

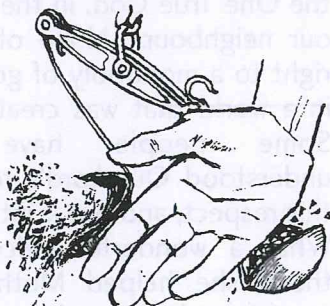
ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM

Twenty-fifth Sunday in ordinary time
22nd September 2013



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 whose anniversaries occur about this time.

COLLECTION last week £738. Many thanks to you all. Next week **RETIRING COLLECTION** for the Clergy Education Fund. Special envelopes can be used to take advantage of Gift Aid. See the leaflet which explains the details.

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.

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

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.

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@stjohnvianney.co.uk, but feel free just to turn up for Mass.

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VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE stlukesparish.org.uk
Also SCHOOL WEBSITE stlukesfrodsham.org.uk
PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE dosipa12.co.uk

Sat	21 September	6.00pm	Mary Wood
Sun	22 September	9.00am	Jean Svenson
		11.00am	St Luke's Parish
Mon	23 September	9.30am	Deceased Clergy
Tues	24 September	6.15pm	Private Intention
Wed	25 September	9.30am	Margaret Jackson
Thu	26 September	9.30am	Kevin Madden
Fri	27 September	9.30am	Int Colleen Kirby
Sat	28 September	6.00pm	Canon John O'Reilly
Sun	29 September	9.00am	Theresa O'Dwyer
		11.00am	St Luke's Parish

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.

PARISH CONTACT LIST Many thanks for your excellent response, enabling us to update the parish record. If you know friends or neighbours, even family members, who might like to be included in our parish records, the forms are still available in the porch.

RCIA CATECHISTS Formation Day at St Columba's Chester. CH2 1SA Saturday 19th October Arrivals 10am until 3pm. Please bring a pack lunch. £5 per person. Notice in the porch.

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

Special Ministers for Holy Communion new rota's are on the table in the porch-please collect.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 23rd September from 10a.m.-12noon Please put your name on the list in the Church porch if you can spend 30mins in contemplative prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Soup Lunch at Holy Spirit Church this is to support Ten Ten Theatre- the theatre group which produced the Runcorn Passion play. St Luke's are providing the soup for this date, so anyone who can assist by making a pan of soup.....please contact Pauline Stitt 07749013320 as soon as possible

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



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

25th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord
for ever.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7
Against those who 'buy up the poor for money.'

PSALM: Ps 112:1-2,4-8. R.c.f.vv1.7

R) Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R)**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R)**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghill he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R)**

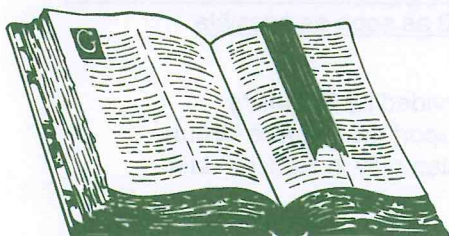
SECOND READING: I Timothy 2:1-8
*There should be prayers offered for everyone
to God, who wants everyone to be saved.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Acts 16:14
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son,
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13
*You cannot be the slave both of God and of
money.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 118: 4-5
You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



It is quite surprising that Our Lord uses an example of dishonesty to illustrate an example of spiritual honesty! But it is a sad fact of life that men and women are generally far more astute, far more energetic and enterprising in pursuing money than we believers are in pursuing our goal, which is eternal happiness after death and reunion with those we love! And this even though Jesus has promised that his "*burden is light*" for us, since he has carried the full weight of it himself! He makes demands, it is true, for our welfare and happiness, but he has promised "*I will be with you*". He assures us – of what we know in our hearts to be true – that money is no god to be worshipped for its own sake; rather it should be used in the worship of

the One True God, in the service of our neighbour. None of us has a right to a monopoly of good things in a world that was created for all. Some people have wholly understood Our Lord's teaching in this respect, and put it into practice. What a wonderful welcome from those she helped Mother Teresa must have had, as she entered the gates of Heaven! And Fr Damien of the lepers. They were "*trustworthy in little things*" so now they enjoy forever "*what is their very own*".

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

The Eucharist and the unity of Christians. Before the greatness of this mystery St. Augustine exclaims, '*O sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity!*' The more painful the experience of the divisions in the Church which break the common participation in the table of the Lord, the more urgent are our prayers to the Lord that the time of complete unity among all who believe in him may return.

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Faith and Reason

SCIENCE AFFECTS PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy does not remain aloof from science. There is a close connection between the two disciplines, which can be and has been very fruitful. "Besides the traditional questions each of the sciences left as an intellectual legacy to philosophy, the development of the sciences over two millennia and more has persistently raised new questions, with which philosophers have had to struggle. Moreover, these two millennia of scientific development have shaped and changed the agenda of philosophical enquiry as well. Science has surely been the most powerful source of philosophical inspiration since its revolutionary successes of the seventeenth century".

Alex Rosenberg, *Philosophy of Science*

