

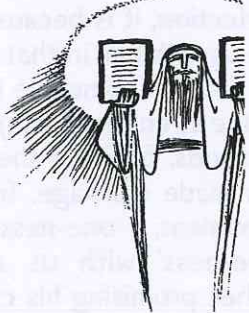
ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN&FRODSHAM

Sixth Sunday in ordinary time.
16th February 2014



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Sat	15 February	6.00pm	Patrick Casey
Sun	16 February	9.00am	Alec & Peter Tittle
		11.00am	Private Int.
Mon	17 February	9.30am	Patsy Tittle
Tues	18 February	6.15pm	Int. Fr Peter Robertson
Wed	19 February	9.30am	Mary Bold
Thu	20 February	9.30am	Mgr John F Cox.
Fri	21 February	9.30am	St. Luke's Parish
Sat	22 February	6.00pm	Emelda Garland
Sun		9.00am	Alice & Joe McCann
		11.00am	Frances Harrison

Tuesday 25th February 2014 7-9p.m St Luke's Parish Centre.

A Reflective Exploration of Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) An Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis. For details contact Pauline Stitt on 07749013320

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Monday 24th February.

If you can spend 30mins in contemplative prayer before the Blessed Sacrament please sign the form in the Church porch, or just pop in for a few minutes with the Lord.

Churches Together in Frodsham Anti-trafficking forum
Registration forms for this important event are available in Church. Saturday 29th March at Frodsham Methodist Church 10 am to 4.30pm and will include coffee/tea and lunch. Two Salvation Army Officers will speak on this disturbing issue. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT.

The next meeting at Saint Laurence's March 3rd 10am
Women's World Day of Prayer Friday March 7th at Alvanly Parish Church at 2 pm, preceded by lunch at the White Lior (For more details, contact Aelison on 731235)

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

Lent Bible Studies

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

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

CONFESSIONS. Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK and for all our people in trouble through natural calamity. May they find help in the prayers and practical help of others.

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

COLLECTION last week £752 Many thanks to you all. A further £100 for the **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND** brings the total to £780, plus the Gift-Aid. Thanks for your generous response.

BOOK REPOSITORY As part of our role in Evangelisation, from this weekend there will be a small **Book repository** in 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

UCM MEETING Monday 24th Feb. 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Non-members welcomed.

Novena to St Joseph 10th-18th March. Mill Hill Fathers each year celebrate their Patron and the work of the missions, and all who support it. You may link in with the Novena with a prayer or booklet from novena@millhillmissionaries.com

MUSIC MINISTRY for Parish musicians Sat. 8th March 10am-1pm St. Mary's Middlewich, CW10 9EB or Wed. 12th March Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port. CH658BY. Led by Fr Peter Dutton, & Chris McCurry. Notice in porch.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 23rd July to 31st July Booking Forms and Brochures now available on the website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

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

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

6th Sunday of OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 30: 3-4
**Be my protector, O God,
 a mighty stronghold to save me.
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
 name.**

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

PSALM: Ps 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34. R.v1
R) They are happy who follow God's law!
 They are happy whose life is blameless,
 who follow God's law!
 They are happy those who do his will,
 seeking him with all their hearts. **(R)**

You have laid down your precepts
 to be obeyed with care.
 May my footsteps be firm
 to obey your statutes. **(R)**

Bless your servant and I shall live
 and obey your word.
 Open my eyes that I may consider
 the wonders of your law. **(R)**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
 and I will keep them to the end.
 Train me to observe your law,
 to keep it with my heart. **(R)**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
*God predestined wisdom to be for our glory
 before the ages began.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68
**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
 you have the message of eternal life.
 Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37
*You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors;
 but I say this to you.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

**They ate and had their fill,
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;
 they were not disappointed in what they
 craved.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



"He taught them with authority.."
 In today's Gospel passage Jesus speaks of God's Law, of the Commandments, with authority. *"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them."* The Commandments were given by God through Moses to be life-giving, directing human beings towards ultimate and eternal happiness. But the Commandments only direct; they are not a source. The source is Jesus, God made man! Jesus was, is, *the way itself.* "I am the way, the truth and the life." If Jesus demands of us the standards of his Father's

perfection, it is because he longs to see us with him in that eternal home, his Father's home. He is able to give us the strength (grace) to live those demands, to make the journey. He has made marriage, for instance, a sacrament, a 'one-ness' united to his 'one-ness' with us and with his Father, promising his close presence and readiness to help. The difficulties of the Law have become *"my yoke;"* yes, he says *"shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1640; 1651). CCC 1413

Monsignor Bruce Harbert - Thoughts on today's Mass

Modern science continually astonishes us by showing how huge the universe is. For some people, accustomed to thinking of God as 'up there', science seems to suggest that there is no God. But God is far too mysterious for us to think of him as confined in a single place. At his last supper, Jesus spoke of God as living within us. He told his disciples 'Whoever loves me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them' (John 14:23). As we begin today's Mass, the Collect reminds us of those words, saying 'O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true' and goes on to pray that we may be a pleasing dwelling for God. Saint Augustine taught that God is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

