

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>

9th JUNE 2024 TENTH 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

Saturday The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8	10.00am 5.00pm	Sacrament of First Holy Communion Mass in Church Vigil Mass Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jill Washington RIP Angela Alderman Thanksgiving for 90 th Birthday
Sunday	9	9.30am	Mass Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intention for Steve Gresty (sick) and his wife Kate Jim Tanser RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	10		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday St Barnabus	11	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Service of the Word and Communion	
Wednesday	12		No Mass or Service Today	
Thursday St Anthony of Padua	13	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession Mass	Isabel Cantos Mareno (sick)
Friday	14		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday	15	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Followed by Cake Sale	The Parish
Sunday Special Day of Prayer for Life 2 nd Collection	16	9.30am	Mass Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Followed by Cake Sale	Joan McGrath RIP



There will be a bake sale after Saturday and Sunday mass on the weekend of the 15/16th June. This will be to raise money in support of the young people of the parishes of Nantwich, Crewe and Alsager who will be volunteering with the Diocese at Lourdes this Summer. All contributions welcome on the day (both money and cakes).

Pope's June Prayer Intention In June, we pray with Pope Francis for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries. <https://youtu.be/-kr6QfCqvbg>

St Thomas More Year 10 Mission Leadership Team are hosting International Evening on Tuesday June 11th. The evening begins at 5pm and will be a celebration of cultures from around the world with food and entertainment. Feel free to come along at your leisure with family and friends, between 5-7pm. Food tokens are 50p each and it is free to come in. All proceeds will go to the CAFOD Sudan appeal. We would love to welcome you into our school.

First Holy Communion cards are available on the Piety stand.

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Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28.10 - 1.11.24 Crewe Parish are organising a Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Cost £458 per person including half board, ensuite accommodation and travel. The week includes a trip to Norwich on the Thursday. A deposit of 25% will be required to confirm your booking. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Helena in the office on 01270 212533 Tuesday to Friday 9am until 2pm, for further information and proposed itinerary.

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.

Called to the Priesthood – Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information see our website at shrewsburyvocations.org If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For more resources, see the National Office for Vocation at www.ukvocation.org and www.ukpriest.org

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



Loose Plate = £488.11

Offertory received by Bank transfer in April = £3400
Thank you

Last week's Envelope &



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**

Alternatively, please scan QR code to take you to our donation web page or use the link. Many thanks.
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-annentwiche>

GENERAL ELECTION 2024
Helping Catholics engage with the **General Election** to make their voices heard on **Thursday, 4 July**.

Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Catholics. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest.

Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below to visit our website for resources that provide information and guidance on key issues of importance to help inform how we vote.

SCAN ME

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BQ

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 16 June. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.* A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. *Day for Life* is marked on the same day by the three Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. We hope that parishes will be able to prepare to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life using the resources at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> Special collection next week.

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: 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/>



A Statement on the General Election of 2024

By Rt. Rev. Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury

An election is a moment of a choice. On 4th July, we are asked to choose a candidate to represent us in Parliament. In this choice, Catholics' viewpoints always informed by the faith we share. We acknowledge that of addressing the challenges of our time. The Bishops and resources on issues of public policy which can be found on the national website. However, there are some choices which our elected representatives will be called upon to make which touch upon the moral foundations of our society.

I write to draw your attention to one of these choices in 2024 which involves euthanasia: the medical killing of the sick and aged which is sometimes called assisting their suicide or even assisted dying, though it is not helping the dying in the way our Christian inheritance has taught. At least one party leader has indicated that he will proactively make parliamentary time available for a change in the law to be considered that will remove many of the legal safeguards which have long protected some of the most vulnerable members of our society. Amid the many questions of policy being considered in the weeks ahead, this must surely be a central issue.

The sanctity of human life transcends party politics because it impacts upon the moral foundations of our life together. Opening the doors to euthanasia would change the medical and nursing professions in their relationship to the sick and the aged; distort the way the sick and the elderly are viewed in society when it is less costly to kill rather than to care; put intolerable pressures on the sick and the aged who are made to feel a burden; and advance a culture of death which has extended to more and more people in countries where euthanasia has been adopted, even extending to the mentally ill and to children. In a letter to the faithful on the Island Guernsey where the threat of euthanasia arose, Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth (well- known to many in the Diocese) stated "Your Life and Your Well-being are Under Threat" (*letter attached*).

In making your choice on 4th July I would ask you to raise this question with the candidates who seek your support. If candidates are not easily contactable, then the *Right to Life* website may help: righttolife.org.uk May our choice be made in the light of the sanctity of human life.

5th June 2024

Enc: Bishop Philip Egan letter to the clergy, religious and faithful of the Parish of Guernsey - 8th April 2024 (pdf)

Sunday Message

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE WORD

Year B • 2 June 2024 • Psalter Week 1



LOST,
ALL LOST IN
WONDER

MARK 14:12-16.22-26

Today's feast doesn't commemorate any particular event in Jesus' life, but is a celebration of his gift of the Eucharist. The traditional day for this feast is the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

The reason Thursday is chosen is because Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on the Thursday before he died when he gifted his disciples with the Eucharist during the Passover meal. Many local churches have moved the celebration to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The churches in the UK and Ireland follow this practice.

In today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus about his plans to celebrate the Passover meal. Jesus sends two of them into the city and tells them what they are to do. Normally, the Passover meal would be celebrated by a Jewish family. However, Jesus is not going to celebrate this meal with his blood relatives but with his "new family" of disciples. When the disciples go into the city, everything happens as Jesus foretold and they make the preparations.

Later that evening, during the meal, Jesus speaks words about his death over the bread and wine. Following the Jewish custom at Passover, Jesus blesses God for the gift of food and then breaks the bread and gives a piece to all present with the words, "Take it, this is my body." The broken bread he shares with the disciples is his body broken in death for others. Those who eat this bread are now connected to him in the most profound way.

He does the same with the cup and adds, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." The Jews understood that the covenant made between God and Israel at Mount Sinai had been sealed in animals' blood. Blood symbolised life and since the Sinai covenant was sealed in blood, it meant that Israel then shared in God's very own life. Jesus now offers us an eternal, life-giving New Covenant, sealed in his very own blood. ■

SAY

"Lord, I thank you for the gift of the Eucharist. Help me to treasure it always. Amen."

PRAY

Pray that you will never lose your sense of awe and wonder at what takes place in the Eucharist.

LEARN

The Body of Christ is our soul-nourishing food, the bread that gives us life.

Vatican II teaches that the Eucharist is the source and the summit of the life of the Church.

The Eucharist leads us from church to world to serve others.

DO

Think about how you respond to the gift of the Eucharist. Does it amaze you, enrapture you, fill you with awe?



REFLECT

It's easy to lose our sense of wonder, to live in a world of the mundane. Every day I follow the same route on my early morning walk. I know the terrain like the back of my hand, and so don't pay much attention to what's going on around me as I listen to a book on Audible. My route takes me past Limerick's famous King John's castle. One morning last year saw a glorious red sky as the sun rose majestically behind the castle. I didn't pay it much attention. It was just another sunrise, until a man standing behind a tripod commanded me to stop. He had been taking photographs of the castle framed against the crimson sky. "Stop, stop, you gotta stop and look at this," he said, pointing towards the castle. "It's gorgeous; you need to take it in." And I did. I took out my AirPods and stood with him for several minutes gazing at the awesome sight before our eyes. And I expressed my gratitude to

him for forcing me to stop and look and marvel. My morning walk had become so routine, so quotidian, that I didn't appreciate what was going on around me. I try not to make that mistake now.

Repetition dulls excitement. Doing more or less the same thing every day, we can fall into a rut and lose our capacity for awe, for wonder.

It's the same when it comes to the Eucharist. If we go to Mass regularly, we know what to expect. The readings will differ each time, and hopefully the homily will be original and engaging, but otherwise there is a sameness to the celebration: the same consecration, the same holy communion, the same words, the same gestures. It becomes so routine, so predictable, that we can lose our sense of awe, of wonder, at what is taking place. We fail to marvel at the

miracle unfolding among us, the gift of the body and blood of Christ given to us out of love.

In one sense, today's feast may seem superfluous. After all, every Eucharist is a feast of the body and blood of Christ. What we celebrate today, we celebrate every time we come to Mass. But precisely because we are so used to it, occasionally we need a little jolt, a nudge, as I was given on my morning walk, to remind us to look more closely at what is happening, to stop and appreciate more fully what it is we are celebrating, to be amazed at the event unfolding, awestruck at the gift we are receiving. As you receive the Lord in holy communion today, let this feast be a reminder to you to be, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, "lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art." ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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 this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to reverse the sacred mysteries of your Body
and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
with the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses went and told the people all the
commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In
answer, all the people said with one voice, "We
will observe all the commands that the Lord has
decreed." Moses put all the commands of the
Lord into writing, and early next morning he built
an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve
standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel.
Then he directed certain young Israelites to
offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the
Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood
Moses took up and put into basins, the other
half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of
the Covenant he read it to the listening people,
and they said, "We will observe all that the Lord
has decreed; we will obey." Then Moses took the
blood and cast it towards the people. This, he
said, "is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord
has made with you, containing all these rules."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 115 (116):12-13, 15-18

Response:

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on
the Lord's name.

- 1 How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- 2 O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)

- 3 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
Now Christ has come, as the high priest of
all the blessings which were to come. He has
passed through the greater, the more perfect
tent, which is better than one made by men's
hands because it is not of this created order; and
he has entered the sanctuary once and for all,
taking with him not the blood of goats and bull
calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal
redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls
and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those
who have incurred defilement and they restore
the holiness of their outward lives; how much
more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered
himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through
the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from
dead actions so that we do our service to the
living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator,
only so that the people who were called to an
eternal inheritance may actually receive what
was promised: his death took place to cancel
the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
for pilgrims in their banishment,
the bread for God's true children meant,
that may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
in Isaac on the altar bowed,
and in the ancient paschal food,
and in the manna sent from heaven.
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
so may we see thy glories shine
in fields of immortality.
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
our present food, our future rest,
come, make us each thy chosen guest,
co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
with saints whose dwelling is with thee.
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which
has come down from heaven, says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when
the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples
said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to go
and make the preparations for you to eat the
passover?" So he sent two of his disciples,
saying to them, "Go into the city and you will
meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow
him, and say to the owner of the house which
he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining
room in which I can eat the passover with my
disciples?' He will show you a large upper room
furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the
preparations for us there." The disciples set out
and went to the city and found everything as he
had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread,
and when he had said the blessing he broke

it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said "this
is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he
had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all
drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my
blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be
poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall
not drink any more wine until the day I drink the
new wine in the kingdom of God."

After psalms had been sung they left for the
Mount of Olives.

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

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace,
whose signs are to be seen in mystery
in the offerings we here present.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity
in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and
Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.



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