



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

DAY DATE	CELEBRATIONS	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat Jan 08	Vigil - The Baptism of the Lord	STA	05.00 pm	Our Parish Family & Martin + Maureen Lavin
Sun Jan 09	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	STA	09.30 am	Rev David Morriss & Ints. of Louisa Morriss
		STJ	11.00 am	John + Rose Clarke & Ada + Gordon Battersby
		STJ	06.30 pm	Matilda 'Tilly' Holly & Ints. of Pat Clayton
Mon Jan 10	Ferial	STJ	12 noon	Joe Mulligan
Tue Jan 11	Ferial	STA	09.30 am	Peter Ridgway & Hilary Docherty
Tue Jan 11	Requiem Mass	STJ	10.30 am	BERNADETTE DODGSON - RIP
Wed Jan 12	Requiem Mass	STJ	12 noon	ELIZABETH 'LIBBY' HAUGH - RIP
Thu Jan 13	Requiem Mass	STJ	10.00 am	HONOR 'NORAH' JEFFREY - RIP
Thu Jan 13	Memorial of St. Hilary	STA	12 noon	Frank Brannan
Fri Jan 14	Ferial	STA	12 noon	Bernard Dean, Thomas Ciggs & Carmel Coles
Fri Jan 14	Funeral Service	STA	02.30 pm	CAROL LYNCH - RIP
Sat Jan 15	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	STJ	12 noon	Frank & Margaret Neal
Sat Jan 15	Vigil - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	STA	05.00 pm	Julia + Patrick Lavin & John + Bridget McManamon
Sun Jan 16	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	STA	09.30 am	Pat Tomenson
	Day of Special Prayer for World Peace	STJ	11.00 am	Our Parish Family
		STJ	06.30 pm	Freda Ventre

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH

- * Half an hour of **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** every day during weekdays starting from January 10, 2022 onwards.
- * An hour of **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** only on Fridays inclusive of Divine Mercy from 11.00 am in St. Alban's.
- * Every **First Saturday** of the month, starting from **February 05, 2022** we will be having Devotion to **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament**. Our Holy Founder St. Peter Julian Eymard with a love invoked 'Our Lady' under the title of **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament**. We shall honour our Blessed Mother every Saturday noon with some special prayers.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/FORGIVENESS (Confession)

Every Friday 11.15am to 11.45am in **St. Alban's**

Every Saturday from 11.30am – 11.55am in **St Joseph's**.

Every Saturday Evening in St. Alban's & Sunday Morning in St. Joseph's only **by Appointment** please.

PARISH REVISED NEW OFFICE SCHEDULE FROM 2022: From Monday till Friday from **9.30 am – 11.45 am** (Except Wednesday)

FINANCE: CARITAS ANNUAL COLLECTION:

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION (FOR CARITAS):

DONATION TOWARDS CHRISTMAS TREE BAUBLES FOR CARITAS (ST. JOSEPH'S):

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Gift Aid **£204.00**, Non-Gift Aid **£83.00** & Loose Plate **£306.57p**

Total **£223.21p**

Total **£ 85.36p**

Total **£131.35p**

Total **£593.57p**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. May God bless you! If you would prefer to make your offertory donation by standing order, please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Wendy Watts, Christine Turner, Sheila Ronayne, Mary Pelling, Bart Cosgrove, John Dittman, Anthony Jones, Brendan Mason, Joan Smethurst, Andrew Goldsmith, Leonard Block, Ms Callaghan, Jimmy Dawson, George Cornah, Brenda Cook, Dorothy Kineally, Margaret Casey, Pam Day, Phil Nicholson, Shirley Simpson, John McDavitt, Jackie Jones, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Odell intentions, baby Molly Quayle, Tom Goodwin, Mary Murphy, Peter Cawthron, Shelagh Dalton, Noreen Evans, Sandra Du Rose, Joseph McLean, Peter Murphy, Keith Last, Michael Cox, Stephen Suffield, Tony Clarke, Gerry Murray, Elizabeth Tobin, Suzy Hesketh, Mary Colgan, Mary Buckley, Baby Eli Baalen, Bob McMinn, Ronald Cox, baby Roman Johnson, Ellen Grugel, Joe Walton, Riley Owen, Teresa Smith, Ruth Scott, Margaret & Peter Flowerdew, Tommy McLearn, Laura Howard & Kay Morgan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Halpin, Bernadette Dodgson, Elizabeth "Libby" Haugh, Honor "Norah" Jeffrey, Carol Lynch, Jamie McMinn & All victims of the Covid.

AN APPEAL FROM PARISH ADMINISTRATION: As we continue to keep our churches safe during this high contagiousness rapid spread of the COVID virus, we request you to think of donating face masks & hand sanitizers to our churches (if only you can please). We thank you in advance. May God bless you xxx

THE TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANK: Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability **to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food. Our shopping list shows the food items that we need right now. SHOPPING LIST: TINNED FISH, TINNED POTATOES, SQUASH, SUGAR (SMALL PACKET IF POSSIBLE), UHT MILK, INSTANT MASH, COFFEE (SMALL), JAM, SHAMPOO & DEODORANT.** For more information about the foodbank, please visit their website wirral.foodbank.org.uk



JOEY'S LOTTERY: Winning Numbers: **2 4 7 10 14 16**. £10 Consolation Prize x 2 – **4642 & 4640**. **Jackpot for Next Week is £200**. Tickets are 50p and can be purchased at weekends in St Joseph's and St Alban's.

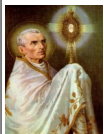
Parish of St. Joseph & St. Alban Synod Special – For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission: Parish Conversations – Ten Themes on 'Lived Synodality': As part of the synodal process initiated by Pope Francis for the universal Church, we encourage our parishioners to reflect on the ten themes and the questions accompanying them. You may choose to reflect on all ten themes or on those which most speak to you. Please attend any or all of the 4 meetings we have planned in our Parish at a date and time that is convenient for you or email your response to the discussion questions by mid-February at stalbanandstjoseph@yahoo.co.uk. A collated report will be sent to the Diocese of Shrewsbury by the end of February. Please take the a copy of the themes along with the Parish Newsletter.

SUNDAY READINGS - First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 - "Console my people, console them," says your God. "Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes." A voice cries, "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God." Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him; his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.'

Response to the Psalm - Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 - God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what he have to do is give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire
Alleluia! Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16.21-22 - While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.



"Have a great love for Jesus in his divine Sacrament of Love; that is the divine oasis of the desert. It is the heavenly manna of the traveller. It is the Holy Ark. It is the life and Paradise of love on earth." - **St. Peter Julian Eymard**