

## 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>

### 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter A

**IN NEED OF A PRIEST** Please contact Fr Grace on 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at [stannesnantwich@btinternet.com](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

Saturday Our Lady of Fatima	13	12.00 noon  5.00pm	Michael 'Flash' Meakin Funeral Service Vigil Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Condolence to the Family of Mary Stanway RIP Maria Reilly RIP Recently Deceased Marian and Sterling Blair RIP Anniversaries
Sunday	14	9.30am	Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Gower Family – for the Deceased Anniversaries and for family weddings In Remembrance of Revs Anthony Carroll OMI, Liam Duffy OMI, Conor Murphy OMI in honour of Eugene de Mazènod, founder member of OMI
Monday	15		No Mass or Service today	Bishop Mark visit to St Annes school
Tuesday	16	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Rudy Vandaele RIP Anniversary
Wednesday	17		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday The Ascension of the Lord	18	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Ascension Mass including children from St Anne's school	Julia O'Riordan RIP Anniversary Natalie Procter RIP Anniversary Brian and Judy St Pourcain Thanksgiving for 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary
Friday St Milburga	19	12.30am	Marriage Service for Vicky Sadler and Sean Daly	
Saturday Bishop Mark Pastoral visit St Bernadine of Siena	20	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter	The Williamson & Symns Family Deceased Anniversaries
Sunday Bishop Mark Pastoral visit Day of Special Prayer for World Communications – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	21	9.30am	Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter	The Parish



**St Annes Parish Community Hub.** On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am Bishop Mark will be blessing the Hub at St Anne's Primary School. The Hub is for Parish and Community use so please do come along to visit and participate in the official opening and Blessing. It will be lovely for the children to see some of our parishioners at the event and to share the space with you.

Next weekend, we welcome Bishop Mark to St Anne's Parish. Please pray for Bishop Mark who will be celebrating the Mass on Saturday at 5.00pm and the Mass on Sunday at 11.30 am on his pastoral visit to the Parish.

**Missio Diocesan Mass Shrewsbury Diocese:** Saturday, 3 June 11:30am, St Michael & All Angels' Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE, with Bishop Mark Davies

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May we extend our thanks to Michael Kilcourse who, after many years service as our Safeguarding Officer, is standing down. Michael has been a great support to the clergy team and parishioners in St Annes which we really appreciate. We have appointed a new Safeguarding Officer who will be taking over from Michael shortly.

CAR PARK – please take care when driving out after Mass. Leave plenty of time for the parishioners to vacate the church before driving away

**Local Missionary Area 9. Summer Day Out to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.** We will visit the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi, St. Helens and celebrate Mass together. Following a talk on Blessed Dominic Barberi and other Lancashire Venerables, the coaches set out for Liverpool, only a short distance away, and you can enjoy lunch, sightseeing or shopping for the afternoon. Coaches leave parishes around 9.15 am and return around 5.30 pm. The trip is free. If you want to go, please sign up, leaving your name and contact number on the sheet in the porch.

The brochure (including the booking form) for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 can be found on the Diocesan website here: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>

Thank you to the many people who have been in touch to say how helpful they find **the reflections on Vatican II**. We continue **Part III On The Church** by asking the question: **‘Who is the Church?’** The Council's answer is given in **Lumen Gentium Chaps 1 and 2, taken together**. The relevant **podcast** and **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org) in the section on **‘News and Events’**. A **leaflet** outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or T: 07730 526821.

**LOURDES BY JUMBALANCE** 'Nurse urgently required for Lourdes pilgrimage' asking anyone wanting to find out more, to contact me on 07881-656-974 or email [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk) The nurse may be from abroad but a European or GB Passport and Covid vaxed needed.

**A Day For Catechists** – Sat 3 June, 10am-4pm, St Alban's Church Hall, Macclesfield, SK11 8DJ. If you have been called to be a Catechist or would like to know more about how to pass on the faith, do come, get to know other catechists in parishes nearby and find out about how you can respond, formation and training and other resources that are available. Please bring a packed lunch. For information contact Natalie Orefice on 07730 526828 or [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS.** Are you in debt to your gas or electricity supplier? Do you know anyone who is? The SVP may be able to offer help. For support please contact Ann Alexander or Deacon John Penny. Any contact will be strictly confidential.

**St Annes 200 Club 2023** Congratulations to our April winners: 1 £100 Angela Gower, 2 £60 Ursula Hassall, 3 £40 John Lewalski. 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. You could win £100 each month!

**NANTWICH FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS. 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. Latest **top needs are long life fruit juice and toilet rolls. Continuing needs are for disposable razors and shaving foam.**

**Join Lord Alton on a sponsored walk from where Tolkien wrote The Lord of the Rings** There will be a sponsored walk in support of Right To Life UK in May. The Burnley Knights of St Columba and Catenian Circle 154 have also organised a 10km sponsored walk for Right To Life UK on Monday 29 May. For further details on how you can join either of the walks visit: [www.righttolife.org.uk/sponsoredwalks](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/sponsoredwalks)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:** This year's overland pilgrimage departs 27 Jul returning 4 Aug. Those pilgrims wishing to fly depart from Liverpool airport 28 Jul returning 3 Aug. More detail at <http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk>. Young pilgrims (16 - 22) who wish to join us in Lourdes to assist and serve the sick and elderly pilgrims should contact Sandy [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £505.17  
Offertory received by Bank transfer in March = £2691  
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/stannesdioceseofshrewsbury2168>

**Missio Training Future Priests** Sponsorship Programme Contact Angelica Eutizi, Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU **020 7821 9755** [spa@missio.org.uk](mailto:spa@missio.org.uk) [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

**Missio Red boxes** - 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/>

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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/>

**St. Mary's Nantwich Friday Place of Welcome 10am-1pm in the Parish Hall** Come and enjoy and let people know about us! Our simple menu. We're now a member of the Places of Welcome national network offering a regular free, safe, welcoming space for anyone to drop in to share food and meet together in friendly company. A place where you can share ideas, activities and find local information.

## 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/>

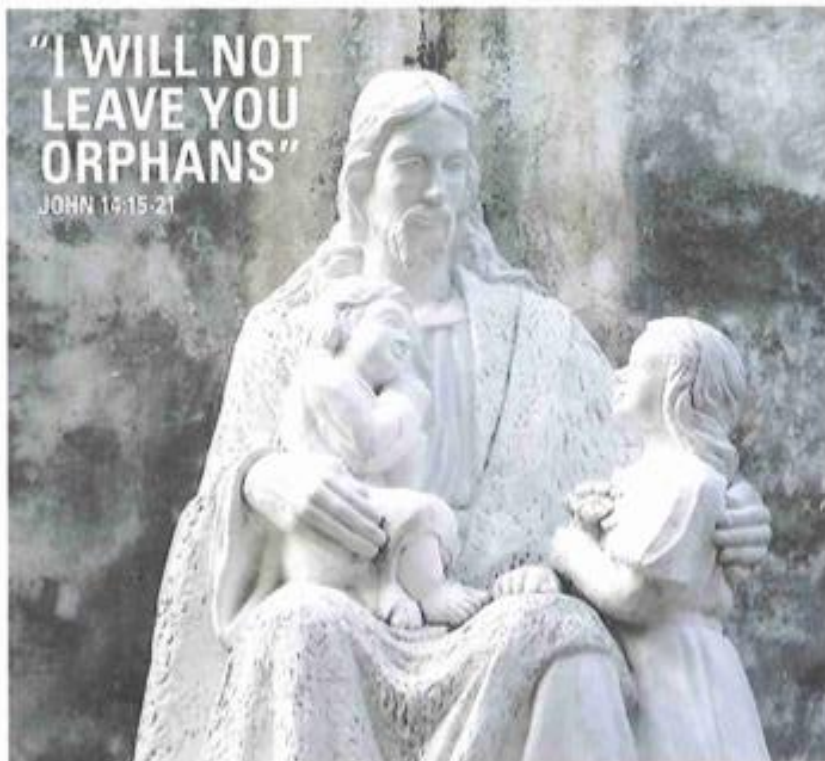


# Sunday Message

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year A • 14 May 2023 • Psalter Week 2



**"I WILL NOT  
LEAVE YOU  
ORPHANS"**

JOHN 14:15-21

## SAY

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen."

## PRAY

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you witness to the Gospel at all times.

## LEARN

The Christian is one who does God's will

Love is at the heart of the Christian life

God will never abandon us

## DO

The Holy Spirit is the holy breath of God. As you breathe in and out, try to imagine your breath as the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, filling you with life every minute of the day.



In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that we will never be lost and alone. "I will not leave you orphans," he says. "I will come back to you."

It's a promise that he will send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to be with us, to help and guide us.

But it is also a statement of the profound love he and his Father have for all of us. We are loved so much that they will never abandon us. No matter what difficulties we face or problems we encounter, we are not alone. We are not orphans. We don't have to be afraid. We are children of a loving God. ■

## REFLECT

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his friends they won't be abandoned even though he will have to leave them soon. God will send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to be with them forever.

We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. You could say that the Holy Spirit is like a spiritual satnav that God has given us to help us make our way through life. When we don't know what to do or which way to turn, the Holy Spirit points us in the right direction.

But, first, as with a satnav on our phone or in our car, we must tune into the Holy

Spirit. That means being conscious of the Spirit present with us at all times. We are never alone or lost. We Christians have been given an inbuilt Holy Spirit navigation system. But we must activate it; we must turn it on.

Second, it means asking for the Holy Spirit's help. Whenever you don't know what to do or the best decision to make, pray to the Holy Spirit and let the Spirit be your guide. The Holy Spirit always points us to Jesus, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

And the Spirit guides the Church. As you may know, extensive consultation has

been taking place throughout the Church in preparation for a synod in Rome in October. Dioceses and religious groups have been offering their perspective on the way forward for the Church. This synod is seen as perhaps the most important since Vatican II. We trust in the Holy Spirit to safely guide the synod's work so we may face the future with hope.

That's the Spirit's job – to direct us through life, lead us to Jesus, offer us support and reassurance, help us reach eternal life.

So, make sure always to switch on your spiritual satnav. With the Spirit as your guide, you will never go astray. ■

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, 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**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion  
these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 65

Response:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Or Alleluia!

- 1 Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name,  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: "How tremendous your  
deeds!" (R.)

- 2 "Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

- 3 He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

- 4 Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my  
prayer  
nor withhold his love for me. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and  
always have your answer ready for people  
who ask you the reason for the hope that  
you all have. But give it with courtesy and  
respect and with a clear conscience, so that  
those who slander you when you are living  
a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in  
the accusations that they bring. And if it is the  
will of God that you should suffer, it is better  
to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.  
Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was,  
had died once for sins, died for the guilty,  
to lead us to God. In the body he was put to  
death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep  
my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall  
come to him." Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me you will keep my  
commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see  
me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments  
and keeps them

will be one who loves me

and anybody who loves me will be loved by  
my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to  
him."

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**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of  
your mighty love.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the  
Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this  
paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this  
saving food.  
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:

SRC DT - 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