday St John I	18	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Pentecost Sunday	Dennis Williamson RIP Anniversary Margaret Symns RIP Anniversary Pauline Williamson RIP Anniversary
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for the Church	19	9.30am	Mass Pentecost Sunday	Natalie Procter RIP Anniversary Harriet Grant RIP Recently Deceased

Funeral for Elizabeth Palmer RIP on Thursday 30th May 2024 at Crewe Crematorium at 1.45pm. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Betty and her family and friends in your prayers.

Today, on World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this, is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. To Make a donation please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-world-communications-day/> or on our parish digital plate/card reader. To read the message of Pope Francis, please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>

Year of Prayer 2024 Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! **On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm.** Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28.10 - 1.11.24 Crewe Parish are organising a Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Cost £458 per person including half board, ensuite accommodation and travel. The week includes a trip to Norwich on the Thursday. A deposit of 25% will be required to confirm your booking. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Helena in the office on 01270 212533 Tuesday to Friday 9am until 2pm, for further information and proposed itinerary.

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200 Club Congratulations to April winners 1st £100 David Harrison, 2nd £60 Philipa Dewey, 3rd £40 Matthew Wade.

This year's Diocesan Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you are celebrating a special anniversary in 2024, and want to go, please let us know.

Pope's May Prayer Intention In May we pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

VACANCY: CREWE PARISH - PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO FATHER NICK AND PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Father Nick, is looking to fill the above vacancy following Helena's resignation. The post will be 25 hours per week @ £14/hour (5 hours a day Monday to Friday) and will be based at the Presbytery. Closing date: Sunday 19th May. Interviews will take place 22nd/23rd May with a view to commencing training/shadowing on 28th May until Helena's departure on 21st June. Applications should be submitted in writing or by email with CV's and should be sent to stmarys@stmaryscrewe.org.uk or posted through the letterbox by the deadline above. For full details and job specification please speak to Helena in the office during office hours.

Marys Meals Pray in May We ask for prayers at this time particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia. We are hosting a special online session where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this under-reported crisis on Tues 16 May at 7.00 pm. You can find out more about how to join this session at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events> Please contact anna.houghton@marysmeals.org

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 16th June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.

SING A SONG TO THE LORD A workshop with Fr Liam Lawton Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th July 2024 At Wistaston Hall Oblate Retreat and Spirituality Centre Suggested Donation £195 Book online at orc-crewe.org or by phone 01270 568653



Last week's Envelope & Loose Plate = £494.42
Offertory received by Bank transfer in March = £2576
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 **Red Boxes/ Missio the SVP, or World Communications Sunday.**

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>

Be Well Stay Well

Take the first steps to improve your physical and mental health

Welcome to Be Well, Stay Well C.I.C. (Not-for-Profit). We are a Community Health Initiative focused on improving peoples physical and mental health.

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www.bewellstaywell.org.uk

Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards are available on the Piety stand.

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!

Acton Church Concert in Support of Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals Musicians will be performing a stunning mix of both traditional and modern music at St. Mary's Church, Acton

Saturday 25th May 2024 @ 7pm

Tickets £10 – Available from Stephan Davies (07731800663) or Tea at The Tower every Sunday afternoon

Mary's Meals: Serving life-changing school meals to some of the world's poorest children.

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](https://missio.org.uk/redbox): 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/>

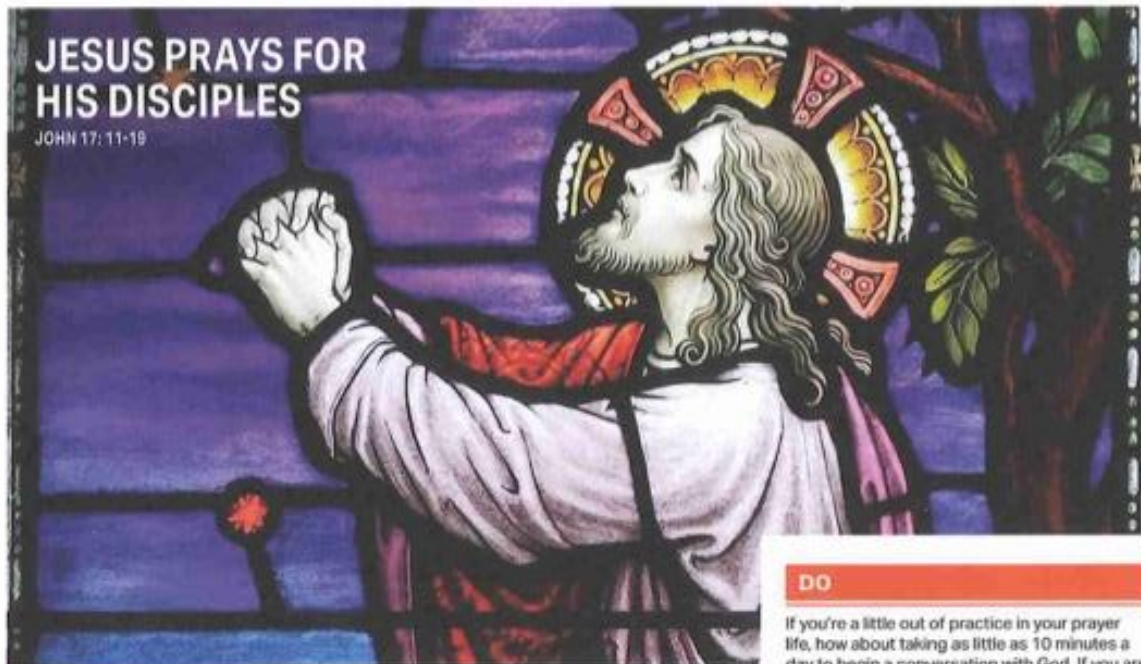
Young Catholics Resources <https://young-catholics.com/3636/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

Sunday Message

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • 12 May 2024 • Psalter Week 3



Today's Gospel is taken from what is commonly known as Jesus' farewell discourse. He presents a prayer, which is a priestly prayer prayed over his disciples.

You could possibly call it a prayer of commissioning, as he prepares them for a life of ministry, that will test them to their limits. There are similarities between this prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Jesus addresses God as Father in both and both prayers put a strong emphasis on the priority of God's will. Jesus has been with his disciples for a considerable time. But he will never depart from them. He will remain with them forever. It's a consoling message for them, but also for the Church. He will defend us when the going in the world gets tough. ■

REFLECT

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day and most of us can proclaim to be experts in this field with the advent of smart phones and other devices that bring us into contact with a range of possibilities through the Internet. There are huge positives attached to being able to use the Internet, not least for people who live away from home and can keep in contact with family through WhatsApp, Facebook and other platforms. Pope Francis himself stated back in 2014 that the internet should be "an environment rich in humanity, a network not of wires but of people."

We not only celebrate today but we also reflect on the current state and nature of relationships on the Internet. Paolo Ruffini, Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication states that social media can nourish "true, beautiful, solid relationships but it can also fuel hatred." He goes on to state that Pope Francis wants people to view social media not as something that traps you, but something that frees you and that you make an instrument of freedom. On this World Communications Day, the Church underlines the value of interaction understood as dialogue and as an opportunity to meet with others.

Today also confirms Pope Francis' attention to the new communications environment where he is present with his @Pontifex account on X and @Franciscus account on Instagram. ■

DO

If you're a little out of practice in your prayer life, how about taking as little as 10 minutes a day to begin a conversation with God. If you are short on words, read from today's Gospel.

SAY

'Whenever you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.'
(Mark's Gospel)



LEARN

'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.'
(St. Therese of Lisieux)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, 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

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the
human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1:16-17, 20-28

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the
brothers – there were about a hundred and
twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers,
the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in
which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David,
foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself
as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus
– after having been one of our number and
actually sharing this ministry of ours.
‘In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else
take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who
has been with us the whole time that the Lord
Jesus was travelling round with us, someone
who was with us right from the time when John
was baptising until the day when he was taken
up from us – and he can act with us as a witness
to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph
known as Barsabbas, whose surname was
Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you
can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore
which of these two you have chosen to take
over the ministry and apostolate, which Judas
abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They
then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to
Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve
apostles.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 102 (103):1-2, 11-17, 19-20

Response:

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.
Or Alleluia!

- 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
- 2 For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)
- 3 The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 John 4:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God:
But as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
and he is living in us
because he lets us share his Spirit.
We ourselves saw and we testify
that the Father sent his Son
as saviour of the world.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son
of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.
We ourselves have known and put our faith in
God’s love toward ourselves.
God is love
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will
be full of joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
‘Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your
name, so that they may be one like us.
While I was with them, I kept those you had
given me true to your name.
I have watched over them and not one is lost
except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am
coming to you and while still in the world I say
these things to share my joy with them to the
full, I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them, because they belong
to the world no more than I belong to the world.
I am not asking you to remove them from the
world, but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world any more than I
belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world, I have sent them
into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself so that
they too may be consecrated in truth.’

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, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the
whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her
Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.