

ST. ANNE'S, NANTWICH NEWSLETTER

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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 21st March	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday of Lent	Hoh Kuen RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday 22nd March	9.30am	Mass - Fifth Sunday of Lent	Gerard Coburn RIP Anniversary
Monday 23rd March St Toribio of Mogrovejo		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday 24th March	9.30am 10.00am 10.40am	Exposition Mass Stations of the Cross	Deacon Peter - sick
Wednesday 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Annunciation of the Lord Confirmation Class	
Thursday 26th March	9.30am 10.00am 10.40am 7.00pm	Exposition Mass Stations of the Cross Lenten Talk St Gabriel's Alsager	The Parish Fr. Michael Morton and Fr Nick Kern: Pope Benedict XVI's Address to the UK Parliament.
Friday 27th March		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday 28th March Clocks go forward 1 hour tonight	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	The Sick of the Parish
Sunday 29th March	9.30am	Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	Mercia Davies RIP Anniversary

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

Christian Heritage and Catholic Culture
All talks begin at 7.00 pm

26th March: St Gabriel's, Alsager,
Fr. Michael Morton and Fr Nick Kern; 'Pope Benedict XVI's Address to the UK Parliament.'

Deacon John invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Stations of the Cross

Time: Mar 18, 2026 7:00pm and every Wednesday during Lent

Join Zoom Meeting

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With every good wish Deacon John



Last week's Envelopes & Loose Plate £458.69

Card Machine £150

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.myдона.com/st-anne-nantwich

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

Offertory Envelopes 2026-27

Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year are now available at the church entrance. They are in alphabetical order.

If you would like to join the scheme please take a blank box and fill in the card found in the box and then enclose it in the first Offertory envelope you hand in.

SVP CORNER

SVP Fortnightly meetings

Please note the meetings will be on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm until the end of March. Next meeting is on 18th March

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION MARCH 2026

In March, we pray for nations to move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and for world leaders to choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

St Anne's Safeguarding Officer is Philippe Blenkiron philippe.blenkiron@gmail.com 07492 063835

Churches Together in Nantwich



Good Friday United Service 2026

Nantwich Town Square Friday 3rd April 2026 At 10:45am



Volunteer readers are invited from each of our Churches.

Please speak to Deacon John if you would like to read in part the United Service.



Easter Triduum

2nd - 5th April 2026

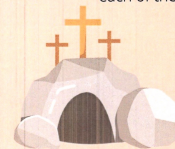
Donation; Residential £290 Non-Residential £ 150

This is an opportunity for you to discover the Sacred 'Three Days' (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday)

leading up to Easter Sunday Morning

This retreat begins at 6pm on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Last Supper and finishes after breakfast on Easter Sunday morning.

The Retreat includes time for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to fully participate in each of the Holy Week services.



Led By Centre Team

Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Pilgrimage – YOUTH 2026

Date: 29th July – 7th August 2026

Cost: £740 (Bursary, match funding and support are available)

Age: 16 to 22 Closing Date for all applications – 31st March 2026

For our young people Lourdes offers a unique opportunity to grow in faith, service, and community. The shrine, associated with the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St Bernadette, welcomes pilgrims from around the world. Our young pilgrims volunteer to help the sick and elderly, taking part in a powerful tradition of compassion and care. Alongside this service, they experience prayer, reflection, and friendship with other young Catholics from across our Diocese, often returning home with a deeper sense of faith and a stronger commitment to serving others.

Our Lady called each one of us – now we have to answer the call.

Recruitment notice for St Thomas More Catholic High School, Crewe. Foundation Governor. Start Date: As soon as possible. The governors at St Thomas More are currently seeking a Foundation Governor. This faith led appointment for a practising Catholic, is required, to support the governing body in ensuring the school continues to its formation and spiritual growth along with academic success for the young people of Crewe and the surrounding areas. The role will involve governor meetings through the year. This may be up to 9 meetings, depending on which committee you sit on. Our structure requires everyone to attend the 6 Local Governing Board and Dignity of Education meetings throughout the year, and those with an interest in finance, will attend an extra 3 meetings. Meetings involve deciding on policies and school practice and to hold robust discussions to ensure the school growth is optimised. Please email recruitment@st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk if you are interested in the post, or if you simply want to find out more details. We are a friendly group who are invested in the highest standards for our Catholic high school.

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 commenced this week. Next class is at 6pm on Wednesday 18th March

Contact Mary Pettifor on 07581496061 or marypettifor@icloud.com

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You can read our full privacy notice at:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice. RC Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No.234025

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 Topic: Stations of the Cross
 Time: Mar 4, 2026 07:00 PM London
 Every week on Wednesday during Lent

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Mission Together Lenten Calendar 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
We will soon begin our Lenten journey to Easter. We pray that we may use this time to grow in faith, hope, and love.	17 Shrove Tuesday Why do we eat pancakes the day before Lent starts? *	18 Ash Wednesday Why are ash crosses traced on our forehead today? *	19 Why does Lent last forty days? *	20 With your class, reflect and pray with the 1st and 2nd Stations of the Cross. +	21 In Lent, we give things up to put God and others first. What could you give up today?	22 Find a quiet place and ask God to help you pray and share more this Lent.
23 Sunday's Gospel (Mt 4:1-11) told us how Jesus spent time in the desert. Is there a still place you can go to be with God?	22 Many years ago, Lent was a name for Spring. Capture both in Mission Together's Lent through a Lens photo challenge.*	25 Jesus showed us how to be silent and still. Spend a minute being both now.	26 Find out what the word sacrifice means and why we practice this in Lent.	27 With your class reflect and pray with the 3rd & 4th Stations of the Cross. +	28 Tell your family about the Stations of the Cross and why we pray them in Lent.	1 Find a quiet place and spend a little time talking to Jesus, our God and our friend.
2 Sunday's Gospel (Mt 17:1-9) told us how, on a mountain top, Jesus shone like the sun. Where can you see God's light?	3 The start of March marks the feast of St David. Find out why he is the patron of Wales.*	4 Hear God speak to you today through: *Loved ones *The Bible *Creation	5 In Lent, we listen to God and others more carefully. How can you listen well today?	6 With your class reflect and pray with the 5th & 6th Stations of the Cross. +	7 Tell a family member three things you have learnt about Lent this week.	8 Find a quiet place and pray the Our Father for all hungry children in the world.
9 Sunday's Gospel (Jn 4:5-42) spoke of the importance of welcome and dignity. How can you show respect to others?	10 Jesus taught us to respect and include everyone. Who can you invite to play today?	11 In Lent we give more time to help others. Look for ways to help today.	12 During Lent we share more of what we have. Why is sharing important?	13 With your class reflect and pray with the 7th & 8th Stations of the Cross. +	14 Tell a family member why we pray more in Lent. Teach them your favourite prayer.	15 Mothering Sunday Ask God to bless mums and grandmas today.
16 Sunday's Gospel (Jn 9:1-41) told us how Jesus healed a blind man. How can we help others to see their goodness today?	17 Today is the feast of St Patrick. Find out why he is the patron of Ireland.*	18 Write a Lent prayer. Include the words: mercy, pray, share, Jesus, God, Holy Spirit.	19 Today is the feast of St Joseph. Find out why he is the patron of workers.*	20 With your class reflect and pray with the 9th, 10th and 11th Stations of the Cross. +	21 Tell a family member about God's love and mercy and why it is important to trust in both.	22 Find a quiet place and ask God to help you be someone who says sorry and forgives.
23 Sunday's Gospel (Jn 11:1-45) told us how Jesus brought his friend back to life. How can we raise the spirit and hope of others?	24 In Lent we reflect on God's mercy. Why is it important to be sorry and to forgive?	25 Pray a Hail Mary for people who feel worried today. Ask Mary to pray with us for them.	26 We're coming closer to Holy Week. Why is it the most special week of the Church's year?	27 With your class reflect and pray with the 12th, 13th and 14th Stations of the Cross. +	28 Tomorrow is Palm Sunday. Tell a family member about the first Palm Sunday.	29 Palm Sunday Find a quiet place and thank God for sending Jesus to love and guide us.
30 Sunday's Gospel (Mt 21:1-11) told us how Jesus entered Jerusalem on a humble donkey. What kind of king does this?	31 Holy Week Today we recall Judas' bad choice. Ask God to help you make good choices this week.	1 Today Jesus and his disciples planned the Last Supper. Thank God for the food you'll eat today.	2 Maundy Thursday Why do Priests wash the feet of others at Mass tonight?	3 Good Friday Sit quietly, be still, and thank Jesus for loving us all so much.	4 Holy Saturday Today we wait as Jesus lies in the tomb. Say a prayer for those who are grieving today.	5 Easter Sunday

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:

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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:

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St Thomas More Catholic High School, Crewe
A Catholic Voluntary Academy



Foundation Governor

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**St Anne's Catholic Church
Holy Week and Easter Services 2026**

29 th March	Palm Sunday	9.30am	Mass
31 st March:	Tuesday	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.00am	Mass
EASTER TRIDIUM			
2 nd April	Maundy Thursday	5.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching until 6.30 pm. Night Prayer at 6.30 pm
3 rd April	Good Friday	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4 th April	Holy Saturday	5.00pm	Easter Vigil
5 th April	Easter Sunday	9.30am	Mass

What is the meaning of the Easter Triduum?

The Easter Triduum holds a special place in the liturgical year because it marks the culmination of the yearly celebration in proclaiming the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Latin word *triduum* refers to a period of three days and has long been used to describe various three-day observances that prepared for a feast day through liturgy, prayer, and fasting. But it is most often used to describe the three days prior to the great feast of Easter: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year state that the Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, "reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday."¹

Why is Easter on a different date each year?

Fixing the date on which the Resurrection of Jesus was to be observed and celebrated triggered a major controversy in early Christianity. The dispute was not definitively resolved until the 8th century. In Asia Minor, Christians observed the day of the Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated Passover—that is, on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring known in the Jewish calendar as 14 Nisan. The Resurrection was observed two days later, on 16 Nisan, regardless of the day of the week. (Nisan consists of 30 days and falls in March and April of the Gregorian Calendar which is the calendar used predominantly around the world.) In the West, the Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated on the first day of the week, Sunday, when Jesus had risen from the dead. Consequently, Easter was always celebrated on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the month of Nisan. Increasingly, the churches opted for the Sunday celebration, and the Quartodecimans ("14th day" proponents) remained a minority. The Council of Nicaea in 325 (from which came the Nicene Creed which we say after the gospel at mass) decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). Easter, therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.²

¹ The Easter Triduum: Entering into the Paschal Mystery Carl. E Holson

² <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday#toc231526>

Offertory Envelopes

Thank you for using Offertory Envelopes and for your generous support of the Parish – this is greatly appreciated. Alternatively if you would like to switch to a standing order form if you are not able to come to Church, please contact Teri Myers (Parish Secretary) at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com or 01270 625494

Collection Envelopes for 2026/2027

The new set of envelopes are ready for collection from the back of the Church.

*First Sunday in the new tax year will be Sunday **12th April 2026**.
Box numbers may have changed for this next year and are in alphabetical order*

If you would like to join the scheme please take an unmarked box and complete the slip enclosed to ensure that you continue to receive envelopes each year, or contact Teri. Also if you pay tax please take a Gift Aid form to enable us to claim a refund from the Government.

Attention all Gift Aid Donors

The tax year 2025/2026 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Teri know by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

Also, if you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have moved house in the last year, please could you either let Fr Tony know or contact Teri