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 Sick and Housebound
Henryka Stachowska, Chris Wrighton, Willie Carr, Joy Jones, Cathy Duffell, Annette Fallon, Ann, John Boden, Norah Hunter, Cath Donovan, Brian Irvine, James, Rita Cliffe. We commend them to the prayers of St. Mary & St Joseph.

Parish Finance Last Sunday Collection £395.78. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Christmas Lunch
Place: **Shrewsbury Arms, Albrighton** Time: **Sunday 13th December 2026 at 12 noon.** The cost per person is **£25.95 for 2 courses / £30.95 for 3 courses**. This year numbers are limited to 40 (20 for each Church) and will be on a " First Come " basis and furthermore a £10 non-refundable deposit is requested by the venue to be paid by 16th October please. There is a form and the menu details at the back of the Church for you to choose & register your interest. Please speak to Joe Mascarenhas, Shifnal & Tess Carr & Julie, Albrighton for further information.

World Mission Sunday: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday (WMS). By supporting Missio -the Pope's charity for world mission -we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the **Missio envelope** or visit **missio.org.uk** to give a gift.

What is World Mission Sunday (WMS)? Since Pope Pius XI established WMS in 1926, it has grown from a simple appeal to support missionaries through prayer and giving, into a global celebration of the Church's missionary identity, reminding every baptized person of their call to share Christ's mission.

How has mission changed over the last 100 years? The Church's mission remains the same: to proclaim Christ and to serve humanity. Today, we understand that mission is the responsibility of every baptized person and is carried out through dialogue, justice, peace, care for creation, respect for cultures and witness to the Gospel.

How does WMS help? Prayers and donations support local churches in providing such things as pastoral care, education and healthcare. Donations to WMS go directly to missionaries and local churches in mission dioceses. Funds are distributed via local bishops to meet the priorities identified by the community, whether it's helping to build a simple chapel, provide vital healthcare, set up a school or create a safe space for children. Your support encourages communities to grow in faith dignity and self-reliance.

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18th OCTOBER 2026
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	18	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**9.30am** **11.00am**	Jason Jones RIP Samira Sakr RIP Parishioners	Shifnal Albrighton
Mon	19	**St Peter of Alcantara, P, Secondary Patron of the Shrewsbury Cathedral**			
Tue	20	Ferial	9.30am		Albrighton
Wed	21	Ferial	9.30am		Shifnal
Thu	22	**St John Paul II, Pp**			
Fri	23	Ferial	9.30am		Shifnal
Sat	24	**St Anthony Mary Claret, B**	9.30am		Shifnal
Sun	25	**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**9.30am** **11.00am**	Roberts RIP Parishioners	Shifnal Albrighton

Confession before Mass

Communion Antiphon Mk 10:45
The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2026 is For mental health ministry, asking that it be established throughout the Church to help overcome the stigma and discrimination faced by people with mental illnesses.

St Mary's Church Roof update: I can confirm that work on the Church roof will begin from 2nd November and will finish on 6th November.

Day of Special Prayer for World Missions – 2nd Collection.

The Clocks go back one hour on 25th October.

Please continue to keep Pope Leo in your prayers.

First reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R 7b

Ascribe to the* Lord *glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

For the Lord is great and highly to be praise
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.



Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15d, 16a
Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21
At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'
The Gospel of the Lord.