

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM

Twenty-fourth Sunday in ordinary time.
15th September 2013



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Sat	14 September	6.00pm	Angela Phillips
Sun	15 September	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Gerard Dilworth
Mon	16 September	9.30am	Margaret Melia.
Tues	17 September	6.15pm	Helen O'Neill
Wed	18 September	9.30am	John Morgan & Family
Thu	19 September	9.30am	Int. Canon Gerry Wharton
Fri	20 September	9.30am	Mary Robertson & Family
Sat	21 September	6.00pm	Mary Wood
Sun	22 September	9.00am	Jean Svenson
		11.00am	St Luke's Parish

Home Mission Sunday

CONFESSIONS. Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK and for those who suffer through violence especially in the country of Syria and elsewhere in the middle-east.

IN MEMORIAM Let us pray for deceased family and friends and all who are in our Mass intentions this week. Especially Jean Rosemary Svenson who has died recently. May she rest in peace.

COLLECTION last week £630. Many thanks to you all.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS Meeting 7.30pm 15th September in the Parish centre. New members welcomed.

RED BOX HOLDERS you will find your copy of Mission Today on the table in the porch. Your promoter will contact you soon about emptying your box. If you take it to church yourself, please bring it to the sacristy. Geraldine Harris. 731323

REFLECTIONS ON THE MASS. by Fr John McLoughlin, Head of the Liverpool Archdiocese Formation Team, Tues. 15th Oct. 7pm in the Parish Centre. A talk requested by many.

QUIZ NIGHT at St Luke's. 7pm for 7.30pm Friday 4th October. Come and join in with a team. £10 per table. Proceeds to the Diocesan Children's Society.

DIOCESAN HISTORY DAY ST Mary's Hooton CH66 1QJ. 5th Oct. 10.30(11.00)-4pm. The Lancashire Martyrs. A glimpse into the Secret Thoughts of Mediaeval Christians. Problems faced by poor Catholic Girls in accessing education in Birkenhead & Liverpool 1833-1870. Some unexpected Diocesan treasures. See notice in the porch.

ANNUAL MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK at St Luke's Saturday 12th October. 2.30pm. If you know anyone who wishes to come and might require transport, especially people who can no longer get to Mass on a regular basis, please let Chris Thomas 732445 or Aelison Wilson 731235 know. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Parish Centre. Help with refreshments and assistance with transport will be greatly appreciated; please add your name to the list in the porch.

TOPTEN soup- lunch at St Luke's Tues. 1st Oct. To help support the Theatre Group which produced the Passion play in Runcorn last Easter.

RCIA CATECHISTS Formation Day at St Columba's Chester. CH2 1SA Arrivals 10am until 3pm. Please bring a pack lunch. £5 per person. Notice in the porch.

HEALING MASS for families affected by mental health and those who visit or work in this area. 12noon Sat 21st Sept. Sacred Heart Southmoor Road, Wythenshawe. M23 1HP. After refreshments Sr Jo Bird will lead a reflection. Notice in the porch.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS. Celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies at St Wilfred's in Northwich, CW9 5NP Sat 5th October at 12noon. An occasion for families to pray together and to emphasise the role of grandparents. It would be a help for catering if you could let Canon Mitchell know if you are attending info@stjohnnvianney.co.uk, but feel free just to turn up for Mass.

Bereavement Course at Well Spring Christian Trust, Main ST Community Church- to better understand grief in ourselves and others. Each 2 hour session consists of a DVD plus a talk and discussion, 6 weeks from Tues 24th Sept. 10.30am, and Wed. 25th Sept. 7.30pm



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

24th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

PSALM:

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk 15:18

R) I will leave this place and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not
spurn. **(R)**

SECOND READING: I Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Eph 1:17, 18
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 15:1-32

*There will be rejoicing in heaven over one
repentant sinner.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 35: 8

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION



When we think of the angels, our ideas are sometimes too narrow. We imagine them as like the mighty ones of this world, the presidents and managing directors, who can only have a rather general knowledge of the thousands of people whom they govern or employ. The angels are interested, we suppose, only in mankind at large, at war or peace between nations, at the conversion of a whole people or its schism from the true Church.

Not so, Christ shows us. They are deeply interested in the spiritual life of each one of us. Precisely because their intelligences are so keen, they are not limited to general views; they know the individual man and woman. Whenever anyone turns to Christ from unbelief, or comes out the confessional having got rid of his burden of sin by a good confession, a triumphant shout of

joy goes up through the angelic host even to the throne of God.

True, the angels cannot see into our very souls. God respects our privacy, and allows us to have dealings with Him that are hidden from all creatures. Yet they can see when someone is serving God. They pray with us when we pray. They are our elder brothers, and they are glad when they see us making progress. The nine angelic choirs of which Scripture speaks are like the woman's nine silver coins in the parable, waiting for mankind to become the tenth.

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

A new series drawing on themes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (ccc).

The Eucharist commits us to the poor.
To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren:

You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother... You dishonour this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in this meal... God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful. CCC 1397

Faith and Reason

ANCIENT & MODERN SCIENCE

Science has usually refused to consider the existence of God. Of course, the modern scientific method cannot prove God's existence but this does not mean that it cannot consider it. The very existence of things and the origin of man are still deep mysteries, which captivate and fascinate us. By contrast with modern science, these are the very topics that pre-modern science had as its principal subject matter. Ancient and Mediaeval thinkers spent most of their efforts considering them. Is there perhaps a fear today of addressing such foundational questions? Is there a latent suspicion that consideration of these questions might lead to an undesirable conclusion?

