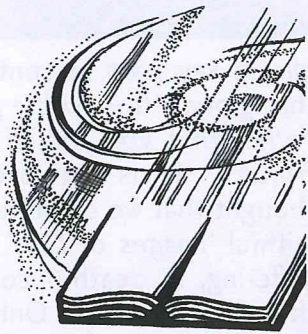


# ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF  
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## YEAR A

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PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE [doslpa12.co.uk](http://doslpa12.co.uk)

Sat	08 February	6.00pm	William McNamara
Sun	09 February	9.00am	Jean Bryant
		11.00am	Walter & Catherine Cain 60th
Mon	10 February	9.30am	The Gerrard Family
Tues	11 February	6.15pm	Fr Peter Cavanaugh
Wed	12 February	9.30am	Roy Bywood
Thu	13 February	9.30am	Deceased Clergy
Fri	14 February	1.00pm	Requiem. Patsy Tittle
Sat	15 February	6.00pm	Patrick Casey
Sun	16 February	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Alec & Peter Tittle

**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.

**Alan & Beatrice Bathgate** thank you for your prayers, cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding last week

**IN MEMORIAM** Let us pray for deceased priests and parishioners, who were good to us in life and helped pass on the faith to our time. In particular **Patsy Tittle**, who has died, aged 89; funeral 1pm Fri. 14th Feb. May she rest in peace

**COLLECTION** last week £649 Many thanks to you all. The special Retiring Collection for the **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND** has reached £680 so far. Thanks for your generous response.

**BOOK REPOSITORY** As part of our role in Evangelisation, from this weekend there will be a small **Book repository** at **the Parish Centre**. This will be for **Spiritual/Devotional books**. Parishioners are welcome to take any they wish, also of course provide some books for others to take. Please do take advantage of this. For further information contact

**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 especially if you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (silver, ruby, golden or platinum).

**PILGRIMAGE TO YORK** in late spring or early summer is being considered for LPA by Fr Wright. Approximate cost two night stay in twin room £160. Supplement for single rooms £60. All depends on level of interest. Contact Angela Hill 01928 577941. Chris Williams 01928 563830 Chris Kennedy 01928 573588. Lillian Brocklesby 07710 670768

## Churches Together in Frodsham

### Anti-trafficking forum

Registration forms for this important event are available in Church.

It will take place on Saturday 29th March at Frodsham Methodist Church from 10 am to 4.30 pm and will include coffee/tea and lunch. Two Salvation Army Officers will speak and we will consider our response to this disturbing issue. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT.**

The next planning meeting at Saint Laurence's March 3rd 10am

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday March 7th at Alvanley Parish Church at 2 pm, preceded by lunch at the White Lion. (For more details, please contact Aelison on 731235)

The Service is from Egypt and is entitled 'Streams in the Desert' Speaker will be the Rev. Joy Clarke

### Lent Bible Studies

Ecumenical Bible Studies for Lent/Easter will take place at the home of Fr Colin and Aelison Wilson, 1 Elm Rise. Once again, they will follow the York Course, entitled 'Build on the Rock' They will start at 10.30 am and will take place on Fridays 14th 21st 28th March (in Lent) and 25th April and 2nd May (after Easter)

### Day of Reflection

led by Fr Nick Kern has been organised by A.C.T.S' (ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY). If you are aged 18 – 35 you are more than welcome to join us. Fr Kern will help us to prayerfully reflect on Pope Francis' first teaching document on 'The Joy of the Gospel' ('Evangelii Gaudium').

At Wistaston Hall, Crewe. commence 9.30pm until approx 5pm (exact times to be confirmed nearer the date). Cost £20 (£15 for unemployed/students). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan Cartwright

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## Liturgy

### 5th Sunday of OT (A)

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:7-10

Then will your light shine like the dawn.

#### PSALM: Ps. 111:4-9. R.v4

**R) The good man is a light in the  
darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R)**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **(R)**

#### SECOND READING: I Corinthians 2:1-5

During my stay with you, the only knowledge  
I claimed to have was about Jesus Christ as  
the crucified Christ

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jn 8:12  
**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me  
will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!**

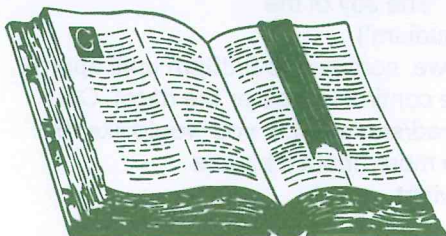
#### GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



*"Father, glorify your name!"* Jesus prayed on one occasion. On many occasions he made it clear that his Father's glory lay at the heart of his mission: both as its beginning and as its purpose. *"Father, the hour has come (the hour of his Passion) glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you ..... with that glory I had with you before ever the world was."* A mysterious glory that in some way includes the crucifixion and even all the suffering of the world. Speaking in today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells his disciples at the Last Supper that they are to

play a key part in contributing to that glory. *"It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit."* It is an overwhelming thought that we ourselves, by being faithful *'images of God'* - in life, in suffering, in death - contribute to the glory that the Only Begotten Son of God gives to his Father! Jesus even seems to be giving us pride of place! *"You are the light of the world": you, not me; "You are the salt of the earth," again, you not me.* And so he says to his Father, *"in them I am glorified,"* in us!

### Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

Only validly ordained priests can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and the wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

The essential signs of the Eucharistic sacrament are wheat bread and grape wine, on which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the priest pronounces the words of consecration spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "This is my body which will be given up for you.... This is the cup of my blood...." CCC 1411-12

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

We cannot live without food and drink. At Mass we bring food and drink to God's altar and thank him for creating them 'to sustain us in our frailty', as today's Prayer over the Offerings puts it. But our prayer goes further, as we ask him to transform them into 'the Sacrament of eternal life'. This has two meanings: (1) the holy food that sustains us in the Christian life because it is the Body and Blood of Christ himself; (2) a holy sign of the life that awaits the followers of Christ after they have died. The Prayer after Communion spells this out more fully, calling us 'partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice', for this sharing is a foretaste of the ultimate union of all believers in Christ, as Saint Paul says: "We being many are one bread and one body, for we all share in the one Bread (1 Cor 10:17).