

# ST. LUKE'S PARISH

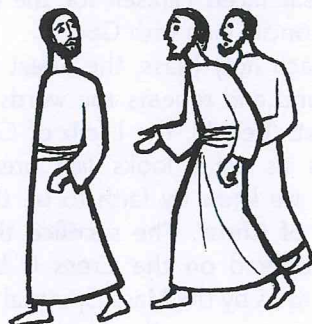
Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF  
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th January 2014



COME AND SEE

**CONFESSIONS.** Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** at home or in hospital who would dearly wish to be present at Mass with us, if they could.

**IN MEMORIAM** Let us pray for deceased priests and parishoners, who were good to us in life and helped pass on the faith to our time.

**COLLECTION** last week £768. Many thanks to you all.

**200club** Last opportunity this coming week to send in forgotten memberships

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

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** 23rd July to 31st July Booking Forms and Brochures now available on the website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk)

**Mass for Marriage and Family Life** will be celebrated at 12noon Saturday 15th February at St Columba's, Chester (Newhall Road, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1SA) with Bishop Mark Davies presiding. All married couples and families are welcome but if you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (silver, ruby, golden or platinum) and you wish to attend, then please let your Parish Priest know by the 2nd of February and he will arrange for a special invitation to be sent you on behalf of the Bishop.

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Also SCHOOL WEBSITE [stlukesfrodsham.org.uk](http://stlukesfrodsham.org.uk)  
PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE [dosipa12.co.uk](http://dosipa12.co.uk)

Sat	18 January	6.00pm	Ben Green.
Sun	19 January	9.00am	St Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Dorothy Maddock
Mon	20 January	9.30am	Fr Harry Leay
Tues	21 January	6.15pm	Peter McKenna
Wed	22 January	9.30am	James Cummings
Thu	23 January	9.30am	Int. Pauline Stewart
Fri	24 January	9.30am	Lily & Cyril Whiteway
Sat	25 January	6.00pm	Edward & Catherine O'Neill. Catherine & Jim Shields
Sun	26 January	9.00am	Frances Goulden
		11.00am	St. Luke's Parish

**ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL** Enrolment Mass for First Forgiveness and Communion Saturday 18th Jan 6pm Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**FAIRTRADE WEEKEND**-SAT 25TH/SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

Fairtrade goods will be on sale in the Parish Centre as above. Please support this important cause.

**COFFEE/TEA** served downstairs after 9am Mass Sunday 26th January,

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - MONDAY 27TH JANUARY

If you can spend half an hour in prayerful contemplation please sign the for the Church porch, or just come along and spend a few quiet moments with



**CHURCHES TOGETHER FRODSHAM & HELSBY** 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.

**Sunday 19th** 10.45am Methodist Church Annual Covenant Service followed by lunch - open to all.

**Tuesday 21st** 10.30 am to 12.00 Methodist Church-Prayer time followed by Soup Lunch

**Thursday 23rd** 10.00 am to 3.00pm at MSCC-Prayer time alongside coffee morning

**Friday 24th** 2.30pm St Laurence-Time of reflection and prayer followed by tea and cakes



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## Liturgy

### 2nd Sunday of OT (A)

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

#### PSALM: Ps 39:2.4.7-10. R.vv8.9

**R) Here I am, Lord!**  
**I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **(R)**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **(R)**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **(R)**

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **(R)**

#### SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:1-3

*May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

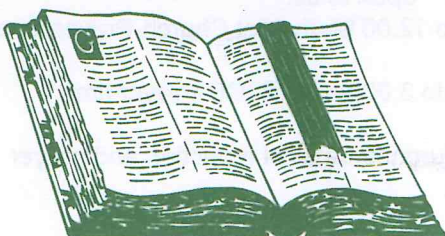
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Blessings on the King who comes**  
**in the name of the Lord!**  
**Peace in heaven**  
**and glory in the highest heavens!**  
**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

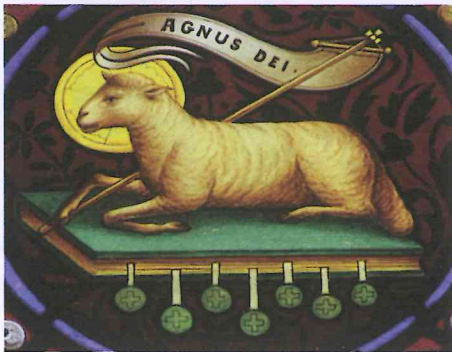
*Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 22:5

**You have prepared a table before me,**  
**and how precious is the chalice that**  
**quenches my thirst.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



When Abraham was climbing the mountain with his son Isaac to offer sacrifice, Isaac said to him: 'Father, I see the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?' And Abraham answered his son, in words full of deep and hidden meaning, 'God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.'

The Jews, the descendants of Isaac's own son, never forgot those words. Every morning and evening in the temple they offered up a lamb in sacrifice. This was a sign of their faith that God would one day provide a Lamb as a perfect offering, to re-open the gates of heaven, closed by Adam's sin.

Today St John the Baptist, standing by the river's bank, calls out 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' Probably he stretched out his hand to Jesus Christ, to show that in Him, the expectation of the Jews was fulfilled. Innocent and gentle, our

Lord sacrificed Himself for the people, to reconcile man with God.

In each holy Mass, the priest lifts up his hand and repeats the words of the Baptist: 'Behold, the Lamb of God'. He shows us what looks like bread but which we know by faith to be the true body of Christ. The sacrifice that our Lord offered on the Cross is brought close to us by the Mass. Spiritual sons of Abraham, we see the Lamb once slain who lives for ever.

### Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

There is no surer pledge or dearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and new earth "in which righteousness dwells," than the Eucharist. Every time this mystery is celebrated, "the work of our redemption is carried on" and we "break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ." Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 54, 56).

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## Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

Christians speak of the Mass as 'the mysteries', because we do not fully understand them. In them, we remember the death of Jesus. But there is more to it, as the Prayer over the Offerings says: *whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated, the work of our redemption is [being] accomplished.* So we go to Mass not only to remember, but to be changed, to belong more to God and less to ourselves. No wonder, then, that we pray that *we may participate worthily in these mysteries.* This prayer, like many in the Mass, is over 1400 years old. It became important in the 16th century when Protestants were claiming that the Mass is merely a memorial of Christ's Passion. Catholics were able to reply by opening their Missals and showing that, a whole thousand years earlier, Christians knew that there was more to Mass than that.

