

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 29th November	5.00pm	Vigil Mass-The First Sunday of Advent	Mary Cave RIP Recently Deceased June Dawson RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday 30th November	9.30am	Mass-The First Sunday of Advent	November Dead List
Monday 1st December		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday 2nd December	9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm	Exposition Mass Carol Concert with St Anne's School choir	November Dead List
Wednesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier Day of Special Prayer for Migrants and Refugees	9.30am	No Mass or Service Today St Anne's school Yrs 4/5/6 Reconciliation Service	
Thursday 4th December St John Damascus	9.30am 10.00am	Exposition Mass	November Dead List
Friday 5th December	11.30am	Funeral for Shirley Ecob RIP at Crewe Crematorium	
Saturday 6th December St Nicholas	5.00pm	Vigil Mass-The First Sunday of Advent	Jim and Gwen Muskin RIP
Sunday 7th December	9.30am	Mass-The First Sunday of Advent	Sheila Davenport (sick) Friends of the SVP

Funeral Service for Shirley Ecob RIP
on Friday 5th December at 11.30am at Crewe Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of Shirley's soul and keep her family and friends in your prayers.



St Anne's School Choir will be holding a Carol Service here in the Church. Everyone is welcome

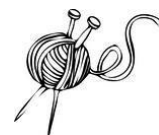
Tuesday 2nd December
1.30 - 2.30

St Anne's Christmas party hour
6pm to 7pm on 13th December
following the Saturday Vigil Mass
said by Fr Mike.

We will have Christmas music and hymns. A simple thanks to God for a share of a great year. Any one who could volunteer time to help with drinks and refreshments would be gratefully accepted or of course donations of drinks or party food. Please come to Patsy if you can volunteer any help.

Everyone is most welcome to share the annual hour of celebration.

Hand-made knitted Christmas decorations will be on sale at



church after Mass, cash only please.

Sunday 30th November

All proceeds will be going to two local charities, St Anne's school



OFFERTORY

Last week's Envelope & Loose Plate - £355.87

Card Payments -£120

Bank transfer in Oct - £2038

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 use the link. Many thanks. <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** so we can count them by 2025 year end

The SVP gratefully acknowledges the receipt of several generous donations. Thank you.

St Anne's Primary School

If you have children or grandchildren or friends of pre-school age then please pick up a prospectus for the school at the church entrance.

Pope's Prayer Intention In November we pray with Pope Leo that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts will find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Altar Server Training

Children who have made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to join us for the training on Wednesdays 4.30-5.00 pm in church.

Preparations for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in Yr 3, and above, will commence in January.

Parents and carers of children, who do not attend St Anne's School, who wish to enrol their children should contact a member of the clergy and attend the first Mass and session on Sunday 11th Jan bringing a copy of the child's Baptism certificate.

Leaflets and dates are also available at the back of church.

For further information please contact: Letitia@selby.tv

The Parish Dinner organised by the SVP will take place on **Tuesday, 13 Jan 2026**, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at Richmond Village, London Road. Cost is £17 per person payable on the night

Open to all who would like to come. Please leave your details on the list at the church entrance



Advent 2025 Bible Studies

WEEKLY STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Starts Wed 26th November, 2025

4 Wednesdays | 7pm-8pm (UK time)

26 Nov

3 Dec

10 Dec

17 Dec

FREE

COURSE

LIVE

STREAMED

Breaking open each Advent Sunday Gospel before attending Sunday Mass. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way!

Join Catholic speaker **Mauro Iannicelli** for live-streamed talks with engaging interaction



COME & SEE
CATHOLIC COUNSELLORS

Register Today: comeandsee.org/advent25

Or register using the QR code:



Confirmation programme 2026 The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Annes 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

Prepare your heart for Christmas with **Advent Through The Word 2025!**

This Christmas season, we're inviting you to join Through the Word's *first-ever* Advent series! A 26-day journey to rediscover the story of Jesus and the anticipation of His return.

<https://throughtheword.org/advent/?ref=header-banner>

LIFE IS HARD ON THE STREET AS TEMPERATURES DROP - SVP APPEAL for your help for both the homeless refugees which are increasing every week and local people who are made homeless at this desperate time. We are working with Hope Church (Crewe) and LATH (Looking After The Homeless) We need clean, ready to wear men's winter coats, fleeces, sweatshirts, T-shirts, tracksuit bottoms, jeans, socks, new underwear and footwear (especially trainers). There is a box for donations in the porch.

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.



An Advent Pastoral Letter

On 175th Anniversary of Shrewsbury Diocese

To be read at all Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, 30th November 2025

My dear brothers and sisters,

I write as this Jubilee Year draws to its close and our Shrewsbury Diocese celebrates 175 years since its founding. The Jubilee of 2025 has been dedicated to hope. Christian hope is never a vague expectation that things might work out, rather it is knowing on what, or rather on who we can truly depend. The Jubilee Year has celebrated that Christ is our hope. A hope renewed every day when we raise our minds and hearts in prayer; every time we confess our sins and are ready to start anew; and each Sunday when we come together with all the Church to offer, adore and receive the Holy Eucharist.

Advent renews this hope each year inviting every generation *“to wake from sleep”* because in Saint Paul’s words, *“salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed”ⁱ*. The Gospel declares this hope fulfilled in Christ’s coming: the Eternal Son of God born at Bethlehem, coming now to us in grace, supremely in His Eucharist, the very source of grace, and at last in great power and glory *“at an hour (we) do not expect”ⁱⁱ*.

In this same hope a 39-year-old Bishop James Brown, and the founding generation of the Diocese dared to look forwards. In a threatening atmosphere of anti-Catholic feeling, our first bishop had to be hurriedly consecrated. His new mission was already sufficiently daunting in serving a vast territory, then including North Wales, with only 26 diocesan priests. The faithful barely numbered 20,000 and suffered from what Bishop Brown described as *“a want of means”*, that is a lack of every human resource. This led our first Bishop to lament Sunday Mass was still being celebrated of necessity in taverns, stables and above blacksmith’s shops.

By any human calculation the prospects of this new Diocese were poor indeed. Yet, within a generation, Bishop Brown was able to record the Mass was within everyone’s reach and there was barely a new mission that did not have a school to help parents pass on the Catholic faith to their children. This was a vast achievement in so few years, which testifies to the faith and sacrifices of the first

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generation of our Diocese. The celebration of this 175th anniversary, invites us to give thanks for all who were part of a heroic story and to re-dedicate ourselves in making every sacrifice to place the Mass at the centre our lives, to treasure Christ's abiding presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to pass on the fulness of the faith we have received.

The hope in which this Diocese was born, was well expressed by Saint John Henry Newman as being the "*Second Spring*" of the Catholic Church in our land. Addressing the newly appointed bishops he declared, "*One thing I know that according to our need, so will be our strength.*" Newman specifically referred to this Diocese, prophesying that Shrewsbury, "*If the world lasts, shall be name as musical to the ear, as stirring to the heart as the glories we have lost; and Saints shall arise ...*" ⁱⁱⁱ.

As we celebrate this anniversary year, we are encouraged in the same supernatural hope to which John Henry Newman pointed us. It is the hope celebrated in the joy of Christ's first coming in the poverty of Bethlehem; His coming now in His Word and Sacraments, supremely in His Eucharist; and in joyful expectation of His final coming in glory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* declares that "*Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she remembers this promise and turns her gaze "to Him who is to come"*"^{iv}. Insofar as we keep our gaze fixed on the same Jesus, "*who comes even now in His Eucharist and ... is here in our midst*"^v, we will continue to build the life and witness of Shrewsbury Diocese for all generations to come.

United with you in this hope of Advent,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

ⁱ Rom. 13: 11

ⁱⁱ Mt. 24: 44

ⁱⁱⁱ The Second Spring preached at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, 13th July 1852

^{iv} Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1403

^v CCC No. 1404



Christmas and New Year Masses

At St Annes, Nantwich 2025

Sunday 21st December	4th Sun of Advent	9.30am
Tuesday 23rd December	Mass	10.00am
Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Eve	5.00pm 9.00pm
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day	9.30am
Saturday 27th December	Vigil Holy Family	5.00pm
Sunday 28th December	Holy Family	9.30am
Tuesday 30th December	Mass	10.00am
Thursday 1st January	New Year's Day	10.00am
Saturday 3rd January	Vigil Epiphany	5.00pm
Sunday 4th January	Epiphany	9.30am



Caritas at Christmas Appeal

Thank you for your generosity. Every penny you give goes directly to help those most in need within our Diocese, providing crisis food vouchers, practical support, and the reassurance of care and compassion when it matters most.

You can donate online at:

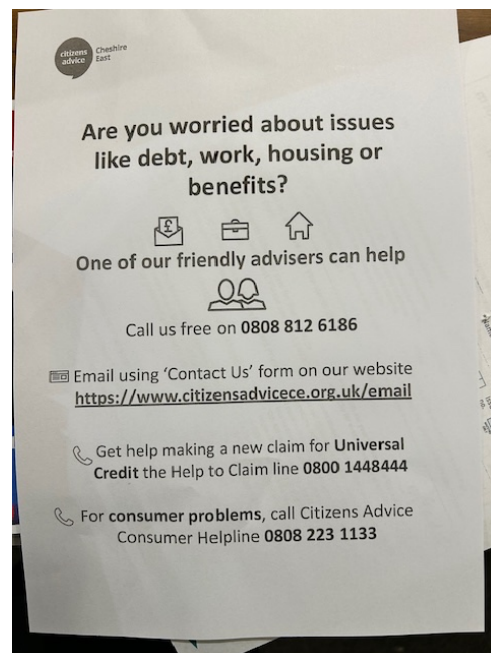
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**VACANCY: FOUNDATION GOVERNOR**

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Dane Bank Avenue, Crewe, CW2 8AD



St. Mary's Catholic Primary school in Crewe invites applications for a Foundation Governor position. As a Catholic member of our governing body, you'll contribute to the strategic direction of the school, ensuring its Catholic ethos thrives.

What is a Foundation Governor?

A Foundation Governor is a key member of our governing body who supports the school in upholding its Catholic ethos and values, ensuring that St. Mary's delivers an outstanding education to all pupils. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese and play a crucial role in guiding the school's strategic direction, promoting the Catholic mission, and ensuring the welfare and success of our children.

What we are looking for:

- A passion for supporting children's education and wellbeing.
- A desire to work closely with school leaders to support the Catholic ethos of the school.
- An ability to work collaboratively within a team of governors.
- Previous experience in education, business, or community work is desirable but not essential.
- A commitment to attending governing body meetings and engaging with the school community.

What's involved:

- Attending regular governing body meetings.
- Providing strategic support to the school leadership team.
- Upholding and promoting the Catholic values that guide the school.
- Ensuring the school is financially sound and meeting educational standards.

This is an excellent opportunity to be part of a supportive, dynamic team and to make a real difference in the lives of the children at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.

How to Apply: For more details about the role and to access the application form, please contact our Governor Clerk, **Helen Parkinson-Sykes**, at Helen.Parkinson-Sykes@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Join us in shaping the future of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, where every child can flourish academically and spiritually.