

## 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>

### 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 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)

<b>Saturday</b> The Immaculate Heart of Mary	17	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Intentions of Anne Price Mary Shovlin (sick)
<b>Sunday</b> Special Day of Prayer for Life	18	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	James Gaugan (sick)
Monday St Romuald	19		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Tuesday</b> St Alban	20	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession <b>Mass</b>	Thanksgiving Intention for Deacon John's 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Rev A Carroll OMI RIP Recently Deceased Thanksgiving Intention for Kathy Clarke
Wednesday St Aloysius Gonzaga	21		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Thursday</b> SS John Fisher & Thomas More Day of Special Prayer for those who suffer persecution oppression and denial of human rights	22	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession <b>Mass</b>	A thanksgiving Intention for Holy Scrubbers in thanks for their love & support Peter Fraser RIP Recently Deceased
Friday St Etheldreda	23		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Saturday</b> The Nativity of St John the Baptist	24	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Desmond Mascarenhas RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	25	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	John Procter RIP Anniversary

**A Day on Discernment of Gifts and Service for Lay People** A day of prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help discover how you can best use your gifts at the service of God and neighbour. At St Columba's Church Hall, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 10am – 4.15pm. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome! For further details Stephen Yates at [stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or 07517 906438



There will be an after mass tea/coffee and cake sale at St. Anne's for the Saturday and Sunday of 8th/9th July. The sale is in aid of the St Thomas More, Crewe and Nantwich trip to Lourdes.

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on the 27th June 2023 at 7.30pm via zoom. Please register your attendance, request the link, and send items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

**Help with flowers inside the church.** Can anyone spare an occasional hour to assist with the flower arrangements? Enthusiasm is our main requirement as guidance will be freely given to you. If you would like to help 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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice).

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

**St Annes 200 Club 2023** 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

**Local Missionary Area 9. Day Out to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jul. We will visit the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi, St. Helens and celebrate Mass together. Following a talk on Blessed Dominic Barberi, the coaches set out for Liverpool where you can enjoy lunch, sightseeing or shopping for the afternoon. Coaches leave parishes 9.15 am and return @ 5.30 pm. The trip is free. Please sign up, leaving your details on the sheet in the porch.**

Pope's prayer intention for June is for an abolition of torture The Pope Video message, entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, is an appeal for "the abolition of torture in all of its forms throughout the world." [https://youtu.be/GOK0Wa4\\_zD](https://youtu.be/GOK0Wa4_zD)

Two vacancies have arisen for a **Financial Secretary** and a **General Secretary** based at **Sacred Heart Church on Floatshall road. M23 1HP**. Interviews will take place on **27 June for FS post** and **30 June for the GS post**. Closing date: **22 June**. CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) For further details please follow link <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

SURVIVE-MIVA is a national Catholic Charity, founded in The Archdiocese of Liverpool in the 1974. It exists to provide one vital element for the successful health programmes and pastoral work that is being carried out by the Church in isolated areas of great need in Africa, Asia and Latin America – an essential form of transport. <http://www.survive-miva.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.

**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 and 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. See leaflets at the back of the church for latest updates and requirements.



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £569.63  
Offertory received by Bank transfer in May = £2410

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 Missio England and Wales has a long-standing relationship with five seminaries in India, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria and Sri Lanka – offer the opportunity to sponsor students studying for the priesthood. As a sponsor, you'll receive the name of an individual student in the first of his final four years of Theology studies. And he will receive your name, so you can pray for each other especially, if you so choose. [spa@missio.org.uk](mailto:spa@missio.org.uk)

**Missio Red boxes** – Please bring your boxes for counting in June and ensure your name is on the box. 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](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/>

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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>

**Journeving Together** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeving-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/>

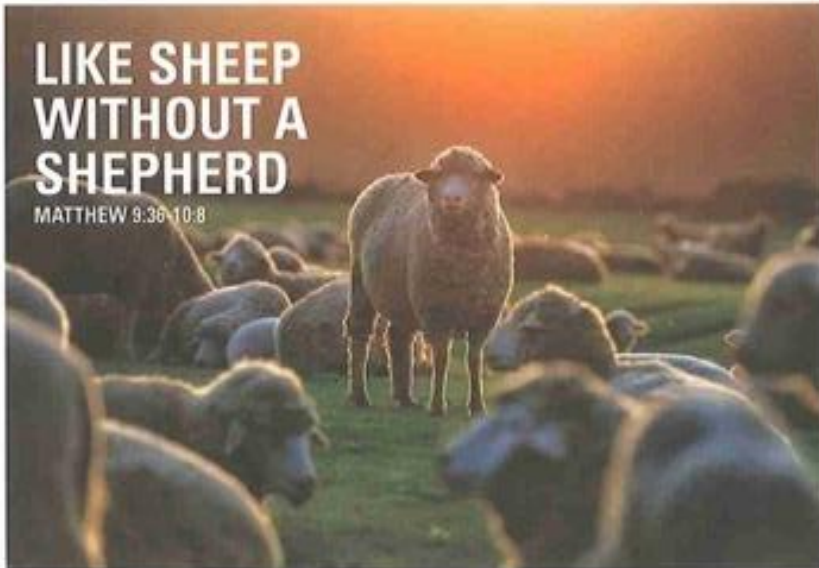
**Life** Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

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



## LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

MATTHEW 9:36-10:8



The second of the great sermons in Matthew's Gospel is often called 'the Mission Discourse.' It is addressed to Jesus' close disciples rather than to the crowd at large.

It can be found in chapter ten, and we will read parts of it over the next three Sundays. It begins with a short overture describing the compassion of Jesus for the 'harassed and dejected' crowd, like sheep without a shepherd.

This was literally true of the Galilean peasants of his day. Absentee landlords exploited them, they were taxed to the hilt by an occupying power, and their own local ruler, Herod, was incompetent and corrupt. The image of Israel like a flock without a shepherd is taken from chapter thirty-four of the Book of Ezekiel. In this long prophecy, Ezekiel lays out the state of the nation. They have been forced into exile by a foreign power, their 'shepherds,' the royal house of David, have lost power with the result that the people ('the sheep') are lost and awaiting a true shepherd who will reunite them. For Ezekiel, this 'new David' was a figure of the future. Jesus, born in the city of David, becomes the good shepherd who will lead them with love and compassion.

The image now shifts to labouring in the harvest. This is a common image in the Gospels for the mission of the Church. Jesus calls the first group of the labourers, the twelve disciples who have been closest to him. They will share his ministry both in preaching and in the works of power. The names of the twelve are then given. The choice of twelve disciples reflects the twelve tribes of the people of Israel. They will be responsible, first of all, for gathering in the harvest of historical Israel and then for widening its boundaries by gathering in the harvest of the Gentiles.

The mission discourse proper begins with a word addressed to the twelve about their immediate mission and a marking off of the mission territory. As fellow-workers with the Lord of the harvest, their mission, like his, will be addressed, first of all, to the Jewish people. For the moment, they are to avoid pagan territory. Neither are they at this stage to engage in mission to the Samaritans. The Samaritans had broken off from the main branch of Judaism many centuries before but had retained the Law and their own priesthood and, for a time, their own temple. There was mutual hostility between the two groups, though Jesus does show concern for Samaritans (e.g. parable of the Good Samaritan, the encounter with a Samaritan woman who not only becomes a believer herself but draws her fellow townsmen and women to him in John 4).

Like Jesus, the twelve's mission will consist of preaching the word that the kingdom of God is close at hand and performing the same kind of works of power – curing the sick (even raising the dead) and engaging in conflict with the powers of evil. The call to mission is not a call to a career but to the gracious working of free grace. They received the grace without payment and so should not expect payment in return. ■

## REFLECT

That mission of twelve peasant men in Galilee long ago is the beginning of the Church's mission. Mission is the Church's 'unfinished business' with the world. If the Church ever gets trapped in its own concerns, it has lost its vision of what Jesus has called it to be. Times and mission strategies may have changed but priority must always be given to the simple message that the Kingdom of God is close at hand and that it makes a difference to human life. ■



## SAY

"Jesus is the Good Shepherd who shows me the way to salvation."

## LEARN

As baptised members of the Church, we all share in its mission to preach the Gospel.

The Church is missionary by its very nature.

One does not have to travel abroad or even leave home to be a missionary.

## DO

Think about your baptismal calling. What does it mean to you? How committed are you to witnessing to the Gospel?

## PRAY

Pray for people who are oppressed and exploited throughout the world, as the people of Israel were in the time of Jesus. Pray that they will experience liberation from all that oppresses 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 your mortal fragility can do nothing,  
grant us always the help of our 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,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Exodus 18:2-4

A reading from the book of Exodus.  
From Rephidim the sons of Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in their wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountains, saying, 'say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 88:2-3, 5 Rv. 3

Response:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

- 1 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy (R.)
- 2 Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him.  
We are his people, the sheep of his flock (R.)

- 3 indeed, how good is the Lord,  
Eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age-to-age (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Roman 8:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man- though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die- but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely, we may count on being saved by life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest." He summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them to follow:

"Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge."

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 two-fold 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; 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.

# 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:

SRCDT - 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