

200 CLUB

The winners for the August draw are: 1st Mrs D. Insley
2nd Mr J. Wianwright 3rd Mr S. Whiting

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.

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.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday Collection £252.53. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT The annual Mass count takes place over four Sundays beginning from 3rd and 4th Sunday of September and 1st and 2nd Sunday of October. Counters area asked to note the numbers including children attending each Mass. The annual Mass count is part of the statistical information the parish submits to the Diocese at the end of the year. Thank you.

FOOD BANK

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

PARISH CENSUS FORM You're requested to submit the filled form by 1st week of October.

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6th SEPTEMBER 2026

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	6	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Parishioners	Albrighton
		ST MARY'S FEAST	11.00am	Parishioners	Shifnal
Mon	7	Ferial			
Tue	8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am		Albrighton
Wed	9	Ferial	9.30am		Shifnal
Thu	10	Ferial	9.30am		Albrighton
Fri	11	Ferial	9.30am		Shifnal
Sat	12	Ferial	9.30am		Shifnal
Sun	13	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Robert Prior RIP	Shifnal
			11.00am	Parishioners	Albrighton

Confession before Mass

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are still looking for readers to join rota! So far only ONE person has nobly volunteered to join the reading Rota at St Joseph's. Please help up vary the voices – say you will give it a try at least. Thank you.

FETE figure so far is £4432. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.' **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R 7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'



SECOND READING Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**