

## 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>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 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](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

Saturday	2	5.00pm	Vigil Mass 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Olga Tilly RIP Recently Deceased Andrzej Stolarczyk RIP
Sunday	3	9.30am	Mass 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Fran D'Arcy Hughes RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary & 8 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Tony Higley RIP Recently Deceased David John Murphy RIP Recently Deceased
Monday St Casimir	4		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday	5	9.30am 10.00am 10.35am 11.45am	Adoration and Confession Mass Stations of the Cross Requiem Mass Tony Higley RIP	Thanksgiving for Deacon Peter's 85 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving for Daniel & Felicity O'Dowd 64 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday	6		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday Sts Perpetua and Felicity	7	10.00am 10.35am 7.00pm	Mass St Anne's KS1 Children joining us Stations of the Cross Lenten Talk, St Gabriel's Alsager	Molly Johnson RIP Anniversary Teresa Ritton RIP Recently Deceased
Friday St John of God	8	11.30am 2.00pm	Funeral Service Teresa Ritton RIP Lent Reflection Group	
Saturday St Frances of Rome	9	10am-2pm 5.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Retreat Day Vigil Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Intention of Tony Larkin
Sunday	10	9.30am	Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Coburn RIP Birthday Remembrance Arturo Keller RIP Recently Deceased

**Requiem Mass** for Tony Higley RIP on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11.45am followed by internment at Nantwich Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Tony's family and friends in your prayers.

**Funeral Service** for Teresa Ritton RIP on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am followed by internment at Swanlow Park Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Teresa's family and friends in your prayers

**Requiem Mass** for Olga Tilly RIP on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm followed by committal at Crewe Crematorium at 3.30pm. Please pray for repose of her soul and keep Olga's family and friends in your prayers.

**St Annes 200 Club 2024** Congratulations to our February winners 1 £100 Moira Hignett, 2 £60 Michael Champ, 3 £40 Sheila Healey. If you would like to join the 200 club contact Michael Wilcock Mob: 07968520276 email: [mjwilcock64@gmail.com](mailto:mjwilcock64@gmail.com)

**Lent Reflection Group on Fridays** 2.00 to 3.30 pm starting 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the church. Based on the readings for the following Sunday, with some short audios or videos. Further information: Chris Oliver 07481 476 333, [chris@chris-oliver.net](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net).

**Stations of the cross** During Lent after the weekday Masses. For those who would like to travel the way of the cross but cannot get to Mass during the week there will be an Internet Way of the Cross via Zoom each Friday at 7pm. Log into Zoom and use Meeting ID: 854 6364 3824 and Passcode: 7a1V76 each week. If you are uncertain about making the connection contact Deacon John on 07973375422 to arrange a test run.

**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).

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St Anne's Safeguarding Officer is Philippe Blenkiron [philippe.blenkiron@gmail.com](mailto:philippe.blenkiron@gmail.com) 07492 063835

**Extraordinary ministers of communion** We are reintroducing the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds from Easter. Would all of our existing extraordinary ministers please contact Deacon John if they would like to continue to serve the parish with distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and out to the sick and housebound. You will need to attend a formation day, training session and be commissioned.

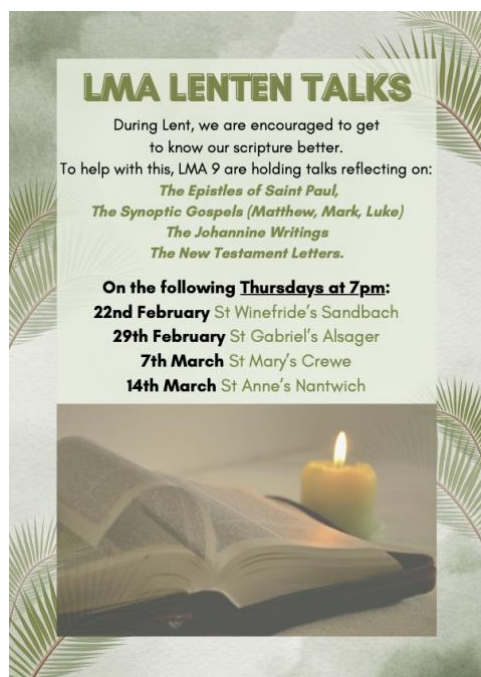
**Pope's February Prayer Intention** We pray with Pope Francis that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need. <https://youtu.be/e507Ge8fsEw>

**CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – Lent Collection at Masses this week** Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. We raised £819 so far with more coming in. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024:** If any parishioners would like to join with St Mary's, Crewe and St Anne's on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, please can you contact Martin Massey on 567263 or Ann Alexander on 623784. This year there will have to be a change of travel arrangements because of the Paris Olympics.

**FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH** In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made in Parliament to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. More information can be found on <https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

### Wistaston Hall Lenten Retreats



Lenten Weekend: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, £175.00

During the first centuries of Christianity, the forty days leading up to Holy Week took on a special significance. Those forty days are called Lent, a name taken from the Old English word meaning "spring". The liturgical season of Lent is meant to be a time of spiritual spring-training, so to speak: a special time during which we prepare for Holy Week.

Our Lenten retreat is an opportunity to prepare our hearts to commemorate and celebrate the mystery of Easter. We hope you will join us to pause and reflect on the last days and death of Jesus, as we prepare our hearts to joyfully greet the Risen Christ on Easter morning.

The weekend will include reflective inputs, prayer times and some quiet times, and an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or talk one-to-one with a trained Spiritual Director. As St Teresa of Avila reminds us, "Prayer is the lifting up of mind and heart to God".

Lent Day Retreats: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, £25.00 (includes lunch)

Enrich your Lenten journey through the transformative embrace of scripture, reflection, adoration, and prayer. Experience Lent through a unique process of engagement that draws you deeply into this holy season. There is much wisdom in a text from the Psalms: 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). May our God who is rich in love and mercy, bless us all as we journey towards Easter.

Celebrate Easter: 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, £260.00

This is an opportunity for you to discover the Sacred "Three Days" (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) leading up to Easter. This retreat begins at 6pm on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Feet. It includes time for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to fully participate in each of the services.



Last week's Envelope & Loose Plate = £495.85  
Offertory received by Bank transfer in January = £2360  
Thank you

Here is the webpage link to support the Mission of the Church in St Anne's and also the Red Boxes/ Missio, to the poorest parts of the world or please scan QR code. Many thanks.  
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-annenantwich>



**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](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.

☆☆☆☆☆ Is your child joining Reception in 2024? Do you want to find out more about St. Anne's? Open to Catholics and non-Catholics. Ring school on 01270260783 or e-mail [office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk) to come to look around ☆

**Mass Preparation:** WEDNESDAY WORD: [www.wednesdayword.org/parish](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish)  
PREGO: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

### **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 & 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>

**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/>



## DISTURBING THE PEACE

JOHN 2: 13-25



The surprising part of today's Gospel reading is witnessing Jesus being openly aggressive with the traders and operators of the Temple.

Huge sums of money exchange hands as official inspectors certify that the animals brought into the Temple are flawless. Temple priests create a system of trade that no owner of animals outside the Temple can compete with. It's no wonder Jesus angrily breaks the law and swings into action. God's house is being desecrated. This whole business is degrading to true religion. Jesus feels deeply the insult to his Father's house. Where there was peace, he brings total disruption. Where there was business as usual, he brings hostility. Jesus moves into the arena of the chief priests to work against the power that devalues his beliefs.

There is no politeness or subtlety about this scene. Jesus makes a whip to drive the traders and cattle out of the temple. Knocking over tables of money and raising his voice, Jesus might be described as aggressive. Certainly, there is an element of anger and impatience driving his actions. The bystanders and friends of Jesus are possibly surprised and taken aback by the change in his personality. If Jesus is worried about being arrested for disturbing the peace, no one could guess that from his behaviour. Jesus is consumed by zeal, by a passion that shows itself in positive aggression. The holy place is then reclaimed for the worship of God, but soon enough as John tells us, the Temple will be replaced by a new sanctuary where people can meet God in the person of the risen Jesus himself. ■

### REFLECT

In the world of sports, especially team sports, you often hear it said about certain players, "he's a lovely fellow off the pitch, but on it, he's a nightmare." Some players go through a personality change as soon as they put on a jersey and take the field of play. There can be no talking to them, any attempt to reason with them as the game progresses falls flat. Aggression, anger, competitive instinct, the need to conquer the opponent or the desire to win at all costs, usually means the best players become captains and leaders in their respective sports. Aggression is seen as a positive force, to be used for the benefit of the team.

It's often the case that today's Gospel reading has us looking at Jesus in a negative light. We see him bursting through the Temple like a hurricane and have never witnessed him losing control, like this before. This doesn't look like the Jesus we have grown to love. But there is nothing negative about what happens here today. His actions are for the advancement of God's kingdom, and no other reason. He's aggressively fighting for his Church. God is not to be pushed to the periphery of the Temple but should remain at the heart of everything we do.

Some would say that the survival of our Church today depends on us, the people of God, taking on the mantle of leader, and using our own positive aggression for the advancement of God's kingdom. ■

### SAY

'May we honour Your presence in our hearts, and offer pure worship, free from all distraction.'

### LEARN

The Temple was a sacred place reserved for worship and prayer.

Jesus' actions underscore his authority as Son of God.

Jesus is the new temple, embodying the presence of God among humanity.

### DO

Reflect this week on how you might take on a leadership role in your parish community.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

**COLLECT**

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,  
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving  
have shown us a remedy for sin,  
look graciously on this confession of our  
lowliness,  
that we, who are bowed down by our  
conscience,  
may always be lifted up by your mercy.  
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 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus (Shorter  
form read between > <)

> God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the  
Lord your God who brought you out of the land  
of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.  
'You shall have no gods except me. <  
'You shall not make yourself a carved image  
or any likeness of anything in heaven or on  
earth beneath or in the waters under the earth;  
you shall not bow down to them or serve  
them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous  
God and I punish the father's fault in the sons,  
the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of  
those who hate me; but I show kindness to  
thousands of those who love me and keep my  
commandments.

> 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord  
your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave  
unpunished the man who utters his name to  
misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.  
< For six days you shall labour and do all your  
work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the  
Lord your God. You shall do no work that day,  
neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor  
your servants, men or women, nor your animals  
nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six  
days the Lord made the heavens and the earth  
and the sea and all that these hold, but on the  
seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has  
blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

> 'Honour your father and your mother so that  
you may have a long life in the land that the Lord  
your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your  
neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house.  
'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his  
servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey,  
or anything that is his.' <

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 119(103):1-11

Response:

**You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

- 17 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

- 2 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

- 3 The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)

- 4 They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. (R.)

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians.

While the Jews demand miracles and the  
Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching  
a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that  
they cannot get over, to the pagans madness,  
but to those who have been called, whether  
they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the  
power and the wisdom of God. For God's  
foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,  
and God's weakness is stronger than human  
strength.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the  
Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**GOSPEL**

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went  
up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found  
people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons,  
and the money changers sitting at their  
counters there. Making a whip out of some cord,  
he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and  
sheep as well, scattered the money changers'  
coins, knocked their tables over and said to  
the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and  
stop turning my Father's house into a market.'  
Then his disciples remembered the words of  
scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.  
The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can  
you show us to justify what you have done?'  
Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in  
three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It  
has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary:  
are you going to raise it up in three days?' But  
he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his  
body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his  
disciples remembered that he had said this, and  
they believed the scripture and the words he  
had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover  
many believed in his name when they saw the  
signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and  
did not trust himself to them; he never needed  
evidence about any man: he could tell what a  
man had in 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**

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial  
offerings,  
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our  
own sins,  
may take care to forgive our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young;  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and  
my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we receive the pledge  
of things yet hidden in heaven  
and are nourished while still on earth  
with the Bread that comes from on high,  
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,  
that what is being brought about in us in  
mystery  
may come to true completion.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,  
and in your kindness grant your servants this  
grace:  
that, abiding in the love of you and their  
neighbour,  
they may fulfil the whole of your commands.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

