

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 6th December St Nicholas	5.00pm	Vigil Mass-The Second Sunday of Advent	Jim and Gwen Muskin RIP June Dulson RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday 7th December	9.30am	Vigil Mass-The Second Sunday of Advent	Sheila Davenport (sick) Friends of the SVP Pat Connors RIP Recently Deceased
Monday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday 9th December St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin	9.30am 10.00am	Exposition Mass	Maureen Lord RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday 10th December Our Lady of Loreto		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday 11th December St Damascus	9.30am 10.00am	Exposition Mass	Special Intention
Friday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday 13th December St Lucy	5.00pm 6.00pm	Vigil Mass-The Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Party Hour	William Banham & John Langston RIP Anniversaries Colette Ryan RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday 14th December	9.30am	Mass-The Third Sunday of Advent	Kathleen Adcock RIP Recently Deceased

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.

Requiem Mass for Pat Connors RIP on Monday 22 December 10.45am at St Annes. Please pray for repose of Pat's soul and keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Bambinelli Sunday - 14th Dec 09.30 Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent

The beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by St Pope John Paul II. The tradition follows that on the 3rd Sunday of Advent children & adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peters Square where they are blessed by the Pope. This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our 9.30am Mass on Sunday, December 14th. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed. Families can even make their own "bambinelli" if they want.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.



OFFERTORY

Last week's Envelope & Loose Plate - £432.87

Card Payments -£130

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 December, let us pray with Pope Leo for Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, to be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. <https://youtu.be/muFKCdDeBxQ>

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

Marys Meals You can help us feed more hungry children this Christmas by giving one of our charity gifts to your loved ones. Whether you're looking for something different for a Secret Santa gift, or a special gift for your nearest and dearest, we've got you covered! <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/news/give-a-gift-of-hope-at-christmas>

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.

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

Local Missionary Area 9 Penitential Service at St Mary's Crewe Tuesday 16th December at 7.00pm for anyone wishing to attend confession.

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.



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
Wednesday 26th December	St Stephen	7.00pm at
St Mary's Crewe		
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:

www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

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Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury

Wheatland Lane, Wallasey,

Wirral, CH44 7ED

Tel: 0151 652 1281

Email:

Ed's charity trip is in the local news!



<https://thenantwichnews.co.uk/2025/12/01/nantwich-man-completes-solo-11000km-cycle-ride-to-china-for-charity/>



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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.