

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@bopenworld.com or phone [07734 459329](tel:07734459329).*

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
Henryka Stachowska, Chris Wrighton, 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 £224.55. 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.

Children's Mass is on 27th September at St Joseph's Church Albrighton.

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: An in-person Marriage Preparation Course is available to all diocesan parishes this month for couples getting married this year or next. With an apology for the short notice, the course will take place on the 12th and 19th of September at St Vincent's, Altrincham - in the Westleigh Parish Centre, 100 Groby Road, WA14 2BJ beginning at 11am. Booking is essential- please contact natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07730 526826.

NEPAL DISASTER COLLECTION for 2 weeks from following this week. Funds will be send to CAFOD.

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13th SEPTEMBER 2026
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	13	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	Robert Prior RIP Robert RIP	Shifnal Albrighton
Mon	14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.30am		Shifnal
Tue	15	Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30am		Albrighton
Wed	16	Ss Cornelius, P,M & Cyprian,B,M	9.30am		Shifnal
Thu	17	Ferial	9.30am		Albrighton
Fri	18	Ferial	9.30am		Shifnal
Sat	19	Ferial	9.30am		Shifnal
Sun	20	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	Parishioners Henryka Stachowska Ints	Shifnal Albrighton

Confession before Mass

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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.

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 Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R 8

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.



SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**