

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

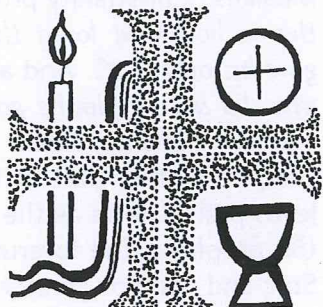
PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN&FRODSHAM

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
12th January 2014

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Sat	11 January	6.00pm	Gerard O'Neill
Sun	12 January	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Anne Dolan
Mon	13 January	9.30am	Mary Isaacs
Tues	14 January	6.15pm	George Walsh
Wed	15 January	9.30am	Fr Alan Holtham
Thu	16 January	9.30am	Dec Clergy
Fri	17 January	9.30am	Bernard Price
Sat	18 January	6.00pm	Ben Green.
Sun	19 January	9.00am	St Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Dorothy Maddock

CONFESSIONS. Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK and for all our people who suffer from depression or infirmity through age.

IN MEMORIAM Let us pray for deceased family and friends and all who are in our Mass intentions this week.

COLLECTION last week £728. Many thanks to you all.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS MEETING Monday 20th Jan. at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcomed.

200club Winners October-S. Faulkner.
November-E. O'Keefe. December-M. Rodgers.
Christmas-£149 A. Ludlow. Christmas-£75 PV Walsh.

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL Enrolment Mass for First Forgiveness and Communion next Saturday 6pm Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers.

9am Mass TODAY SUNDAY 12th Jan. Children (7&under) will have their own liturgy in the parish hall. Praying the Our Father, our Lord's own prayer.

MUSIC GROUP practice after Mass Tues. 14th Jan. 7pm.

PARISH STEERING GROUP will meet 7pm Tues. 14th Jan. in the Parish centre.

WELCOMERS NEW ROTA is available on the table in the porch.

CHURCHES TOGETHER FRODSHAM&HELSEBY

Wednesday 15th Jan. We hold the AGM of this group at Frodsham Methodist Church. Please pray for the work of this group of churches.

On Wednesday 22nd Jan. 7.30pm St Luke's will host the Christian Unity Service for our area. It would be a good to have a strong turn out to welcome visitors from other congregations.

The Service is followed by a Reception in the Parish Centre. If you can help with refreshments, please enter your details on the list on the table in the porch.

HELP WITH HOSPITALITY on other occasions would be a great service and not too onerous. If you can help. Please let Chris Thomas know 732445.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.

PSALM: Ps 28:1-4.9-10. R.v11

R) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R)**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R)**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Mk 9:8
The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

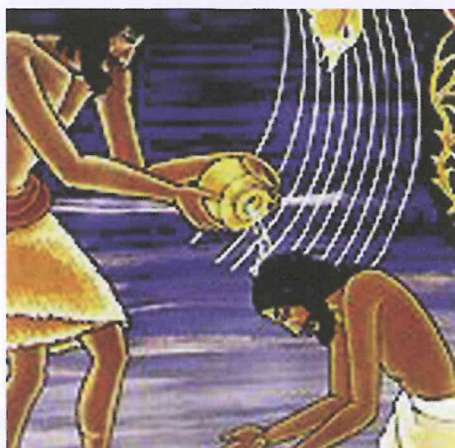
As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Buddhists, or the Hindus or the Muslims. Christianity proclaims: "For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son". And again, "to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God". No wonder that, in another part of the Gospel, Jesus praises John as the greatest of the prophets, the forerunner of the Son; and yet, not greater than those invited to be, with the Son, temples of the Holy Spirit and beloved children of the Father!

"... my Son, the Beloved..." How wonderful of God to send his Son! What an extraordinary demonstration of his love for us! It is in fact a demonstration of the love of all Three Persons, since the Father sends, the Son came willingly and the Holy Spirit brought about the 'coming'. The Christian religion is the religion of God's own Son, the Christ; it offers us great comfort as we live our lives in this sometimes alien-seeming culture. This comfort, that of the Personal love of God for each of us, mediated through the Son's sacrifice – is given to Christianity to proclaim; not to the

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst. However, his presence is veiled. Therefore we celebrate the Eucharist "awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ," asking "to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are. We shall become like you and praise you forever through Christ our Lord." CCC 1404

Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

God the Father's voice rings out in the Gospel 'This is my beloved Son'. The Father who loves his Son also loves us, his adopted children, as Saint John says: 'See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are' (1 John 3:1). The Father's love for us enables us to grow as true children of God, not mere Christians in name alone. So we pray to him after Communion that we may be *your children in name and in truth*. The Father goes on to say of his Son 'In him I am well pleased'. In baptism we have taken Jesus' life and death as the pattern for our own. So we pray in today's Collect that we too may be well pleasing to God.

