

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>

5th MAY 2024 SIXTH 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 The English Martyrs	4	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Emma Blair RIP The Sick of the Parish Margaret Evans RIP Harriet Grant RIP
Sunday	5	9.30am	Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Blair and Gill Family Intentions Marion and Sterling Blair RIP Anniversaries David Cole RIP George Renshawe RIP
Monday	6		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday	7	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	John Oswell (Sick), Pat O'Connor (Sick)
Wednesday	8		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation	9	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Brigid Smith (Sick), Intentions of the O'Dowd family
Friday St John de Avila	10	7.00pm	Mass of Confirmation Celebrated by Bishop Mark	All welcome.
Saturday	11	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter	Angela Kay (sick) John Russel (Anniv)
Sunday World Communications Day	12	9.30am	Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter	David Cole RIP & Harriet Grant RIP Intentions of the Cahill Family

Mass of Confirmation on Friday 10th May at 7pm celebrated by The Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury
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.

Next Sunday, on World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this, is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. To Make a donation please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-world-communications-day/> or on our parish digital plate/card reader. To read the message of Pope Francis, please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>
Year of Prayer 2024 Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! **On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm.** Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

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.

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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.

Pope's May Prayer Intention In May we pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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

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 = £496.65p
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 **Red Boxes/ Missio the SVP, or World Communications Sunday.**

Alternatively, please scan QR code to take you to our donation web page or use the link. Many thanks. <https://donate.myдона.com/st-annenantwich>

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Welcome to Be Well, Stay Well C.I.C. (Not-for-Profit). We are a Community Health Initiative focused on improving peoples physical and mental health.

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Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards are available on the Piety stand.



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://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/>

Sunday Message

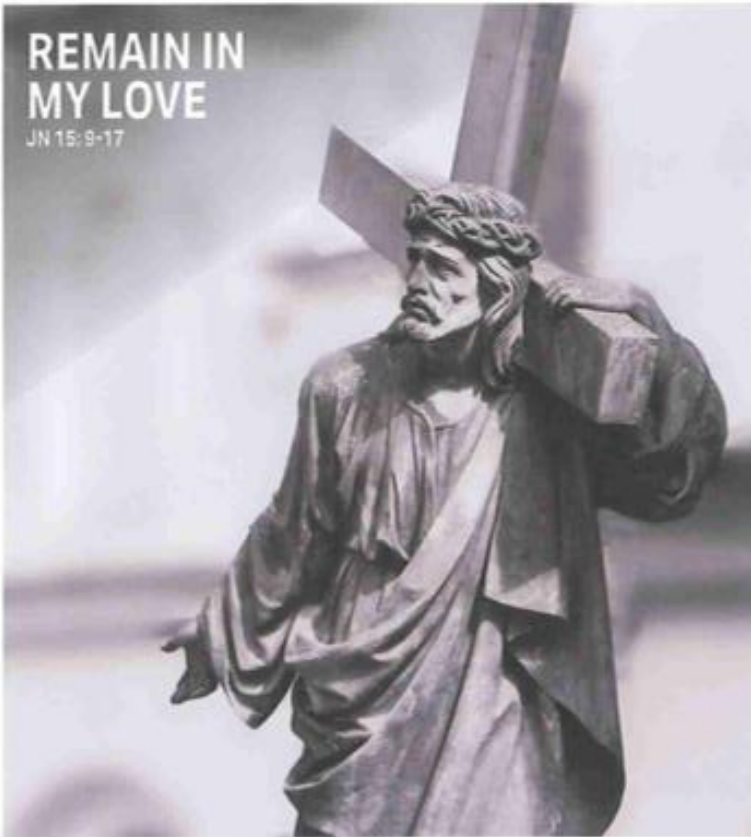
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • 5 May 2024 • Psalter Week 2

REMAIN IN MY LOVE

JN 15:9-17



We are now in the heart of the Easter Season. John's Gospel presents us with a world, where the Risen Christ continues to have an impact on the lives of his followers.

A series of speeches from Jesus, with powerful sentiments, are designed to ground the disciples and the early Church in one of the most fundamental aspects of his teaching. God's love for all of humanity. When John talks about the love of God, he is clear what he means: "This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us." The same message appears in the Gospel: "You did not choose me, no, I chose you." God has made an everlasting decision to love us. God's love is first, God has opted for us, declared his choice, taken us on. It is a decisive movement of love that began with the Father. "As the father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love." So here lies the task before us believers. Allowing God's love to come into our lives, to feel it, to recognise it, to believe it. These are the first steps. But now comes the challenge. We are to remain in God's love. This will mean that we too must make a choice. We choose to believe that for some reason, God has seen fit to embrace humanity, with all its shortcomings. We remain in his love. Jesus shows that he could have no greater love than to lay down his life for the sake of others. That is the powerful message of Easter. ■

DO

Organise a meeting of your parish pastoral council and reflect on how your faith community responds to the needs of people on the margins of society.



REFLECT

A story is told of a brilliant surgeon. It was his first time that a particular brain operation had been carried out in the country. It was performed upon a young man of great promise. It was an operation of the greatest delicacy in which a small error would have had fatal consequences. In the outcome, the operation was a triumph. But it involved several hours of intense and uninterrupted concentration on the part of the surgeon. When it was over, a nurse had to take him by the hand, and lead him from the operating theatre like a blind man or a little child.

That kind of self-giving and concentration on the needs of another reflects something of the quality of God's love in Jesus. This kind of love is sometimes beyond our comprehension. Jesus hopes that we will choose to keep on giving of ourselves in love, even when the giving hurts, even when we feel that we have nothing else to give. But it's that kind of love that mirrors God's kind of love. He loves us beyond all telling.

Some might say that this is the message we find the hardest to believe. That despite all my shortcomings and failings, there is a love that comes from God, that is unrelenting in its power. We receive this gift freely. As Jesus says, "You did not choose me, no, I chose you." ■

LEARN

"The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth in our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian Community." (Catechism 638)



SAY

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life." (Jn 3:16)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glorify 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

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out
to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated
himself. But Peter helped him up. "Stand up," he
said "I am only a man after all!"

Then Peter addressed them: "The truth I have
now come to realise" he said, "is that God does
not have favourites, but that anybody of any
nationality who fears God and does what is right
is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking the Holy
Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish
believers who had accompanied Peter were all
astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should
be poured out on the pagans too, since they
could hear them speaking strange languages
and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter
himself then said, "Could anyone refuse the
water of baptism to these people, now they
have received the Holy Spirit just as much
as we have?" He then gave orders for them
to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.
Afterwards they begged him to stay on for
some days.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 97 (98):1-4

Response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the
nations.

Or Alleluia!

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
- 2 The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
- 3 All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known
God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves
me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him. Alleluia!"

GOSPEL

John 10:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,
no, I chose you,
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another."
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

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your
mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete,
to abide with you forever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection
of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal
Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this
saving food.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

