

# 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>

## 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

Saturday St Maria Goretti	6	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving Intention for Deacon Peter on the 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination Brigid Smith Thanksgiving for 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Sunday	7	9.30am	Mass Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joe Woods RIP Recently Deceased Steve Gresty RIP Recently Deceased Gillian Mitchell RIP Recently Deceased Intention of Margaret Ferguson for support, comfort and peace.
Monday	8		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	9	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Joan Barnish RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday	10		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday St Benedict	11	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Teresa Kerr RIP Anniversary
Friday	12		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday St Henry Sea Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	13	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving Intention for Alan & Chin Brown for their 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthdays and their 56 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
Sunday Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers Sea Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	14	9.30am	Mass Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gillian Mitchell RIP Recently Deceased Teresa Kerr RIP Anniversary John Connors RIP Anniversary

**Funeral Service** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm for Joan Barnish RIP. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Joan's family and friends in your prayers.

**Sea Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. It is when the Church prays for those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend or using the card machine at the back of church. Alternatively, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or by texting 'SEA to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Thank you.

**NANTWICH SHOW on 31<sup>st</sup> July** Churches Together in Nantwich are once again supporting the Nantwich show with its stand at the show, staffing baby changing and litter picking. If you would like to volunteer for a two hour slot to staff the CTiN stand singing hymns and joining in prayers, litter picking or staffing baby changing please see Deacon John after Mass. Free tickets for the day will be provided for volunteers.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Are you or do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or do you want to learn more about the Catholic Church? In September the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) begins starting with an introduction to the course. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Deacon John Penny: Tel 07973375422 or [Email johncpenny@gmail.com](mailto:johncpenny@gmail.com)

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**Parish Outing to Holywell and Llangollen.** On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September join us for a visit to the oldest continually visited pilgrimage site in Britain and a scenic drive through the North Wales countryside with lunch provided by the Brigettine Sisters. Leaving at 10:30am and home by 5pm. Supported by a generous benefactor reducing the cost to only £10. More details to follow.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Ann Alexander is going on pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26 July. If anyone would like Ann to take petitions, can you please pass them to her or to any member of the clergy. Written petitions only!**

'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 July to 1 August. We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us this year. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality** – next meeting is at St Mary's Caritas Centre, Delamere St, CW1 2JX on Sat 13 July at 3pm. Register your attendance [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) After the meeting members are invited to attend the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church, to join in prayer for the success of the forthcoming Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Pope's July Prayer Intention** We pray with Pope Francis that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. <https://youtu.be/BpFhfgjldcU>

**A National Eucharistic Congress will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Invitation of the Bishops of England and Wales.** The Congress and pilgrimage will take place at St. Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham, with the purpose of renewing and deepening devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. Oscott was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation. The Congress will be on a much smaller scale than the last Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool and the Diocese of Shrewsbury has been allocated 44 representatives. Any parishioners who wish to attend the Congress, the Bishop's Office will need to know by Wednesday 24 July. A small number of tickets can be allocated, hopefully at request and if necessary, by ballot. Please let us know if you wish to go. Posters are at the back of the church

**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 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 At Wistaston Hall Oblate Retreat and Spirituality Centre Suggested Donation £195 Book online at [orc-crewe.org](http://orc-crewe.org) or by phone 01270 568653



Last week's

Envelope & Loose Plate = £522.05

Offertory received by Bank transfer in May = £2263

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 **Red Boxes/ Missio or the SVP and also Sea Sunday**

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>

**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.

**Public Speaking in Church. Join our online training, learn tips and build your confidence**

CAFOD is offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. It'll be inviting, relaxed and fun! [Register here](#) to receive the link. Date and time: Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm.

**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 Summer 2024 Impact Report [https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/MISSIO\\_MTIR24\\_Singles\\_LR.pdf](https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/MISSIO_MTIR24_Singles_LR.pdf)

**Missio Training Future Priests** The Holy Father has asked the worldwide Missio network to support mission dioceses in training the future leaders of the Church. If you wish to sponsor a Seminarian please find the information at the back of the church

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](http://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](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish)  
PREGO: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

**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](http://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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 7 July • Psalter Week 2



In today's Gospel, Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth with his new family of disciples.

Much has happened since his last visit. He has shown his authority over demons, illness and death. Many have come to faith in him, especially in Capernaum, where he now lives. But, as we saw some Sundays ago, it was in Nazareth that members of his own blood family had declared he was insane and tried to stop his mission. Has anything changed? Will they and the other Nazarenes now believe in him?

As is his practice, Jesus goes to the synagogue to preach. But the locals aren't impressed. They ask pointed questions. They want to know the source of his words and deeds.

Jesus' townspeople are limited by their own narrow experience and fixed ideas. They know his family and where he came from and simply cannot believe there is anything significant about him. They describe him using the Greek word *téktôn*, which is traditionally translated as "carpenter." The word means a craftsman who works with wood or metal. Such craftsmen would have produced doors, window frames and other wooden or metallic objects. Jesus and his family would probably not have been poor, but still would have been regarded as socially inferior to the educated class of religious leaders. Simply put, the locals think Jesus is getting above his station and that there is really nothing to him. He is no different to themselves. They think that in trying to move beyond his social standing he is bringing dishonour to his family, and so they take offence at him.

Jesus' reply about a prophet not having honour in his home place may well be a proverb which Mark, Matthew and Luke have re-worked for their own use. Mark's version is very pointed. Jesus is not only rejected by his home town, but also by his natural family and relatives. In this way, Mark reminds us of the way Jesus' own family had already treated him and of his need to create a new family of disciples.

The result is that Jesus isn't able to work any significant miracle in Nazareth. His miracles require faith and this is lacking in the place where he grew up. The overall effect on Jesus is that he is "amazed" at the Nazarenes' lack of faith. "Amazement" is often people's faith response to Jesus' miracles. Now Jesus is "amazed" at the unbelief of his own townspeople. ■

## DO

Make a conscious effort to be more aware of God's power at work in those around you at home and in the workplace.

## PRAY

Pray for the courage to witness to the Good News without fear as Jesus did.

## SAY

"Lord, help me always to speak your truth with love. Amen."

## LEARN

To be a prophet is to witness to the Gospel no matter the cost.

We must never rush to judge, reject or dismiss.

The Christian is always tuned into the signs of the times.



## REFLECT

According to the old proverb, familiarity breeds contempt. In other words, extensive knowledge of or close association with someone or something leads to a loss of respect for them or it. It is what Jesus experienced in today's Gospel. His own townspeople weren't interested in listening to him. After all, he was the local carpenter's son. They knew all his family and knew there was nothing special about him.

Andrei Sakharov also experienced rejection. Sakharov was a brilliant Russian scientist who helped develop the Soviet Union's nuclear programme. The Communist authorities showered him with honours for his achievements, but when he began to speak out against the bomb and against the state's heavy hand, his colleagues turned against him. They wouldn't listen to him. He was shunned. The authorities stripped him

of his honours and sent him and his equally courageous wife Yelena into internal exile in the remote city of Gorky, where he could contact no one. Sakharov was punished severely for speaking the truth. But he didn't back down and he was vindicated in the end.

There are prophets all over the world who are applauded internationally for what they have to say but who are not acknowledged or lauded at home. Think of the Pakistani activist, Malala Yousafzai, who as a schoolgirl campaigner for female education became the youngest ever Nobel Prize laureate. She was shot by the Taliban in 2012 because they didn't like what she had to say. Her own people refused to listen to her.

When we close our minds to hearing something that might be new and challenging simply because of who says

it, we are not allowing for the possibility of growth.

It happens in all walks of life. Young people will listen to the wisdom of their friends' parents but not their own parents. Older people are reluctant to hear what the young have to say because they have no experience and the old know better. The new person in the office isn't listened to because she has not been around long enough to know what makes the place tick.

Today's Gospel is a warning against falling into that trap. God may be working through the person right beside us who is all too well known to us. We must never allow arrogance or familiarity or misogyny to cloud our judgement or close our ears to the prophetic voice or to the uncomfortable truth. ■

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**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**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son  
have raised up a fallen world,  
fill your faithful with holy joy,  
for on those you have rescued from slavery to  
sin  
you bestow eternal gladness.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Ezekiel 2:2-8*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.  
The spirit came into me and made me stand up,  
and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said,  
"Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,  
to the rebels who have turned against me. Till  
now they and their ancestors have been in  
revolt against me. The sons are defiant and  
obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say,  
"The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not,  
this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet  
among them."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

*Psalms 122 (123)*

Response:

**Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his  
mercy.**

1 To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens;  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. (R.)

2 Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy. (R.)

3 Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

**SECOND READING** *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these  
revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I  
was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan  
to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!  
About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord  
three times for it to leave me, but he has said,  
"My grace is enough for you: my power is at its  
best in weakness." So I shall be very happy to  
make my weaknesses my special boast so that  
the power of Christ may stay over me, and that  
is why I am quite content with my weaknesses,  
and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and  
the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it  
is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh  
and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him he gave power to  
become children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:1-6*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples  
accompanied him. With the coming of the  
sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue  
and most of them were astonished when they  
heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all  
this? What is this wisdom that has been granted  
him, and these miracles that are worked  
through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the  
son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset  
and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they  
not here with us?" And they would not accept  
him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only  
despised in his own country among his own  
relations and in his own house"; and he could  
work no miracle there, though he cured a few  
sick people by laying his hands on them. He was  
amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(all bow during the next three lines)*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation dedicated to your name  
purify us, O Lord,  
and day by day bring our conduct  
closer to the life of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that, having been replenished by such great  
gifts,  
we may gain the prize of salvation  
and never cease to praise you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

In this hour of farewell, or, better, of leave-  
taking, I repeat once more that what matters  
most in this life is: our blessed Jesus Christ,  
his holy Church, his Gospel, and in the Gospel  
above all else the Our Father according to the  
mind and heart of Jesus, and the truth and  
goodness of his Gospel, goodness which must  
be meek and kind, hardworking and patient,  
unconquerable and victorious.

*(St John XXIII: Spiritual Testament)*



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