



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	Sept 19 Vigil	STA	05.00pm	Jean Reynolds
Sun	Sept 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	STA	09.30am	Marilyn Nicholson
		STJ	11.00am	Theresa & Rachel Wilson
		STJ	05.30pm	Parish Family
Mon	Sept 21 Feast of St Matthew, Apostle	STJ	12 noon	Peter Trafford
Tue	Sept 22 Ferial	STA	09.30am	Anne & John Collins
Wed	Sept 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina	STJ	NO MASS - CLERGY TRAINING DAY	
Thur	Sept 24 Our Lady Of Walsingham	STA	12 noon	Ray Maher Requiem Mass RIP
Fri	Sept 25 Ferial	STA	12 noon	Catherine Nelson
Sat	Sept 26 Ferial	STJ	12 noon	Teresa Maffin
Sat	Sept 26 Vigil	STA	05.00pm	Parish Family
Sun	Sept 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	STA	09.30am	Ian McLeod & Family
	Prayers for the Harvest	STJ	11.00am	Margaret & Frank Neal
		STJ	05.30pm	Patsy Owens

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

"My thoughts are not your thoughts"

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near, let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Response to the Psalm: Ps 145 (144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R 18a

'The Lord is close to all who call him.'

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

'For to me to live is Christ.'

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to love in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mathew 20:1-16

'Do you begrudge my generosity?.'

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 IN NEED:

Mary Ross, Bernadette Ross, Ruth Smerdon, Pauline Carew, Albie MacKinnon, Betti Corri, Mary Buckley, Clare Morris, Shirley Anderson, Janet Maher, Agnes Fitzgerald, Betty Durkin, Linda Keyes, Michael & Marilyn Molyneux, Margaret Casey, John McDavitt, Pauline McGovern, Teresa Tharratt, Bernadette Davies, Kelly Woods, Rose Duffy, Frances Slater, Kath Kehoe, Katie Jenkins, Louisa Johnston, Emily Taylor, Steve Taylor, Rachel Wilson, Alan George, Pat Walker, Catherine Jones, Beryl Benson, Peter Trafford.

REST IN PEACE: Michael Thomas, Ray Maher, Margaret Roberts, Mary Harrison, Brenda Lloyd.

**PARKING EYE at ST JOSEPHS
KEYPADS will be installed this
week and system will be LIVE from
Tuesday 29th September
PLEASE
TAKE AN INFORMATION LEAFLET**

FINANCE

Gift Aid **£194.86**, Non-Gift Aid **£72.31**
Loose Plate **£393.31**
Total **£660.48**

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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Programme 2026/27**

The programme will be starting Wednesday **7th October** at 7-8.30pm in Parish hall and will continue through to Easter 2027 when candidates will be received into the church at the Vigil Mass.

Pet Service & Blessing
Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Saturday 3rd October
10.30am - 11am

St Albans's School Car Park

All well behaved pets and owners are welcome to join. We kindly ask all dogs are kept on a short lead. **Please be mindful of anxious animals.**



MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC CATECHISM

Our next session will be on **Tuesday 22nd September at 12.30pm** in St Albans Parish Centre for reflection and community. We hope the session helps to deepen our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to join us

Saturday 3rd October
Droms Across the Mersey
Tickets £15

**At mass or please message/ring
Eleanor 07808 302256 or Pat 07889 475852
proceeds to the Churches Restoration Fund**

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
**Mother needs you so please join with our
Rosary Group each day during October for**

Rosary – 11:30 am

Mass – 12 noon

**on 31 October we will celebrate
with a
special Marian Procession
followed by Mass
and a Marian Quiz Competition!**



MESSY CHURCH

Sunday 20th September
St Alban's Parish Hall



3pm - Activities include drawing, painting, arts, crafts and lots more.

4pm - Gathering in Church for a short Liturgy.

4.10pm - 4.30pm return to parish hall for sharing food.

All children, Mums, Dads, Grannies, Granddads and Carers are very welcome.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT!**

A Huge Thank You

To everyone who supported the Quiz night in aid of SVP funds. Thanks to your generosity we raised an amazing £451 which will support vulnerable people in our community.

ST JOEY'S LOTTO

This week's numbers

1 3 4 5 7 9

1 Winner - £350

Jackpot for next week is **£100** In 14 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!

From Anne & John Collins

A big thank you to all our friends who helped us to celebrate our special birthdays. We were overwhelmed by the gifts, vouchers, masses and shocked by the Secret you all kept! Well done xxx

BONUS BALL WINNER

Number **11** was this month's lucky bonus ball number
2 winners, each receiving £100

Please contact Angela Stevenson 07817252053 or Angie Gilmore 07816671202 if you would like to join and support the parish hall funds. Thank You.