

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>

28th APRIL 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

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

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

Saturday	27		Baptism Roman Carter Ward Confirmation Prep Retreat at Wistaston Hall 5.00pm Vigil Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter	Mary Wyatt Birthday Blessings The Sick of the Parish Shrewsbury Secular Clergy
Sunday	28	9.30am	Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter Reconciliation Prep after Mass	Intentions of Pat Connors Intention for Special Wedding Anniversary Stella Cooke RIP Recently Deceased
Monday St Catherine of Siena Day of Special Prayer for Europe	29		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday St Pius Day of Special Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	30	9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Adoration and Confession Mass Confirmation Practice in Church	Dermot McDermott RIP Recently Deceased Stella Cooke RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday St Joseph the Worker Day of Special Prayer for Human Work	1		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday St Athanasius	2	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Peter McDermott RIP Recently Deceased
Friday Sts Philip & James	3		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday The English Martyrs	4	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Emma Blair RIP The Sick of the Parish
Sunday	5	9.30am	Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Blair and Gill Family Intentions Marion and Sterling Blair RIP Anniversaries

Mass of Confirmation on Friday 10th May at 7pm celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies. Everyone is welcome to join the candidates and sponsors and their families in our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our parishes of St Anne and St Gabriel.

Sunflowers Nursery and St Anne's Primary School. There are currently places available at the Nursery and some places available at the school with effect from September 2024. Please contact the school for further information on 01270260783 or e-mail office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk

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

Catholic Union Pub Talk with Alex Macqueen. The Catholic Union's next "[Pub Talk](#)", *Treading the Boards with Faith*, will take place on Tuesday 30 April with acclaimed BAFTA-nominated actor and writer Alex Macqueen. The event is kindly sponsored by the Universe Catholic Weekly. Alex is rarely off our screens, small and big, and has appeared in *The Inbetweeners*, *Peaky Blinders* and *Downton Abbey* to name but a few. He has kindly agreed to talk to the Catholic Union about being a Catholic in the acting world. Only a few places left, please book [here](#).

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Catholic Union Summer Gathering 6 July. The annual Summer Gathering will take place at Worth Abbey on Saturday 6 July. The day will include an address from our President, Baroness Hollins, and a talk by Abbot Christopher Jamison. Abbot Christopher was Abbot of Worth from 2002-2010 and is currently Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation. Please click [here](#) for further information and booking.

A Year of Encounter With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on 4 May to learn more.

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

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

TEA AT THE TOWER Join us for a hot drink and a piece of home-made cake at St Mary's, Acton every Sunday, 2.30 until 4.30 pm. Very friendly people. Donations appreciated.

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



Last week's

Envelope & Loose Plate = £466.35

Offertory received by Bank transfer in March = £2576

Thank you



The Card machine at the back of church is a convenient and cashless method of making donations to support the Mission of the Church in **St Anne's**, or there are options to support **the SVP** or the **Red Boxes/ Missio**.

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>

Pope's April Prayer Intention In April, we pray with Pope Francis for the dignity and worth of women to be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

https://youtu.be/OMUs5H_pVFU

If interested in the workshop Please contact

jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

GROWTH IN HOLINESS: PRAYER AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE WORKSHOP

Pope Francis has designated 2024 a Year of Prayer. He urges us to embrace prayer 'as the royal road to holiness.' As part of your journey to deepen your prayer life, we invite you to access a workshop entitled Growth in Holiness: Prayer and the Spiritual Life offered to you freely by the Diocese of Shrewsbury, in conjunction with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute.

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

Friday, 10 May 2024

Bingo!

Adult £2.00
Children £1.00
Family £6.00
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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 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://catholic sentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>

<http://prayasyougo.org/>

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

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

Sunday Message

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • 28 April 2024 • Psalter Week 1



THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

JOHN 15: 1-8

We have been presented with many familiar images over the past number of weeks. The shepherd minding his sheep, Jesus appearing to the disciples praying peace upon them, and now we have another image of the vine and the branches, which shows the inextricable connection that exists between Jesus and his people.

This image of vines and grapes and branches was very familiar to the Jewish people, and therefore an image quite useful for Jesus. The Jewish writings pictured Israel as the vineyard of God, the Jews as branches of God's vine. Coins at the time of Jesus had the symbol of the vine on them. And the Temple had a great golden vine carved into the front of its Holy Place.

Jesus speaks of himself as the true vine, bearing sweet grapes, with us as his branches. We receive our spiritual life from our connection with him. He gives us himself so that we can continue to live on with him. When you think about it, we would be spiritually worthless if we cut ourselves off from the branch of the vine. Jesus maintained his contact with God through adversity, through his ministry, through his life. We maintain our contact with God through Jesus. We are connected to him like a vine and its branches. Through our lives, let us bear much fruit. ■

REFLECT

Jimmy Carter described a fishing outing with his father in a televised interview. He said they went to a local fishing spot and fished all day, catching several. In the afternoon, his father said it was time to go home but Jimmy wanted to stay and fish some more. His father agreed, telling him to bring the catch of fish, all hooked to a single line, when he returned home later. After fishing a while longer, Jimmy then started for home with the line of their catch attached to his belt loop. Like many boys, he did not walk the path, but waded through the flowing creek, poking at things and throwing rocks. On his way home, though, the line broke in the water and he lost the catch of the day.

He arrived at his front porch and sat on the steps afraid to go in and tell his normally austere father he lost the fish. As evening set, his father stepped outside to look for Jimmy and saw him on the steps. He asked him where the fish were. Jimmy told him he lost them. His father sat down next to him, put his arm on his shoulder and said, "It's okay Jimmy. We'll catch some more another time." Carter told the interviewer, "In that moment, I knew for the first time that my father loved me." To believe is more than agreeing to a system of beliefs; it is a vital connection, an abiding in the living Lord who loves us deeply. Our connection with him blossoms and flourishes like grapes in a vineyard. ■

DO

The Church must constantly be in appreciation of the missionary work that has gone before us. Take the opportunity this week to read about the missionary life of a lay person or religious events. What inspiration can you gather from their stories?

SAY

'Sweetest Jesus,
Body and Blood most Holy,
be the delight and pleasure of my
soul,
my strength and salvation in all
temptations,
my joy and peace in every trial,
my light and guide in every word
and deed,
and my final protection in death.
Amen'

St. Thomas Aquinas
(The Aquinas Prayer Book)

LEARN

'Only the certainty that the Crucified Christ lives on as the Risen Christ, glorified by God, gives us the solution to the riddle of Jesus as a person and makes the Church possible and real.'
(Fr. Hans Kung)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery
within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in
Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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

Acts 9:23-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join
the disciples, but they were all afraid of him:
they could not believe he was really a disciple.
Barnabas, however, took charge of him,
introduced him to the apostles, and explained
how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken
to him on his journey, and how he had preached
boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul
now started to go round with them in Jerusalem,
preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But
after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued
with them, they became determined to kill
him. When the brothers knew, they took him to
Caesarea and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee
and Samaria were now left in peace, building
themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and
filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 21 (22):26-28, 30-32

Response:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Or Alleluia!

- 1 My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek
him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

- 2 All the earth shall remember and return to
the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the
earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the
dust. (R.)

- 3 And my soul shall live for him, my children
serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet
to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet
unborn:
‘These things the Lord has done.’ (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his
presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own
conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I
make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
‘I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away - he
withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on
the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should
bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.’

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected
in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme
Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears
fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray,
O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly
mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

