

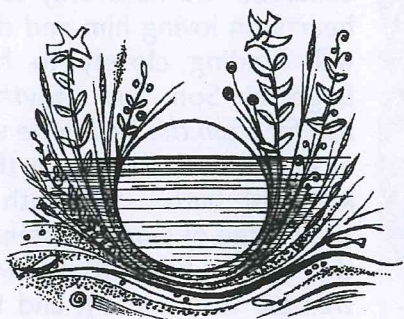
# ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF  
RUNCORN&FRODSHAM

Eighth Sunday in ordinary time.  
2nd March 2014.



## YEAR A

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Also SCHOOL WEBSITE [stlukesfrodsham.org.uk](http://stlukesfrodsham.org.uk)  
PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE [doslpa12.co.uk](http://doslpa12.co.uk)

Sat	01 March	6.00pm	St. Luke's Parish
Sun	02 March	9.00am	Dave Bradshaw
		11.00am	Special Intention
Mon	03 March	9.30am	Special Intention
Tues	04 March	6.15pm	Bishop Brain 50th. Salford.
Wed	05 March	9.30am	Nell Ainsworth
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		7.00pm	St. Luke's Parish
Thu	06 March	<b>12noon</b>	Yvonne Farrar
Fri	07 March	9.30am	Patsy Tittle
Sat	08 March	6.00pm	Ted Howell
Sun	09 March	9.00am	Thomas Kopec
		11.00am	Frances Harrison

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** especially for Paddy Murphy and Fr Peter Robertson who have asked for our prayers.

**IN MEMORIAM** Let us pray for deceased family and friends and in particular for Graham Dennet, and Thomas Kopec who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

**COLLECTION** last week £628. Many thanks to you all.

**POOR CLARES** at HAWARDEN-LENT FOOD COLLECTION (tinned or dried food, no meat products). UCM would be grateful for the support of St. Luke's Parish. Please leave goods in the BOX in the porch, through lent from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, or hand to any UCM member.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for the next financial year (April 2014) are now available on the table in the porch.

Lent Day of Recollection – Sat 5th April 2014, 10a.m – 3.30p.m in the St Luke's Parish Centre. The theme of the Day will be: **"Did God Really Wear an Apron"** (based on work of Joyce Rupp) Coffee/Tea will be provided and Lunch will be a 'Shared table' Please complete the form in the Church Porch if you are able to attend. For more information please contact Pauline Stitt 07749013320

**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.

**FRODSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY-MOZART REQUIEM** and arias St. Laurence Parish Church Sat. 5th April 7.30pm. Tickets £10.

**BLACK BOOK** for LENT £1 if now available in the bookrack to help us on the way from ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Thursdays 11.30am before 12noon Mass during LENT

**SOUP LUNCH** will be served during Lent after the noon Mass on Thursdays, beginning on March 6th. Proceeds to CAFOD. If you can help in any way will you please fill in the list in the porch.

**The Big Clean** will take place on Saturday March 22nd between 10.00 and 3.00. Details on the notice in the church porch  
Please come and give a hand. Many hands really do make LIGHT WORK

**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 Alvanley Parish Church at 2 pm, preceded by lunch at the White Lion. (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 the 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 Easter)



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## Liturgy

8th Sunday of OT (A)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 17: 19-20

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 49:14-15

*I will never forget you.*

### PSALM:

Ps 61:2-3.6-9. R.v6

**R) In God alone is my soul at rest.**

In God alone is my soul at rest;  
my help comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold,  
my fortress: I stand firm. **(R)**

In God alone be at rest, my soul;  
for my hope comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold,  
my fortress: I stand firm. **(R)**

In God is my safety and glory,  
the rock of my strength.  
Take refuge in God all you people.  
Trust him at all times.  
Pour out your hearts before him. **(R)**

### SECOND READING:

I Corinthians 4:1-5

*The Lord will reveal the secret intentions  
of men's hearts*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 17:17  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL:

Matthew 6:24-34

*Do not worry about tomorrow.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 12: 6

I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord  
Most High.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Our Lord loves his Father and has complete trust in him – “*even to accepting death, death on a cross*”. His great desire – for which indeed he suffered the cross – is that we too should love the Father and trust in him completely. So now, in today's Gospel, he brings before us his Father's care of the natural world: the amazing detail with which each thing finds its place in the ecology of the universe. “*Look at the birds of the sky,*” he says. “*Look at the flowers growing in the fields!*” They certainly do reward attention. And yet – we human beings, we who so easily destroy the equilibrium of nature – we are

dearest to the Father's heart! His children! We have only to set our hearts on loving him and doing his will, holding closely to his Only Begotten Son, and “*anything you ask for from the Father he will grant in my name.*” There are then, two kinds of faith: the faith that is knowledge of God's existence (even the devils have that “*and they tremble with fear.*”); and the faith that is more precisely, trust: the faith that is a fruit of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, a perfection of the Christian life, the child of God's trust in the Father.

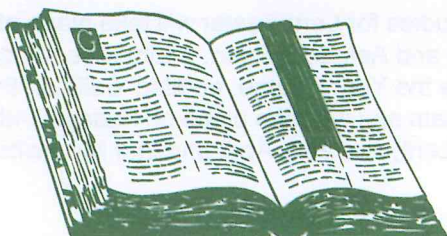
### Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

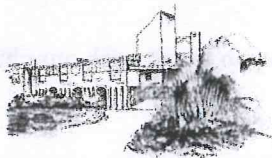
Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. CCC 1416

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

In ordinary speech we use the word ‘merits’ to refer to people's praiseworthy characteristics or achievements, and when we say that a deed ‘merits’ reward, we mean that it deserves it. But in the liturgy ‘merit’ does not refer to our own actions, for we cannot deserve anything of God. So when today's Prayer over the Offerings speaks of the Mass as ‘the source of merit’, it reminds us that, though we do well to attend Mass, we only do so because God enables us to. We hope that God will reward us for faithful participation in the Church's worship, but that reward will not be payment such as we would expect at the end of a day's work – it will be God's free gift. As Saint Augustine said, ‘When God crowns our merits, he is crowning his own gifts’.

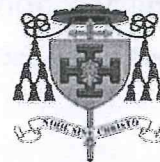






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### PARISH NEWSLETTER ADDENDUM FOR FEBRUARY

Send me your items/comments by e mail (tkb108g@hotmail.com ) or by putting your contribution in the box to be found in the porch. Next months dead line Wed 26 March 2014. Nick Browne

Some items from the Notice Board for March 2014 and beyond.

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Subject
Thursday	6 March onward	After the noon Mass	St. Luke's	During Lent, soup lunches will be served in the Parish Centre following the Thursday Mass
Saturday	22 March	10am- 3 pm	St. Luke's	"Big Clean" of the church premises including the parish centre and bar area.
Saturday	5 April	10am onward	St. Luke's parish centre	Lenten day of recollection 'Did God really wear an apron'

### Parish Centre refurbishment and 'The Big Clean'

In February we shall be displaying some ideas for refurbishing our Parish centre to make the space more flexible and user friendly for potential users and groups. Plans and feedback forms will be on display downstairs after Masses. Any comments would be most welcome as the ideas have not yet been firmed up and any alterations will be prioritised and progressed gradually in any event. Exact dates will be in the weekly newsletter shortly.

On Sat 22nd March we are going to have a 'Big Clean' of the church premises including the parish centre and bar area. We should have a skip on site all day but any volunteers owning a van/trailer or duster and willing to come down any time between 10am and 3 pm would be most welcome - many hands make light work !  
Please contact Chris Thomas or Martin Edmunds if you can assist.

### Little Church

Little Church meets on the 2nd Sunday in every month (except August) at the 9 o'clock Mass. It lasts for 30 mins.

At our next meeting, on the 9th March, we will be dividing and learning 'The Lords Prayer' so we understand the meaning of the words.

Our helpers will be Rachel and Ana

### APF Missions

MISSIO issues a magazine Mission Today three times a year ( March, June and September) giving details and interesting articles on the work that your contributions to Mill Hill and APF fund via your red box. Do look on the porch table in March for the next issue.

ANNUAL NOVENA to ST. JOSEPH. Details are on the poster in the porch. I have forms on which you can communicate your petitions to be placed on the altar at the church in Maidenhead. Phone me before 6th March so that I can get one to you in good time.

Geraldine Harris 731323

## St. Luke's Primary school newsletter

Is displayed each week on the notice board in the Church porch. Please read it so as to keep in touch with our children and our school.

### Understanding Depression .....

We are all impacted by Depression at some point in our lives....

Are you supporting a friend or relative who is depressed?

Are you struggling with depression in your own life?

Or do you want to get a better understanding of depression?

Wellspring Christian Trust is once again holding a 4 session course at Main Street

Community Church which looks at Depression. Each session will include material from a DVD followed by group discussion – an opportunity to hear from others and share your own thoughts (if you wish). You can come along....

Either on

- Tuesdays 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, May & June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10.30am to 12.30

or

- Wednesdays 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> May & June 4<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 – 9.30pm

The Tuesday & Wednesday sessions will be interchangeable each week so you could attend one week on a different day if necessary.

Everyone is welcome; you don't need to book and there is no charge for the course.

If you want to know more, please contact Elizabeth Holmes (739388) or Aelison Wilson (731235)

### Lenten day of Recollection

The above will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 10am.

The theme will be '**Did God really wear an apron**' we will be looking at Love and Service in our life.

Please do try to join us.

For any further information please contact Pauline Stitt on 07749013320 or email [nrspstitt@gmail.com](mailto:nrspstitt@gmail.com)

Tea & coffee will be provided.

Lunch will be a 'Shared table'

### Fr Colin's Bible Study

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I have done a little work on our family tree. We can go back to 1640 (360 years) with sporadic names, dates, places and occupations. My earliest known ancestors were tinsmiths from Kendal. However, there are many gaps and unanswered questions.

The Old Testament is like that. It is the record of the history of Israel, and goes back many years but it is piecemeal, with many authors and cultures. What is more, what we have is the final written version of stories passed down by word of mouth.

The very earliest example of this in the Old Testament may be found in Judges Chapter 5. Do look it up and read it aloud. You can imagine the rhythm of the song as it would have been sung in the camel-skinned desert tents when the Jews first settled in Canaan.

So, why is this important for us, 3,200 years later?

It is important because the history of Israel is the story of the growing understanding of the nature of God. Ideas of God began with very primitive and rather crude forms, which by the time of Jesus had matured into a much more complete picture.

The Old Testament story tells how we came to be where we are. Our ideas of love and sacrifice, morality and justice all began in the mist of prehistory, which we are privileged to read in the pages of our Bibles.