

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>

7th May 2023 Fifth 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

Saturday	6	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter	Michael (Flash) Meakin RIP Recently Deceased
 Sunday Coronation Celebration after Mass at St Annes Hub at the School. Tea, Coffee & Juice provided. Games for Children	7	9.30am	Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter	In Remembrance of: Archbishop Dr George Patrick Dwyer D.D and Sister Cathleen Dwyer and Fr James Dwyer Pat Smith RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	8		No Mass or Service today	
Tuesday Day of Special Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	9	9.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Adoration and Confession Mass Requiem Mass for Charmaine George RIP	Mary Ballinger RIP Recently Deceased Fiona Mary Campbell RIP Birthday Anniversary
Wednesday St John de Avila	10		No Mass or Service today	
Thursday	11	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Pat & Teresa Monaghan RIP
Friday St Pancras	12		No Mass or Service today	
Saturday Our Lady of Fatima	13	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Condolence to the Family of Mary Stanway RIP Maria Reilly RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	14	9.30am	Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Gower Family – for the Deceased Anniversaries and for family weddings In Remembrance of Revs Anthony Carroll OMI, Liam Duffy OMI, Conor Murphy OMI in honour of Eugene de Mazènod, founder member of OMI

Requiem Mass for Charmaine George on Tuesday 9th May at 11.30am at St Annes. Please pray for the repose of Charmaine's soul and keep her family and friends in your prayers

The coronation of King Charles III will take place in Westminster Abbey this Saturday. This will be the first coronation for 70 years in our countries; let us commend King Charles and Queen Camilla to our Heavenly Father, that he may sustain Them in their duties all the days of their lives. Pope Francis has gifted a relic of the True Cross to His Majesty King Charles III. It will be incorporated into the newly-made Cross of Wales which will lead the Coronation procession at Westminster Abbey on Saturday, 6 May. "May God bless His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come." *Cardinal Vincent Nichols*



St Annes Parish Community Hub. On Monday 15th May at 11.30am Bishop Mark will be blessing the Hub at St Anne's Primary School.

The Hub is for Parish and Community use so please do come along to visit and participate in the official opening and Blessing. It will be lovely for the children to see some of our parishioners at the event and to share the space with you.

Thank you for being so welcoming to Sr Sebastian last week and for your donations of £690. For more information please

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

The brochure (including the booking form) for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on 8th to 15th February 2024 can be found on the Diocesan website here: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>

Thank you to the many people who have been in touch to say how helpful they find **the reflections on Vatican II**. We continue **Part III On The Church** by asking the question: ‘Who is the Church?’ The Council's answer is given in *Lumen Gentium* Chaps 1 and 2, **taken together**. The relevant **podcast** and **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org in the section on ‘News and Events’. A **leaflet** outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don’t hesitate to contact barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

LOURDES BY JUMBALANCE ‘Nurse urgently required for Lourdes pilgrimage’ asking anyone wanting to find out more, to contact me on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk The nurse may be from abroad but a European or GB Passport and Covid vaxed needed.

St Mary's Acton, Sunday, 7 May, Tea Under the Tower group will be holding a ROYAL AFTERNOON TEA from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. The event will be free but donations are welcome. All are invited.

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 Congratulations to our April winners: 1 £100 Angela Gower, 2 £60 Ursula Hassall, 3 £40 John Lewalski. 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.**

Join Lord Alton on a sponsored walk from where Tolkien wrote The Lord of the Rings There will be two sponsored walks in support of Right To Life UK in May. The Christian Heritage Centre, based at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, has organised a sponsored walk along the Tolkien Trail on Monday 8 May. Discounted accommodation will be available at Theodore House, Stonyhurst.

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

Caritas We are delighted to attach our Spring 2023 Newsletter which can be printed as and when you require. This document can also be found on our website: <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/news/newsletters/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: This year's overland pilgrimage departs 27 Jul returning 4 Aug. Those pilgrims wishing to fly depart from Liverpool airport 28 Jul returning 3 Aug. More detail at <http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk>. Young pilgrims (16 - 22) who wish to join us in Lourdes to assist and serve the sick and elderly pilgrims should contact Sandy youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

St Thomas More Catholic High School Headteacher Vacancy The Governors are seeking to appoint a committed and practising Catholic who is enthusiastic, shares our vision, ethos and passion for the role of education in transforming lives. The role is for a September 2023 start. All the information and documents can be found at <https://www.st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk/Headteacher/>



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = 390.88
Offertory received by Bank transfer in March = £2691
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 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.

- 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/>

The Universe Catholic Weekly Order your Digital 4 weeks **FREE introductory offer** by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities

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

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/>

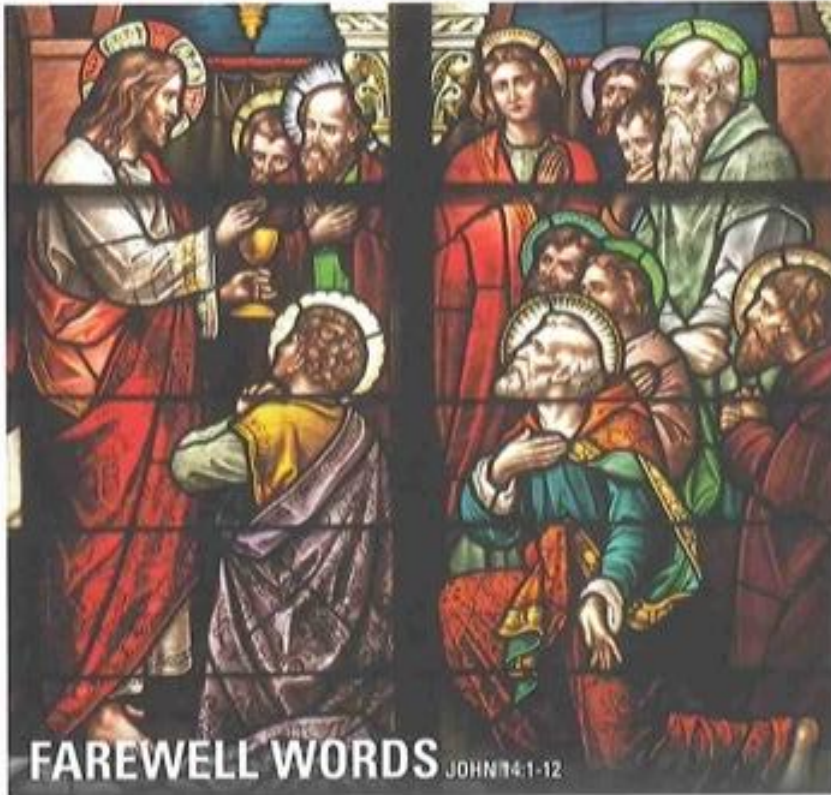
Young Catholics Resources <https://young-catholics.com/3636/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

Sunday Message

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year A • 7 May 2023 • Psalter Week 1



Today's Gospel is taken from the last of the great discourses in John's Gospel. It is known as the Farewell Discourse and is the final teaching Jesus delivers to his disciples at the Last Supper.

Jesus' farewell message looks to the future. He offers words of comfort to those he is leaving behind. They are to trust in God as he did. They will be reunited in the Father's house. In ancient times, when a group of travellers needed accommodation for the night, they often sent one of their number ahead to reserve a place in the inn. He comforts them by telling them that the accommodation in the Father's house is more luxurious than that of a rough and ready inn. It has many rooms, so they shouldn't worry about being refused entry. He will return when the place is prepared and take them with him.

Some of the disciples are puzzled. If they don't know where Jesus is going, Thomas asks, how will they find the way? Jesus replies with one of the great "I AM" sayings: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one can come to the Father except through me." Just as he is the gate that offers protection and freedom of movement for his flock to the pastures of eternal life, he is also the way to God. To have known Jesus is to know the Father.

This prompts another reply, this time from Philip. For Philip, it would be enough just to see the Father. Philip may be echoing a story about Moses. Even when God appeared to him on Mount Sinai, Moses never saw God's face. The Jews believed that humans could not see God. The sight was so powerful they could not endure it, so the Lord usually made himself present through symbols like fire or a thick cloud. Moses begged to be allowed to see God's face. As a special privilege, Moses was allowed to stand in a cleft of the rock and to see God's back as he departed from the mountain (Ex 33:18-23).

Seen in this light, Philip's request that they be allowed to see the Father is breathtaking. But Jesus' reply would be even more breathtaking for a Jewish audience: to have seen Jesus is to have seen the Father. This can only be understood in the light of the opening hymn of John's Gospel (Jn 1:1-18). Jesus is the Word of God who has taken flesh and dwelt among us. He has allowed God's glory to shine in the world through his presence among us. ■

REFLECT

In the second reading, St Peter provides a beautiful description of who we are as Christians. He tells us that we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart". (It's a description that has been incorporated into one of the prefaces of the Mass.)

These words sum up who we are and what we have become by virtue of our baptism. They bring home to us what a grace and privilege it is to be "chosen", "consecrated", "set apart" by God. We are royalty; we are special.

These are immensely consoling and reassuring words because they tell us that's how God sees us and values us. God has chosen us, consecrated us, set us apart. And because that's how God sees us, it's how we are called to see others and ourselves too.

These are also challenging words because they demand that we live like people who are chosen, priestly, set apart. Everything that we do must reflect the status that God has given us. ■

PRAY

Today's Gospel is very popular at funerals. Pray for your deceased loved ones, that they may be enjoying eternal life in the Father's house.

SAY

"Lord, help me to follow your way, live your truth, and model my life on yours. Amen."

LEARN

If we want to know what God is like, we need look no further than Jesus

Jesus shows us the way to salvation

God has made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood

DO

Look at yourself in the mirror. Try to see yourself as God sees you.

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,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-3

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
About this time, when the number of
disciples was increasing, the Hellenists
made a complaint against the Hebrews: in
the daily distribution their own widows were
being overlooked. So the Twelve called a
full meeting of the disciples and addressed
them, "It would not be right for us to neglect
the word of God so as to give out food; you,
brothers, must select from among yourselves
seven men of good reputation, filled with the
Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over
this duty to them, and continue to devote
ourselves to prayer and to the service of the
word." The whole assembly approved of
this proposal and elected Stephen, a man
full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together
with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,
Parmentas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert
to Judaism. They presented these to the
apostles, who prayed and laid their hands
on them. The word of the Lord continued to
spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem
was greatly increased, and a large group of
priests made their submission to the faith.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22

Response:

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Or Alleluia!

- 1 Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
- 2 For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
- 3 The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men
but chosen by God and precious to him;
set yourselves close to him so that you too,
the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual
sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made
acceptable to God, may be living stones
making a spiritual house. As scripture says:
See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone
that I have chosen and the man who rests
his trust on it will not be disappointed. That
means that for you who are believers, it
is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone
rejected by the builders has proved to be
the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a
rock to bring men down. They stumble
over it because they do not believe in the
word; it was the fate in store for them. But
you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a
consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing
the praises of God who called you out of the
darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the
Life.

No one can come to the Father except
through me."

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a
place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am
going."
Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where
you are going, so how can we know the
way?" Jesus said:
"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have
seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father and
then we shall be satisfied."

"Have I been with you all this time, Philip,"
said Jesus to him "and you still do not know
me?"

"To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, 'Let us see the Father?'
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me?"

The words I say to you I do not speak as
from myself;
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing
this work.

You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in
me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for
no other reason.

"I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father."

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.



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.

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