

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please contact Rose if you would like your child or grandchild to take part in children's liturgy classes and / or children's masses in the future. Contact: 07377712740

THE EMMAUS WEEKEND MEN'S RETREAT 2026 Led by **David Wells**. 'known for his engaging, insightful, and often humorous approach' Come and join us as we explore what it means to become the men God created. **Start:** 6th November, 2026 at 6:00pm. **End:** 8th November, 2026 at 1:30pm The Hayes Conference Centre, Hayes Ln, Swanwick, Alfreton, DE55 1AU **Cost:** £238 Individual en-suite room. Friday evening dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and evening meal, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. *Any queries please contact Mark Gannon email markxgannon@btopenworld.com or phone [07734 459329](tel:07734459329).*

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Henryka Stachowska, Chris Wighton, Willie Carr, Joy Jones, Cathy Duffell, Annette Fallon, Ann, John Boden, Norah Hunter, Cath Donovan. We commend them to the prayers of St. Mary & St Joseph.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday Collection £260.10. Thank you for your generosity.

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL: This is due to be brought back to the House of Commons as a Private Member's Bill on Friday 11 September. Let us pray and have compassion on all those who are involved and will be affected. You may also write to your local MP expressing your views. Thank you.

FETE 2026

Dear Parishioners, I thank and appreciate to everyone who participated, donated materials, worked hard to make Fete a grant success. I sincerely acknowledge Joe Mascarenhas and PCC members for organising Fete for the welfare of the Parish. We will have the final figure of the amount raised asap. God bless you all.

FOOD BANK

Donations of small tins of meat, rice crispies or cornflakes, and small packets of microwave rice or noodles would be welcome.

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23rd AUGUST 2026

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	23	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	Jason Joes RIP Parishioners	Shifnal Albrighton
Mon	24	St Bartholomew, Ap			
Tue	25	St Thomas of Hereford, B			
Wed	26	Ferial			
Thu	27	St Monica			
Fri	28	St Augustine, B, D			
Sat	29	The Passion of St John the Baptist, M			
Sun	30	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	Parishioners Fredia Bojarska RIP Piotr Bojarski RIP	Shifnal Albrighton

Confession before Mass

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are still looking for readers to join rota! Please, volunteer – it's good to have a range of voices! Thank you.

ST. MARY'S FEAST ON 6TH SEPTEMBER SUNDAY
MASS TIMINGS

ALBRIGHTON 9.30AM

SHIFNAL 11.00AM



BISHOP'S VISIT TO SHIFNAL & ALBRIGHTON

The Parish Family is honoured to welcome Most Reverend Bishop Mark Davies for an official pastoral visit on 11th October. The Bishop will be the main celebrant on the day. Please join us in prayer for our parish and for the Bishop as we prepare for this joyful occasion.

FIRST READING Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house." ' **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc

**O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

**SECOND READING** Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. **The Gospel of the Lord.**