

# ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF  
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16th March 2014



## YEAR A

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Sat	15 March	6.00pm	Michael & Margaret Rice & Alice Blythe
Sun	16 March	9.00am	Thomas Kopec
		11.00am	St. Luke's Parish
Mon	17 March	9.30am	John Reynolds
Tues	18 March	6.15pm	Brian O'Donnell
Wed	19 March	10.00am	James Igoe. Requiem
Thu	20 March	12noon	Thanksgiving
Fri	21 March	9.30am	Paddy Murphy
Sat	22 March	6.00pm	Jack Pennock
Sun	23 March	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Joe Dignan

**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 priests, family and friends and all who are in our Mass intentions this Lent.

**COLLECTION** last week £632. Many thanks to you all. Fri 14th March was Family Fast Day. **RETIRING COLLECTION** today for the hungry and needy of the world. **Special Envelopes** may be used to enable Gift Aid.

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

**UCM MEETING AGM** Monday 24th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Non-members are welcome.

**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.

**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

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

**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. (Last week raised £72. 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.

Proposals for refurbishment of our Parish centre are on display downstairs. Take a look.

**LPA PILGRIMAGE** to Compostela, via Seville. Proposed for 6th Oct.-13th Oct 2014. Cost is £849 for twin occupancy (single supplement £116), plus flight Liverpool-Malaga (approx £60. Contact Chris Kennedy 01928 573588, or Chris Williams 01928 563830.

**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. This event has attracted national interest, and, even if you cannot make the whole day, it is worth a few hours of your time.

### 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

### 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 26:8-9

**Of you my heart has spoken:  
Seek his face.**

**It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, father of the people  
of God.*

**PSALM:** Ps 32:4-5.18-20.22. R.v22

**R) May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

**SECOND READING:** II Timothy 1:8-10

*God calls us and enlightens us.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud, the Father's  
voice was heard:**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved.  
Listen to him!'**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Mt 17:5

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I  
am well pleased;  
listen to him.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



*I shall lift up mine eyes unto the mountains. From whence cometh my help?* The Transfiguration took place on top of a high mountain, which tradition identifies as Mount Tabor. When we're on top of a mountain we are lifted out of the routine of our everyday lives and are given a new perspective on the world below. Being in such a high place can be a self-transcending experience, a sort of transfiguration.

Christ has given us a mountain – the Mass. The Mass is our “high mountain” where we can be set apart from the busyness of our daily lives. The *transfiguration*

that we experience in the Mass is that transforming encounter with the Risen Lord, in which he comes among us to raise us up to Himself. United with Christ in the Mass we can say, “Lord, it is good for us to be here.” With the strength that comes from Holy Communion we allow the Lord to lead us throughout our lives gradually, step by step, up that final mountain, where the multitudes of the angels have gathered for the feast.

### Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints. CCC 1419

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

For Jesus' closest friends, the sight of him transformed on the holy mountain was like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. He had told them that he must die, and now he gave them a glimpse of his destiny after death, when he would rise in glory. We too see the light at the end of the tunnel as that gospel story reminds us today that Lent is about Easter. Moses and Elijah, who appear with Jesus, both shared something of his desert experience, Moses by enduring 40 years in the desert before his people entered the promised land, and Elijah by suffering hunger for 40 days before he was received in splendour into heaven. In Lent we make their experience our own for, as the Preface reminds us, Jesus has taught us that ‘the path of suffering leads to the glory of the Resurrection’.

