

ST. ANNE'S, NANTWICH NEWSLETTER

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Fr Michael Ryan OMI

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The Community Hub is available for private events during term time,

Information and bookings: <https://hallbookingonline.com/stanne>

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

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

Saturday after Ash Wednesday 21st February	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Lent	The Parish Deacon Peter (sick)
Sunday 22nd February	9.30am	Mass - First Sunday of Lent	Private Intention Trisha King RIP Recently Deceased Amelia & Gerard McKenna RIP Anniversaries
Monday 23rd February St Polycarp		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday 24th February Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites	9.30am 10.00am 10.40am	Exposition Mass Stations of the Cross	John McDonald RIP
Wednesday 25th February	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Zoom Meeting
Thursday 26th February	9.30am 10.00am 10.40am 7.00pm	Exposition Mass Stations of the Cross Lenten Talk at St Winefride's Sandbach	Dominica Sweeney RIP Anniversary
Friday 27th February CAFOD Family Fast Day		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday 28th February 2nd Collection CAFOD	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Lent	The Parish
Sunday 1st March 2nd Collection CAFOD	9.30am 12 noon	Mass - Second Sunday of Lent Baptism - Chico Price	Fran D'Arcy-Hughes RIP 3rd Anniversary and Wedding Anniversary

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection 28 February/1st March.

Live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, or donate online at Cafod.org.uk

Stations of the Cross Deacon John Invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
7pm Wednesday 25th February
 Meeting ID: 354 700 3833
 Passcode: 737298

Join instructions https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85275622987?signature=kuBEVnt1HA8i_EEcj8_5Si8Vsvcui6rCyvdT-KKbLkE

Stations of the Cross will also follow each weekday mass commencing 24.02.26

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Trisha King RIP. Trisha died peacefully on 11th February at East Cheshire Hospice in Macclesfield. Trisha's Funeral will be at St Pauls RC Church in Poynton 12.30 on Friday 13th March followed by burial at Macclesfield Crematorium.

Trisha moved to Poynton to be near her daughter and she had many friends here at St Annes.



**Last week's Envelopes
& Loose Plate £451.81
Card Machine £167.50**

Thank you



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

Alternatively, please scan QR code to take you to our donation web page or <https://donate.mydona.com/st-anne-nantwich>

Missio Red boxes – Please bring your boxes to church and hand them to **Pauline Binnie** our Missio Local Secretary

SVP Fortnightly meetings

Please note the meetings will be on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm until the end of March. Next meeting is on 4th March.

Lent 2026 This year we're walking through **Matthew**, with traditional Lenten Psalms on weekends.

- Find it in the app now
 - Sign up for daily emails
 - Access church resources
- Everything is here:

<https://throughtheword.org/lent>

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
FEBRUARY 2026**

For children with incurable diseases Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

You're warmly invited to join the Lent 2026 Bible Studies, a FREE, six-week journey presented LIVE ONLINE by Mauro Iannicelli of Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries.

We will lead you through an in-depth exploration of the six Lenten Sunday Gospels, preparing you to hear them proclaimed at Mass.

INFO & REGISTRATION: comeandsee.org/lent26

- Breaking open each Lenten Sunday Gospel
 - 'Expository preaching' teaching method
 - Life Application Questions
 - **The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way!**
- 6 Tuesday Sessions:**

STARTED: Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm UK Time

Lenten Talks 2026 (please note change to previously advertised dates)

Christian Heritage and Catholic Culture

All talks begin at 7.00 pm

26th February : St Winefride's, Sandbach

Fr Michael Morton: Hannah Arendt and the Human Condition

5th March: St Anne's, Nantwich

Fr.Nick Kern; Archbishop William Temple & the 1942 Beveridge Report

19th March: St Mary's Crewe

Fr.Michael Coughlan, 'Dominion, How the Christian Revolution Remade the World'

26th March: St Gabriel's, Alsager,

Fr. Michael Morton and Fr Nick Kern; 'Pope Benedict XVI's Address to the UK Parliament.'



Pilgrims

You are invited to join members of Churches Together as we visit one another's churches for Sunday worship.

- To worship God alongside brothers and sisters from the member churches of Churches Together in Nantwich.
- To enjoy one another's fellowship and to get to know one another better as Christians within our town
- To experience and understand the ways in which we worship in our different communities.

For information please email: canondavid12@uwclub.net

Our first Pilgrim visit of 2026 will be to **St Anne's RC Church on Saturday 7th March at 5:00 p.m.** for the Vigil Mass. Meet at 4:45 p.m. at St Anne's.

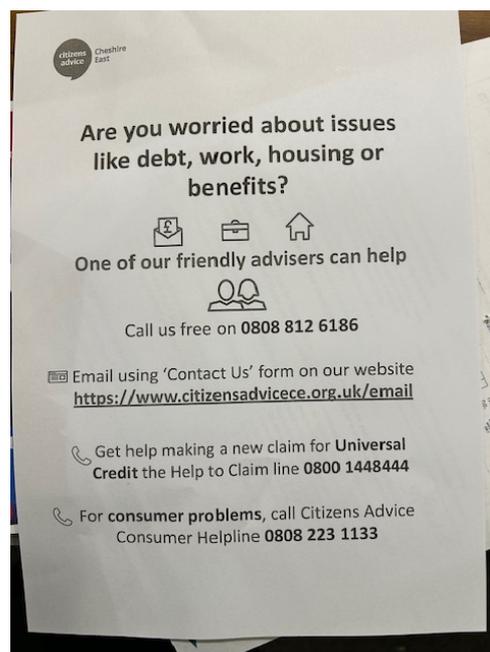
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Confirmation Programme 2026

The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Anne's on **Wednesday 29th April at 7pm**. Bishop Mark will celebrate the Confirmation Mass. The programme for the candidates will be released shortly with meetings due to commence in March. If you have children who are in Year 9 and over who would like to be confirmed please complete one of the forms at the back of church, on our website or contact Mary Pettifor on 07581496061 or marypettifor@icloud.com



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Welcome to the St Annes 200 Club 2026

This will be the 22nd consecutive club year of fund raising to help our Parish meet its day to day running costs.

To date your membership has raised £52,000.

The cost increases 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 2026

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 subscription cost is £52 for the year, or two 6 monthly instalments of £26.

There are 3 ways to subscribe:

1. By credit transfer to:
SRCDDT - 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.

Please put your envelope in the mass collection, or either 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.

My contact details are:

Address: The Laurels, London Road, Stapeley, CW5 7JU

Ph: 07968520276

email: mjwilcock64@gmail.com



LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

A Church Ready for Converts

To be read at all Masses on the First Sunday of Lent

22nd February 2026

My dear brothers and sisters,

As Lent begins, we see a growing number of men and women, many of them young adults, who are seeking faith and baptism. This stream of new converts is evident across our Diocese and country and indeed across the western world. It is all the more remarkable because this new generation of converts have been drawn to the Church by no special initiative on our part, rather by the constancy of faith, the reverence of worship and the authentic witness they have found. They may be statistically small in number compared with the overall decline of Christianity in our land, yet their search for Christ and His Church represents a moment of grace.

As Shrewsbury Diocese began its mission some 175 years ago, Saint John Henry Newman spoke of "*a Church ready for converts.*" Seeing so many today, often coming from no religious background to find the faith of the Church, I recalled these words of Cardinal Newman. We must now be ready to support new converts who are seeking Christ and His Church amid all the confusions of our time.

At the beginning of Lent, the Scriptures remind us of the deceptions which have marked humanity's struggle from the very dawn of history and of Christ's victory over Satan in the wildernessⁱ. It is with Christ that we are to renounce the evil one who seeks to pervert all that is good and trueⁱⁱ. It should not surprise us that, through the shadows of our time, many are coming in search of Christ, the truth of His teaching and all the means of grace He has entrusted to His Church in the Sacraments, and supremely in His Eucharist.

The journey of these new converts brings us back to the original purpose of Lent as the time when adults prepared for Baptism. The Church quickly recognised this time was needed by all the baptised as part of their continuing conversion.

*Lenten Pastoral Letter ~ A Church Ready for Converts
22nd February 2026*

It is for this reason, that we now keep these 40 Lenten days devoted to greater prayer, self-denial and generosity as we each prepare to renew at Easter the promises of our Baptism, confess our sins and receive the Holy Eucharist with ever renewed faith and love. It is by striving to live our own conversion that we can best support a new generation of converts. For Lent calls us to recognise that every member of the Church must always be a convert.

On my visits to parishes, I often remind you of the many thousands of souls in every place who depend so much on your prayer and faithfulness. Today, with a prayer card distributed at Mass, I invite you to pray for all those in your lives and for the many adults who are seeking the faith and the new life of Baptism. May we truly be a Church of converts, that is always “*ready for converts.*”

United in this prayer, and as a convert with you,

+ *Mark*

Bishop of Shrewsbury

¹ Cf. Gen 2: 7-9, 3:1-7 and Mt. 4:1-11

ⁱⁱ Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 538