

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM

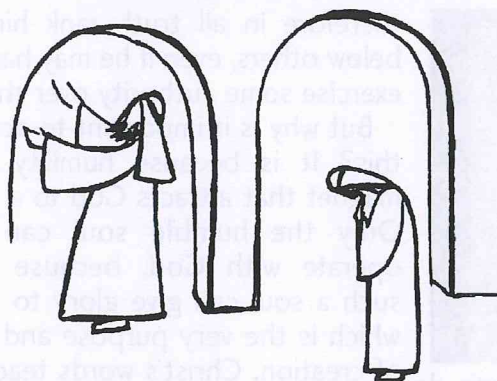
Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time.

27th October 2013

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Sat	26 October	6.00pm	Norman Caldwell
Sun	27 October	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Denise Ryan
Mon	28 October	9.30am	Kenneth McCartney
Tues	29 October	6.15pm	Gertrude Hanley
Wed	30 October	9.30am	Sheila Ecclestone
Thu	31 October	9.30am	Dec. Clergy
Fri	01 November	10.00am	All Saints Day
	HOLY DAY	7.00pm	St. Luke's Parish
Sat	02 November	6.00pm	For the Faithful Departed
Sun	03 November	9.00am	Sylvia Boothman
		11.00am	James Leneghan

CONFESSIONS. Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK and for those who suffer through war and famine and loss at sea.

IN MEMORIAM as November begins, and especially on 2nd Nov, Saturday 6pm we recall our parishioners who have died since last year, and we remember in our Mass and prayers our forebears, priests and teachers who passed on the faith to us.

COLLECTION last week £655. Many thanks to you all.

RELICS OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA are currently being taken around the country, and will reach St Francis Church Grosvenor St, Chester. CH1 2BN. on Thursday 31st October You are invited to attend Mass and join in veneration of the relics Masses 12noon, 7pm and 8pm. Veneration 1pm-6pm, 8pm-9pm. This year is the 750th anniversary of the discovery of St. Anthony's relics by St Bonaventure. See notice in porch for other venues.

RED BOX HOLDERS Many thanks for those we have received so far.

Please bring your unopened boxes to the sacristy or contact your promoter (number on the box). We would like to be "wrapped up" by early November, if we could. Geraldine Harris 731323

DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES are now due to be emptied. If you could bring them in to the sacristy it would be a great help.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON NEW EVANGELIZATION "The Human Person, Human Rights, and the Law" in Stockport on Sat. 23rd Nov., repeated in Shrewsbury on Sun. 24th November. Details to follow.

ROSARY is recited after 9.30pm Mass each day in October, the month of the Rosary.

After 9am Mass today, Sunday, Tea & Coffee available in the hall downstairs

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 28th October 10.00a.m-12noon. If you can spend half an hour in quiet prayer and reflection, please complete the form in the Church porch...or just come in for a few minutes to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: last Monday 130 people and priests set out with Bishop Mark. Following the footsteps of Christ Our Lord, they will pray especially for a renewal of faith in our Diocese, and an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We are asked to join them in prayer, especially today, Sunday, when they will celebrate Mass in the Holy Sepulchre Basilica in Jerusalem.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL requests your support leading up to Remembrance Sunday 10th November

FRODSHAM & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY - "Hallelujah" Sat. 9th November 2013 at 7.30pm St Laurence's Church tickets £8. Under 16's free entry. Frodsham Frames 72 Main St.

Equinox Singers present 'An Evening with Equinox' 'Songs from the Shows' on Wed. 13th Nov. 7.30pm in the Main St Community Church, Frodsham. In support of the Uganda Charity. Tickets £7 from Dandelion Gifts Shop, Church St. Or Moira Curry 733208 or Valarie Ball 735922



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

30th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 104: 3-4
**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
 turn to the Lord and his strength;
 constantly seek his face.**

FIRST READING:

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

PSALM: Ps 33:2-3.17-19.23. R.v.7

R) This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
 his praise always on my lips;
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
 The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
 to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
 The just call and the Lord hears
 and rescues them in all their distress. **(R)**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
 The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
 Those who hide in him shall not be
 condemned. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

II Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

*All there is to come now is the crown of
 righteousness reserved for me.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Mt 11:25
**Blessed are you, Father,
 Lord of heaven and earth,
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
 to mere children.
 Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

*The publican went home at rights with God,
 the Pharisee did not.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 19: 6
**We will ring out our joy at your saving help
 and exult in the name of our God.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



It is said that when St Francis de Sales was asked which three virtues he especially recommended people to practise, he took a piece of paper and wrote the word 'humility' on it three times. Humility does not mean being timid or lacking initiative, still less does it mean flattering other people. It means being aware that we have nothing good except what God has given us, and that without Him we would fall into the worst sins. The humble man, when he sees another person sin, does not think 'how bad he is!', but 'how much worse I would be, left to myself'.

There is nothing exaggerated or unreal about humility. The humble man keeps habitually in his mind two things which are true: that other people have good qualities, and that he himself has no good of himself without God. He can

therefore in all truth rank himself below others, even if he may have to exercise some authority over them.

But why is it important to act like this? It is because humility is a magnet that attracts God to a soul. Only the humble soul can co-operate with God, because only such a soul can give glory to God, which is the very purpose and goal of creation. Christ's words teach us a law that is as unchangeable as God Himself: everyone who humbles himself will be exalted, but he who exalts himself will be humbled.

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

At the Last Supper the Lord himself directed his disciples' attention toward the fulfilment of the Passover in the kingdom of God: 'I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist she remembers this promise and turns her gaze 'to him who is to come'. In her prayer she calls for his coming: *Marana tha!* 'Come, Lord Jesus!' 'May your grace come and this world pass away!' CCC 1403

Faith and Reason

WONDER & HUMILITY

John Paul II sets the words *wonder* and *humility* side by side to indicate man's attitude towards the grandeur and vastness of reality. Man is meant to be curious about the world around him. The temptation to view himself as distinct from the world is always in man, because in a sense, he is distinct. Yet man is of the earth, the earth is not of man. Humility leads him to understand that the job of science is to *discover*, not to *create*. In this way, we avoid idolising our own ideas of 'God', our graven images that attempt with futility to contain Him. The object of science – its subject matter – is the physical world, something that is already out there, including man himself. Man needs to regain the confidence to *know what is*, and to regain the humility to know that *what he knows is not of his own making*.

