

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 APRIL 2024 FOURTH 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	20	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday of Easter	Friends of the SVP Intentions of Pat Connors
Sunday Day of Prayer for Vocations	21	9.30am	Mass Fourth Sunday of Easter Reconciliation Prep after Mass	Mary Ballinger RIP 1 st Anniversary Hugh Brady RIP Anniversary Bridget Smith (sick) Kathleen Anne Perry RIP 4 th Anniversary
Monday	22		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday St George	23	9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Adoration and Confession Mass Confirmation Prep at the Hub	Tony Quinlan RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday St Adalbert, St Fidelis	24		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday St Mark	25	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass KS1 children from St Annes joining us today.	Deacon Jude Newton (sick)
Friday	26		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday	27	5.00pm	Baptism Roman Carter Ward Confirmation Prep Retreat at Wistaston Hall Vigil Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter	The Sick of the Parish Shrewsbury Secular Clergy
Sunday	28	9.30am	Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter	Intentions of Pat Connors Intention for Special Wedding Anniversary

Collection Envelopes for 7th April There are still some boxes that remain uncollected at the back of church. If you no longer wish to be in the envelope scheme or you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have moved house in the last year, please could you let Teri know.

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

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

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.

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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

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.

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>



Last week's Envelope & Loose Plate = £515.57
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

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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.

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](https://missio.org.uk/redbox): 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/>

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

JOHN 10: 11-18



The Gospel story indicated that Jesus does not surrender his life for his sheep, he lays it down. Out of love, he gives his life willingly. He said at the last supper that no one has a greater love than to lay down one's life for his friends. He did this not when we were redeemed or lovable, but when we weren't redeemed or lovable.

Scripture scholar Denis McBride points to the ways Jesus shepherds his flock: Jesus tackles his opponents face to face. He confronts those who steal the dignity of the little ones. He warns his followers about the rough terrain ahead. He goes there before them. He endures isolation and insult. He risks being slaughtered himself. He does lay his life down for his sheep.

The image of the Good Shepherd is a consoling one. Despite the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday, Christ remains in the Church as our watchful protector. He knows his own and we know him. Through his care and protection, we are strengthened, and we preach his Word with confidence and courage. ■

REFLECT

We are reflecting on one of the most popular images in the Gospels. The pastoral care of the shepherd, who leads his large flock and protects them from harm. During the life and ministry of St. Alphonsus de Ligouri in Italy, it's interesting to note that his main work and energy went into ministering to shepherds, in the hills of southern Italy. They were a group of people who were forgotten about, or who existed on the periphery of society. In the time of Jesus, many herds consisted of thousands

of sheep, their sheer number requiring highly skilled people to look after them and know how to cure their ailments. The flocks spent most of the year on the vast open uplands, from March to mid-November and the winter was spent under cover. Hyenas, jackals and wolves roamed the hills, as well as robbers on two legs...and the shepherd was usually armed with a knife. The shepherds care and courage were legendary. Shepherding was a hazardous occupation and outdoor living was rough. During the long dry season,

they had to move their flocks in search of new pastures. It's no wonder that the image of the shepherd is used so many times by Jesus in the Gospels. They are the example of how to care and love and protect. They show exemplary strength and courage. And indeed, when we think of Jesus, when we see images of him on icons and stained-glass windows, the image of a lamb or a staff are not very far away. He is our shepherd. He knows us, we belong to him. ■

DO

How can we as followers of Christ become a Good Shepherd to our neighbour? What small gestures of love and charity can we make?



LEARN

'The Church is the visible plan of God's love for humanity because God desires that the whole human race may become one People of God, form one Body of Christ, and be built up into one temple of the Holy Spirit.'
(Paul VI, June 22, 1973)



SAY

'Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head.'
(Saint Charles Borromeo)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, 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,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 117 (118):1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

Response:

The stone which the builders rejected has
become the corner stone.

Or Alleluia!

1 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)

2 I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

3 Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished
on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of
God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet
been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says
the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus said:
I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life
for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the
sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by
my 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

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal
mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are
the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.
St John Paul II

