

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>

16th JUNE 2024 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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 Special Day of Prayer for Life 2 nd Collection	15	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Followed by Cake Sale	Janice Owen RIP Kathleen Bye RIP Anniversary
Sunday Special Day of Prayer for Life 2 nd Collection	16	9.30am	Mass Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Followed by Cake Sale	Joan McGrath RIP Anniversary Gillian Mitchell RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	17		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday	18	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Priest's Intention
Wednesday St Romuald	19		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday St Alban	20	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Isabel Cantos Mareno (sick)
Friday St Aloysius Gonzaga	21		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday Sts John Fisher and Thomas More	22	12.00noon 5.00pm	Marriage Chatfield & Walsh Vigil Mass Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
Sunday	23	9.30am	Mass Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen 'Myra' Brown RIP Anniversary



There will be a bake sale after Saturday and Sunday mass this weekend. This will be to raise money in support of the young people of the parishes of Nantwich, Crewe and Alsager who will be volunteering with the Diocese at Lourdes this Summer. All contributions welcome on the day (both money and cakes).

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on 16 June. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. *Day for Life* is marked on the same day by the three Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. We hope that parishes will be able to prepare to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life using the resources at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> Special collection today

Lourdes Pilgrimage 'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 July to 1 August. We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us this year. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

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Pope's June Prayer Intention In June, we pray with Pope Francis for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries. <https://youtu.be/-kr6QfCqvbg>

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.

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 = £561.57
Offertory received by Bank transfer in May = £2263
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 or the SVP or Day for Life Special Collection**
Alternatively, please scan QR code to take you to our donation web page or use the link. Many thanks.
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-annenantwich>

Please help Let's End Poverty and Caritas engage with local candidates at this General Election Caritas Shrewsbury are part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good, and the preferential option for the poor, at the General Election? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected:
<https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates>

A poster for the 2024 General Election. It features a photograph of a church building with a "POLLING STATION" sign in the foreground. Text on the poster includes: "GENERAL ELECTION 2024", "Helping Catholics engage with the General Election to make their voices heard on Thursday, 4 July.", "Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Catholics.", "These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest.", "Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below to visit our website for resources that provide information and guidance on key issues of importance to help inform how we vote.", "Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX". There is a QR code and a "SCAN ME" button at the bottom left.

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 Summer 2024 Impact Report https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/MISSIO_MTIR24_Singles_LR.pdf

Missio Training Future Priests The Holy Father has asked the worldwide Missio network to support mission dioceses in training the future leaders of the Church. If you wish to sponsor a Seminarian please find the information at the back of the church

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/>



A Statement on the General Election of 2024

By Rt. Rev. Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury

An election is a moment of a choice. On 4th July, we are asked to choose a candidate to represent us in Parliament. In this choice, Catholics' viewpoints always informed by the faith we share. We acknowledge that of addressing the challenges of our time. The Bishops and resources on issues of public policy which can be found on the national website. However, there are some choices which our elected representatives will be called upon to make which touch upon the moral foundations of our society.

I write to draw your attention to one of these choices in 2024 which involves euthanasia: the medical killing of the sick and aged which is sometimes called assisting their suicide or even assisted dying, though it is not helping the dying in the way our Christian inheritance has taught. At least one party leader has indicated that he will proactively make parliamentary time available for a change in the law to be considered that will remove many of the legal safeguards which have long protected some of the most vulnerable members of our society. Amid the many questions of policy being considered in the weeks ahead, this must surely be a central issue.

The sanctity of human life transcends party politics because it impacts upon the moral foundations of our life together. Opening the doors to euthanasia would change the medical and nursing professions in their relationship to the sick and the aged; distort the way the sick and the elderly are viewed in society when it is less costly to kill rather than to care; put intolerable pressures on the sick and the aged who are made to feel a burden; and advance a culture of death which has extended to more and more people in countries where euthanasia has been adopted, even extending to the mentally ill and to children. In a letter to the faithful on the Island Guernsey where the threat of euthanasia arose, Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth (well- known to many in the Diocese) stated the high stake "Your Life and Your Well-being are Under Threat" (*letter attached*).

In making your choice on 4th July I would ask you to raise this question with the candidates who seek your support. If candidates are not easily contactable, then the *Right to Life* website may help: righttolife.org.uk May our choice be made in the light of the sanctity of human life.

5th June 2024

Enc: Bishop Philip Egan letter to the clergy, religious and faithful of the Parish of Guernsey - 8th April 2024 (pdf)

Sunday Message

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 16 June 2024 • Psalter Week 3

TINY SEEDS

MARK 4:26-34



Today's Gospel contains two parables about seeds. The Parable of the Seed Growing Secretly is found only in Mark's gospel.

It stresses the mysterious growth of the seed that is beyond human control. The harvest comes about in three stages. First, the seed is sown. Then, while the farmer goes about his normal routine of life, the seed grows and the farmer "does not know" how. Finally, only when the grain is ripe does the farmer come into play again when his skill is called for. The point of the parable is that once the seed is sown, the farmer lets it be and trusts the soil to bring about growth, even though he doesn't understand the process. When the grain is ripe, then he knows he must act to gather in the harvest.

Jesus has sown the seeds of his word. Now, in this present time, those seeds are growing, even though we cannot see anything dramatic happening. We cannot speed up or slow down the coming of the kingdom. But its plentiful harvest will take place. We just need to trust in God.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed deals with the apparent insignificance of the kingdom of God at the time Mark was writing his Gospel. It stresses the amazing contrast between the tiny seed and the vast outcome resulting from its growth. The small seed turns into a great tree in which the birds build their nests. The point of the parable is that all kinds of faithful people will find a home in the kingdom of God and God will protect them. They should not be disheartened by the kingdom's humble beginnings.

The message is clear. The kingdom of God is a mysterious thing. Its beginnings may be modest or even insignificant. It will grow, but its growth does not depend on human action. Like the farmer, God scatters the mysterious seed of the kingdom through Jesus, hoping it will take root and produce a plentiful harvest. ■

SAY

"Lord, help me to build the kingdom of God by being a seed that gives life to my church and my community."

LEARN

The word of God is something alive and active.

All our prayers and good works help the kingdom of God to flourish.

DO

We can sow seeds of God's kingdom in lots of little ways. We can sow seeds of:

- justice: showing up wrongdoing, doing the right thing, exposing evil wherever we find it
- compassion: caring for others, no matter who they are, like Leonard Cheshire did
- forgiveness: being willing to forgive even when - especially when - we've been badly hurt or let down
- tolerance: casting aside prejudice or the tendency to judge - the person in the hijab, the LGBTQ couple holding hands, the newly arrived refugee
- availability: making time for someone who needs a comforting presence or listening ear
- love: letting go of selfishness, of self-interest, to put others first

PRAY

Pray for missionaries and all who work to sow the seeds of God's kingdom throughout the world.

REFLECT

Little things we do can make a tremendous difference for good. From tiny seeds, God's kingdom grows.

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire was an RAF pilot during World War II who took part in the Battle of Britain and D-Day, receiving the Victoria Cross for bravery.

After the war, he returned to his country estate unsure what to do with his life. Then, in 1948, a man called Arthur Dykes approached him. Arthur had cancer and he asked Cheshire if he could park his caravan on Cheshire's estate while he recovered. Cheshire agreed, but when he discovered that Arthur was terminally ill, he took him into his own house instead. Leonard Cheshire did his best for Arthur but felt inadequate when it came to caring for him.

He had no nursing experience and wasn't good with soothing words either, so he fell back on the two things he knew he could provide: companionship and availability.

During those last weeks of Arthur's life, a deep friendship developed between them. Arthur was in great pain and found the nights most difficult of all. So Cheshire slept on a mattress on the floor near Arthur's bed. He gave Arthur a little hand bell and told him never to hesitate to ring it should he need anything. Cheshire would always be on call.

How reassuring it must have been for this destitute man to know he had a loyal friend in his final days.

Soon after Arthur's funeral, on Christmas Eve 1948, Cheshire became a Catholic.

Meanwhile, he began to take others into his house to care for them, too. In early 1949, eight residents were in his house. Six months later, 28. And the numbers continued to grow.

In 1959, Cheshire married Sue Ryder, also a noted Catholic humanitarian, and together they dedicated their lives to caring for others. By the time he died in 1992, Leonard Cheshire had left a string of homes dedicated to the sick and disabled.

From one simple act of kindness in 1948, something beautiful blossomed. As Leonard Cheshire showed, little things we do can make a tremendous difference for good. From tiny seeds, God's kingdom grows. We just need to plant them. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my
Saviour!

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, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do
nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
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 Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.
The Lord says this:
"From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the
Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones
grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it."
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 110:2-3, 13-15

Response:
It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

- 2 The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
- 3 Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians.
We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means to be
exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith
and not by sight – we are full of confidence.
I say, and actually want to be exiled from
the body and make our home with the Lord.
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from
it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth
about us will be brought out in the law court of
Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves
for the things he did in the body, good or bad.
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 Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.
Jesus said to the crowds: "This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on
the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when
he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing;
how, he does not know. Of its own accord the
land produces first the shoot, then the ear,
then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop
is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap
because the harvest has come."
He also said, "What can we say the kingdom
of God is like? What parable can we find for it?
It is like a mustard seed which at the time of
its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the
seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into
the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big
branches so that the birds of the air can shelter
in its shade."
Using many parables like these, he spoke the
word to them, so far as they were capable of
understanding it. He would not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything
to his disciples when they were alone.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
PROFESSION OF FAITH
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this
do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion,
O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Behold O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast
myself upon my knees in your sight while with
deep affection and grief of soul I mentally
contemplate your five most precious wounds,
having before my eyes the words that David the
prophet spoke about you, most sweet Jesus:
"They have pierced my hands and feet, and I
can count everyone of my bones."
Traditional prayer "before a crucifix" to be said
after Communion.



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