

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	May 02	Vigil Fifth Sunday of Easter	STA 05.00pm	Bob Warwick
Sun	May 03	Fifth Sunday of Easter	STA 09.30am	Lee Gribbin-Bartlett
			STJ 11.00am	Ross Wilkie
			STJ 05.30pm	Our Parish Family
Mon	May 04	The English Martyrs	STJ 12 noon	For Souls in Purgatory
Tue	May 05	Ferial	STA 09.30am	Sue, Harry, Pat Smithies
Wed	May 06	Ferial	STJ 12 noon	Tony Clarke
Thur	May 07	Ferial	STA 12 noon	Service of Word and Communion
Fri	May 08	Ferial	STA 12 noon	Sarah Maher (RIP)
Sat	May 09	Ferial	STJ 12 noon	Service of Word and Communion
Sat	May 09	Vigil Sixth Sunday of Easter	STA 05.00pm	Elizbieth Maria Biel
Sun	May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter	STA 09.30am	Frances Long
			STJ 11.00am	Denis Torpey (RIP)
			STJ 05.30pm	Catherine Nelson

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7. *'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'*

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' and what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Response to the Psalm: 33 (32): 1-2. 4-5 18-19. R.22..

'May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.'

Second Reading: 1st Letter of Peter 2:4-9. *'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood..'*

Beloved: come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stand in scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation John 14:1-12. *'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'*

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:

Ruth Smerdon, Pauline Carew, Albie MacKinnon, Pat Walker, Betti Corri, Mary Buckley, Clare Morris, Shirley Anderson, Janet Maher, Agnes Fitzgerald, Canon Phil Moor VG, Betty Durkin, Linda Keyes, Michael & Marilyn Molyneux, Margaret Casey, John McDavitt, Pauline McGovern, Teresa Tharratt, Bernadette Davies, Tony Clarke, Kelly Woods, Rose Duffy, Raymond Conlin, Frances Slater, Kath Kehoe, Katie Jenkins, Shirley Anderton, Louisa Johnston, Emily Taylor, Steve Taylor, Kirsten Dudley, Rachel Wilson.

REST IN PEACE: Denis Torpey, Eleanor Donnelly, Gerard McGregor, James McGowan, Hilary Hall, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Valdomiro Sesto.

FINANCE

Gift Aid **£204,00p**, Non-Gift Aid £74.00p

Loose Plate **£453.31p**

Total £732.31p

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 numbers

2 5 6 7 12 17

Jackpot for next week is **£150** in 17 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!

Holidays

Fr Thambi will be away in India from 5th May to 19th June to attend the Provincial Chapter meeting followed by his annual holiday. Fr Praveen is also attending the Chapter meeting and will be home on 23rd May. Please pray for the election of the new Provincial.

Fr John Feeney will be celebrating the masses and Fr Phil Moor will be looking after the parish while both our priests are away. PLEASE read the newsletter carefully and note the times for masses and Eucharistic services.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Children of St Alban's School who celebrated their First Communion on **Saturday 2nd May**



Kindly pray for them and their families as they continue to grow in faith

****** OFFERTORY ENVELOPES *****

There are still a few boxes to be collected. Please check the names and if possible pass the box to the named person. Thank you.

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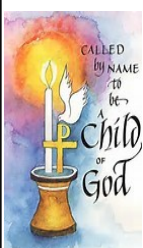
If you pay tax on your **salary or pension**, you can make every £1 you donate worth **£1.25** at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid forms are at the back of church, please pick up your form today and let us claim back the tax you've already paid on your donations!!

For more information please contact Angie Gilmore – 07816 671202

LPA Baptism Preparation Session

If you have a child who you would like to be baptized, the next session for Baptism preparation takes place on **Sunday 10th May** in St Alban's Parish Centre, St Alban's Road, Wallasey, from 2.00pm – 2.45pm.

All are welcome!



Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality are holding a day of reflection on Saturday 23rd May at Shrewsbury Cathedral Chapter House. The day will include reflections from Father Sean Henry and Dr Kieran Moriarty. There will also be Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All Hospitality members and their guests are welcome to attend.

Please confirm your attendance to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July-7 August and by air 31 July-6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk along with a link to the new online booking system.

Copies of the brochure with prices etc are available at the back of church.

Please note the booking forms are not available **All bookings must now be made online**

WIRRAL FOODBANK: Donations of tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding and tea. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. "Please continue to pray for the work of Wirral Foodbank as we come into contact with Wirral families who are really struggling at the moment. Changes in liability to pay Council Tax, increases in the cost of petrol for people to get to work and the general cost of living is having a big effect upon the lives of many local people." Thank you for your continued support.

OUR CHURCH GARDENS

The sunshine and rain have brought the gardens back to life and we really need your help to keep everything in good order! Please ring or text **Mike Maher** on 07594 535988 if you can help at St Albans and **Eleanor Allman** on 07808 302256 if you can help at St Joseph's.