

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN&FRODSHAM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

Gaudete Sunday 16th December 2012



CONFESSIONS. Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm
ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE for our Pastoral Area will be celebrated at 7pm Wed. 19th December at St Augustine's, Runcorn WA7 2HT

IN MEMORIAM Let us pray for deceased family and friends and parishioners, all whose anniversaries we remember in prayer, and for the families, victims of the shooting tragedy in Connecticut, USA.

COLLECTION last week £605 Many thanks to you all.
RETIRING COLLECTION for Church Flowers came to £413. Your generosity is warmly appreciated

200club Membership is now due for renewal. Please fill in the form from the table in the porch. New members will be most welcome. Please return the form through the Offertory Collection. It is not secure to leave it in the porch.

UCM CHRISTMAS MEETING 7.30pm Monday 17th December in the Parish Centre.

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

6pm & 8pm Christmas Eve.

9am & 11am Christmas Day

ADVENT READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS Fr Colin will give a 30 minute talk on Tuesday evening after 6.15pm Mass introducing the 4th Sunday readings in preparation for Christmas.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES led by Aelison Wilson at 1 Elm Rise Friday 10.30am, 21st Dec. All welcome

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Sat	15 December	6.00pm	Sylvia Boothman
Sun	16 December	9.00am	John Furlong
		11.00am	St Luke's Parish
Mon	17 December	9.30am	Philip Tobin
Tue	18 December	6.15pm	Joan Peers
Wed	19 December	9.30am	Int Fr Dennis Herlihy
Thu	20 December	9.30am	Victims in USA
Fri	21 December	9.30am	Sylvia Boothman
Sat.	22 December	6.00pm	Colm O'Colmain
Sun	23 December	9.00am	Alec & Peter Tittle
		11.00am	Farmer & Pickerill Families.

BIG CHRISTMAS SING DO JOIN join with St Luke's in the Christian Aid big sing appeal 6.30pm THURSDAY 20th Dec. in church - followed by mince pies and mulled wine downstairs. Room for all the family.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Monday 17th Dec. After 9.30am Mass until 12noon. Please sign up in the porch if you can cover a half-hour unit. Do call in to church anyway for shorter visit.

BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT (New every year) available from the bookrack) £1.



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE. LORD GOD, you sent your Son into the world, as a light that shines in the darkness. Invest this wreath, our Advent symbol with the power of your energy and light. With each of these candles that is lighted, may we rekindle within ourselves the desire to prepare a way for the birth of Christ. We pray that the richness of God's blessing rest upon this Advent wreath, upon our homes, and upon each of us, as we light this candle in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Statement by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Peter Smith on the government response to the same sex marriage consultation The meaning of marriage matters. It derives that meaning from its function as the foundation of the family. The union of one man and one woman for love and mutual support and open to procreation has over the centuries formed a stable unit we call the family. Marriage is the enduring public recognition of this commitment and has been rightly recognised as unique and worthy of legal protection. The government has chosen to ignore the views of over 600,000 people who signed a petition calling for the current definition of marriage to stay, and we are told legislation to change the definition of marriage will now come to Parliament. We strongly oppose such a Bill. Furthermore, the process by which this has happened can only be described as shambolic. There was no electoral mandate in any manifesto; no mention in the Queen's speech; no serious or thorough consultation through a Green or White paper, and a constant shifting of policy before even the Government response to the consultation was published today. We urge everyone who cares about upholding the meaning of marriage in civil law to make their views known to their MPs clearly, calmly and forcefully, and without impugning the motives of others. We urge all parties to ensure their Members have a free vote. It is not too late to stop this Bill. *From Bishop Mark.*