

# ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF  
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM

Fifth Sunday of Easter.

18th May 2014



## YEAR A

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Sat	17 May	6.00pm	Mary Sharpe
Sun	18 May	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Int. Andrew Faraday.
Mon	19 May	9.30am	Dec Clergy.
Tues	20 May	6.15pm	Ron Rowan.
Wed	21 May	9.30pm	Fr. Archibald Snell
Thu	22 May	10.00am	Thanksgiving for First Communion
Fri	23 May	6.00pm	Jubilee Mass. Fr Peter O'Neill
Sat	24 May	6.00pm	Int. Sister Mary Beatrix. 50th
Sun	25 May	9.00am	Special Intention
		11.00am	St. Luke's Parish

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

**IN MEMORIAM** Let us pray for deceased family and friends that we may share in the new life of the Resurrection, in particular Mary Elizabeth Sharpe (Cremation Service 27th May.) May she rest in peace.

**COLLECTION** last week £678. Many thanks to you all.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** are now due to be emptied. Please bring your box to the sacristy in church if you can.

**UCM Meeting** deferred until MONDAY 2ND JUNE  
7.30PM in the parish centre

## Christian Aid Week 11th – 17th May

**2014.** The theme this year is 'FEAR LESS War tears lives apart' You can help piece them back together. If you can assist with the House to House Collection please sign up on the paper in the Porch, or contact Mary Lunt, (735328) or Aelison Wilson (731235) It is also a lot easier and quicker if you can pair up with someone and cover the ground together. The more helpers we get the less the work for the willing few!!!

**Car Parking JUBILEE MASS** 6pm 23rd May If you are attending Fr. Peter's Golden Jubilee Celebrations, please note that car parking will be limited. Can we suggest that if possible you park either in the Library or use alternative parking in Frodsham, otherwise you could 'share' a car were possible. The Car park will be managed on the evening to assist with those who require space or help in finding alternative parking

**Fr. Peter 50th Jubilee Mass and Reception Friday 23rd May 6pm. All the Parish are warmly invited, but, if you cannot be there, please keep me in your prayers**

**ROSARY** is recited after morning Mass during the month of May

**LITTLE CHURCH** will take place at 9am Mass on 18th May (instead of 11th May) Helpers will be Nicky and Michelle.

**Messy Church at Weaver Vale.** Monday 30th June (date change) Churches Together will be holding its first Messy Church at Weaver Vale school from 3.15pm – 5pm. There will be planning meeting on Tuesday 3rd June 7.30pm at Frodsham Methodist Church for anyone who is interested in helping. We will be serving a small snack (cold food) during this time. So help at the tables, to serve drinks, wash up, prepare craft items etc and worship are all needed. This is a new and exciting opportunity, come and get involved.

## Understanding Depression .....

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

Community Church Frodsham, 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). ? Either on Tuesdays 13th 20th 27th May & 3rd June from 10.30am to 12.30

? Or Wednesdays 14th 21st 28th May & 4th June from 7.30 – 9.30pm

The Tuesday & Wednesday sessions will be interchangeable each week so you could attend on a different day if necessary. Everyone is welcome; you don't need to book and there is no charge for the course. please contact Elizabeth Holmes (739388) or Aelison Wilson (731235)

## This Weekend Retreat at Noddfa, Penmaenmawr

Friday - Sunday 18th May we join in the Mass, and prayer, with our fellow parishioners away for the weekend.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## Liturgy

### 5th Sunday of Easter (A)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 97:1-2

**O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 6:1-7

*They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit*

**PSALM:** Ps 32:1-2.4-5.18-19. R.v22

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R)**

For 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)**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jn 14:6  
**Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and  
the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except  
through me.'**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** John 14:1-12

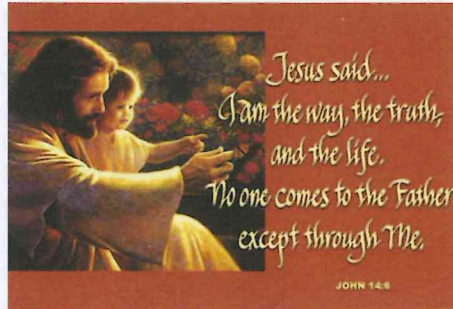
*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Cf. Jn 15:1,5

**I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



What comforting words Our Lord is giving his disciples! Comforting for us too. There are, he says, "many rooms" ("mansions!") in his Father's kingdom: rooms for all. Nor is the Kingdom somewhere strange to us. We have 'seen' with the eyes of Faith and know Jesus and in him we already know the Father. "The Father and I are one," Jesus says elsewhere. Jesus promises to be there to welcome us and it is in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, that we come to the Kingdom. "The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God." Certain parts of Scripture give a more terrifying impression of arrival in the Kingdom, but Our Lord reassures us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust..". You are coming

home, he is saying; this "place" I am going ahead to prepare is a family home, the home of God's children. St Therese of the Child Jesus, through all the intense suffering of her illness, went to Heaven rejoicing: rejoicing to meet the Father, rejoicing that as Our Lord promises, in Heaven she would 'perform great works' and throw down roses from Heaven!

### Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, (is) at once holy and always in need of purification, (and) follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavour of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

CCC 1428

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

The prayer in today's Collect that the newly baptized may 'bear much fruit' comes from Our Lord's words at the Last Supper, as recorded in the Gospel of John, Chapter 15. (In fact, those words form the Gospel at the Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Easter in Year B of the Lectionary). When the Liturgy echoes the Scripture, it is always to good to turn to the Scripture to find the place from which the liturgical text is taken, since the Scripture often sheds light on the Liturgy. In John 15, Jesus speaks of himself as the vine from which we grow, his 'branches'. He tells us that if we remain in him we shall bear much fruit. So today's Collect implies, though it does not say, that in order to bear much fruit we must remain united to Christ like branches on a vine.

