



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH & ST ALBAN

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - ST JOSEPH & ST ALBAN

MINISTERING BY THE CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (SSS)

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Local Pastoral Area 21 - The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity: No. 234025

Sat	Jan 24	Vigil	STA	05.00pm	Helen & Tony Davies
Sun	Jan 25	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	STA	09.30am	Parish Family
		Sunday of The Word Of God	STJ	11.00am	Betty & Dave Ledder / Frank Sherlock
			STJ	05:30pm	Rosemary O'Kane
Mon	Jan 26	St Timothy & Titus	STJ	12 noon	Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Jan 27	St Angela Merici	STA	09.30am	Mrs Ennion
Wed	Jan 28	St Thomas Aquinas	STJ	12 noon	David Roach
Thur	Jan 29	Ferial	STA	12 noon	Gemma Cameron
Fri	Jan 30	Ferial	STA	12 noon	Nick Murray
Sat	Jan 31	St John Bosco	STJ	12 noon	Michael Gaskell
Sat	Jan 31	Vigil	STA	05.00pm	Rob Stevenson
Sun	Feb 01	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	STA	09.30am	River O'Connor
		Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice	STJ	11.00am	Anne Doby (RIP)
			STJ	05:30pm	Elzbieta Biel Ba Bcia RIP.

Monday 2nd February The Presentation of The Lord. Candles will be blessed before mass today. We will have a procession around church. Candles will be provided.

First Reading: From Prophet Isaiah. 9:1b-4.

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen great light

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ, ' is Christ divided? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia

Holy Gospel According to Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES	DAY	TIME	VENUE
Morning Prayer	Tuesday - Thursday	09.00am	STA
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	Weekdays	30 Minutes before Mass	As Mass
Rosary	Tuesday	10.00am	STA
Ecumenical Morning Prayer	Friday	09.30am	STA PARISH HALL
Divine Mercy Rosary	Friday	11.00am	STA
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Friday & Saturday	11.30 - 11.55 am	As Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Pauline Carew, Ellen Gratton, Albie MacKinnon, Pat Walker, Betti Corri, Mary Buckley, Clare Morris, Shirley Anderson, Janet Maher, Agnes Fitzgerald, Canon Phil Moor VG, Betty Durkin, Frances Long, Linda Keyes, Michael & Marilyn Molyneux, Margaret Casey, John McDavitt, Pauline McGovern, Teresa Tharratt, Bernadette Davies, Tony Clarke, Dot Kinealy, Kelly Woods, Lorna Cairney, Rose Duffy, Raymond Conlin, Frances Slater, Kath Kehoe, Katie Jenkins, Ann McWatt, Jennifer Carroll.

REST IN PEACE: Ethel Williams, John Slater, Joan Maher, Claire Nixon, Elizabeth Tobin, Michael Gaskell, Lorna Malgapo, Anthony Roberts

FINANCE

Gift Aid **£230.00p**, Non-Gift Aid **£42.76p**
Loose Plate **£459.24p**
Total **£732.30p**

Thank you for your continuous generosity
To Gift Aid or make your offertory or any donation
online, please take forms from the back of church
or contact the parish office for the **bank** details.
May God bless you!

ST JOEY'S LOTTO

This week's winning numbers

1 3 5 8 12 13

Congratulations to the jackpot winner £600
Jackpot for next week is **£100** in 18 numbers
Tickets are 50p and can be purchased after
Friday noon mass and at the weekend masses in
St Joseph's and St Alban's

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

CONFIRMATION 2026

Bishop Mark will be coming to Wallasey to celebrate **Confirmation on Friday 12th June**. There will be an information evening to introduce the preparation programme in Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish Church on **Wednesday 11th February**, 6.00-6.45, for any young people and parents in Year 8 or above who are interested in finding out more. If you have your Baptism certificate, please bring it with you. Thank you.



"Marriage Week 7th - 14th February 2026

Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. Jane Deegan the Director for Marriage and Family Life Vocation is seeking to build a team of volunteers to support this vital ministry in the Diocese. Two Retreat days have been run to date with another being arranged for April 2026. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity and/or would like to find out more please contact

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Resources for couples and parishes can be found on the Bishops Conference website

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

A link to these resources has also been created on the Shrewsbury Diocese website"

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Please give what you can to support all the priests who have dedicated their lives to serving our parish communities. The annual collection for the Priests Retirement Fund will be taken after all masses this 24th / 25th January.

SUNDAY TEAS ROTAS

St Albans We are in urgent need of help with the teas after the 9.30am Sunday mass. If you can help on **one** Sunday a month please add your name to the rota at the back of church or speak to Alana

**HEALING SERVICE and MASS
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

12noon on SATURDAY 7th February

Please join us for the blessing of the sick and midday mass, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the meeting room. We would like to enable our housebound friends to join us for this mass, If any of our Eucharistic Ministers could bring them to the church, please let us know as soon as possible.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

All are welcome to join the group for prayer and reflection in St Joseph's meeting room on the last Friday of each month.
Next meeting is 30th January at 7pm

Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Sales Ledger Clerk. 20 hours per week, term time only contract. Hourly rate £14.60.

Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service

Coordinator. 20 hours per week, term time only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60.CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch
recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

PARISH HALL GROUPS MEETING

Please note the new date for the meeting is Wednesday 28th January at 7pm.

Parking at St Joseph's Church / Parish Centre

The **Parking Eye** system has been installed and we will be notified when it will be going 'live'.

Parking will continue to be free for anyone who is attending church, the club or Caritas
Further information will be available before the system is operational.