

## 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>

### 21st May 2023 Seventh 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)

<b>Saturday Bishop Mark Pastoral visit</b> St Bernadine of Siena	20	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	The Williamson & Symns Family Deceased Anniversaries
<b>Sunday Bishop Mark Pastoral visit</b> Day of Special Prayer for World Communications – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	21	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	The Parish Mary Ballinger RIP Recently Deceased
Monday The Dedication of the Cathedral	22		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Tuesday</b>	23	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession <b>Mass</b>	Charmaine George RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday <b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	24		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>St Bede the Venerable</b>	25	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession <b>Mass</b>	Helen & Ron Griggs RIP Anniversary Colin Wilson RIP Recently Deceased
Friday St Philip Neri	26		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Saturday</b> St Augustine of Canterbury	27	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Michael 'Flash' Meakin RIP Recently Deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	28	9.30am 11.00am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Baptism Holly Hancock	Kathleen Bye RIP Anniversary



This 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 9.30 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

**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 and other Lancashire Venerables, 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.

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

**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).

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/>

**Love the Stranger** In light of the challenges we face in the UK, advocating for the dignity of refugees and migrants amidst a hostile environment, the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) which Caritas Shrewsbury is a member of, welcomes the teaching document *Love the Stranger* from the Department of International Affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). The document speaks into this contested space and reinforces Catholic social teaching, offering guidance on a Catholic response to refugees and migrants.

'*Love the Stranger*' places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story. The document offers 24 guiding principles and has been endorsed by the Holy See, COMECE, CAFOD, CSAN and Caritas Social Action Network members. You can download *Love the Stranger* at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

Caritas Shrewsbury as part of CSAN want to encourage all Catholics to reflect upon *Love the Stranger* and have been part of compiling an accompanying call-to-action as a toolkit to inform and assist the community as we aim to fulfil our obligation to love the stranger in the way that God intends. You can download the call to action at [www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/](http://www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/) and we are keen to support the use of call to action use in parishes. Please email [ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) with your ideas and for more information.

**Reflections on The Church** Having looked at the Council's answer to 'Who is the Church', we continue our reflections on **Vatican II** with the next question *Lumen Gentium* addresses: 'How is the Church?' – what structure did Christ will for her? The answer is given in **Chapters 3 and 4**, where the immense, complementary vocations of Hierarchy and Laity are explored at some length. Christ is at work in both, in such a way that "...the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfil his mission for the life of the world" (# 37). **Podcast 8** and its **handouts** are now available at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org). A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you cannot access this material, or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 07730 526821 or at [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life 26-28 May 2023 Liverpool**  
The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)**

**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** 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.**

The Burnley Knights of St Columba and Catenian Circle 154 have 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)



## OFFERTORY

Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £516.98  
Offertory received by Bank transfer in April = £2890  
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://catholicssentinel.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/>



# Sunday Message

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year A • 21 May 2023 • Psalter Week 3

## GLORIOUS DESTINY

JOHN 17:1-11



Today's Gospel comes from what is known as the final discourse of Jesus. It takes place as the disciples gather in the upper room to celebrate the Passover.

Judas has just left to betray Jesus, who now knows that he is about to endure his passion and death. Despite the fact that he will be crucified as a criminal and a failure, Jesus uses the word "glorify" to describe what will happen to him.

"Glory" is a key word in the Gospel of John. In the eyes of the world, Jesus' mission was a failure. But seen from the perspective of God's saving plan, it was no failure but a glorious triumph. If Jesus was nailed to a cross, it was so that he could be lifted up, exalted in glory. That process of glory will begin very soon. In it, Jesus will be revealed as the faithful servant of God, who was despised and rejected but who would be raised to great heights.

Jesus describes the key to eternal life. "Eternal life is this:" Jesus tells his disciples, "to know ... the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom [God has] sent." Do this, and all of us will have a share in the glory of heaven. ■

### LEARN

The Christian witnesses to the faith at all times

Prayer is central to the life of the Christian

The Christian looks forward to the glory of the resurrection

### DO

Eternal life, Jesus says, is to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent. How familiar are you with the catechism of the Church? How well do you know the Bible? How well do you know Jesus and the only true God in heaven?

### PRAY

More Christian martyrs are being created now than at any time in the past. Pray for all those who are happy to suffer for the sake of the Gospel.

## REFLECT

In today's second reading, Peter talks about sharing in the sufferings of Christ. It is a blessing, he says, when people mock and insult you for being a Christian. One should thank God for the honour of bearing the name of Christ. It is an extraordinary change from only a short period before when Peter denied Jesus three times, and had locked himself behind closed doors, afraid for his life. Now Peter is on fire with faith. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, he preaches the Good News to anyone who will listen. He is happy even to die for the sake of the Gospel. Peter's belief in the resurrection has changed everything for him.

Unlike Peter, we may never have denied Jesus publicly. We may never have locked ourselves behind closed doors out of fear of persecution. But witnessing to the Gospel in 2023 is not easy. It can be tempting to keep our heads down, to practise our faith quietly, almost surreptitiously, to not wish to offend secular friends or rock any boats. How happy are you to suffer for your faith, as St Peter advocates in his letter? Would you be happy to risk all for the sake of the Gospel? Would you be prepared even to die for it? ■

### SAY

"Lord, help me to cling to you every day. Never let me be parted from you. Amen."



**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,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Acts 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the  
apostles went back from the Mount of Olives,  
as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance  
away, no more than a sabbath walk; and  
when they reached the city they went to the  
upper room where they were staying; there  
were Peter and John, James and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and  
Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon  
the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these  
joined in continuous prayer, together with  
several women, including Mary the mother of  
Jesus, and with his brothers.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 124

Response:  
I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Or Alleluia!

- 1 The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
- 2 There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,

to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. (R.)

- 3 O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
"Seek his face". (R.)

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.  
If you can have some share in the sufferings  
of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy  
a much greater gladness when his glory is  
revealed. It is a blessing for you when they  
insult you for bearing the name of Christ,  
because it means that you have the Spirit of  
glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None  
of you should ever deserve to suffer for being  
a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer;  
but if anyone of you should suffer for being a  
Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it;  
he should thank God that he has been called  
one.

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 17:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
"Father, the hour has come:  
glorify your Son  
so that your Son may glorify you;  
and, through the power over all mankind  
that you have given him,  
let him give eternal life to all those you have  
entrusted to him.  
And eternal life is this:  
to know you,  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
I have glorified you on earth  
and finished the work  
that you gave me to do.  
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me  
with that glory I had with you  
before ever the world was.  
I have made your name known  
to the men you took from the world to give  
me.  
They were yours and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word.  
Now at last they know  
that all you have given me comes indeed  
from you;  
for I have given them  
the teaching you gave to me,  
and they have truly accepted this, that I  
came from you,  
and have believed that it was you who sent  
me.  
I pray for them;  
I am not praying for the world  
but for those you have given me,  
because they belong to you:  
all I have is yours  
and all you have is mine,

and in them I am glorified.  
I am not in the world any longer,  
but they are in the world,"  
and I am coming to you."  
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 the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
and 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.

# 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