

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th May 2014



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Sat	24 May	6.00pm	Int. Sister Mary Beatrix. 50th
Sun	25 May	9.00am	Harry Teague
		11.00am	St. Luke's Parish
Mon	26 May	9.30am	Gerald Whibberley
Tues	27 May	6.15pm	Anne Sharpe
Wed	28 May	9.30pm	Helen & Tom Cannon
Thu	29 May	9.30am	Anne & Joe Flanagan
Fri	30 May	9.30am	Fr Gerry Currell
Sat	31 May	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sun	01 June	9.00am	Helen O'Donnell
		11.00am	St. Luke's Parish

CONFESSIONS. Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm

IN MEMORIAM I give thanks today for all family, friends and relatives, who have been our benefactors in life that they may be rejoicing in the dwellings of our God.

COLLECTION last week £583. Many thanks to you all.

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

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

ROSARY is recited after morning Mass during the month of May

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.

TWO SUMMER TALKS at St Monica's, Appleton, Tues. 10 June 7.30 Pope Francis and the Joy of the Gospel - the Message and the Man. by Bishop Brian.

Tues 17th June 7.30pm 'How does the Church listen to the world?' Dr Peter Phillips.
Mass at 7pm each evening.

Warmest Thanks to all who helped organize my Golden Jubilee celebration on Friday, for the peerless music, for the elegant flowers, for our altar servers, who cope with all changes; for the management group who brought people together to cater so well for so many - though some were lost on the road. Thank you for all your wonderful generosity, your gifts and cards, beautiful cards, even a box of gold, which will take a while to delve into. Thank you all, young or older even than myself, for coming to share in the celebration, a memory which I will always cherish.

Deacon Paul Harris from Runcorn will be ordained priest for the Salvatorian Fathers at 12 noon on 28th June at St. Edward's, Runcorn. All members of our Pastoral Area are invited to share in the Mass and give thanks to God. Some may wish to contribute to an ordination gift. Envelopes will be to hand.

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)

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

6th Sunday of Easter (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 48:20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8.14-17

*They laid hands on them, and they received
the Holy Spirit.*

PSALM: Ps 65:1-7.16.20. R.v1

R) Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your
deeds! (R)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R)

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R)

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject
my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

*In the body he was put to death, in the
Spirit he was raised to life.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 14:23
**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will
keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him.'**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

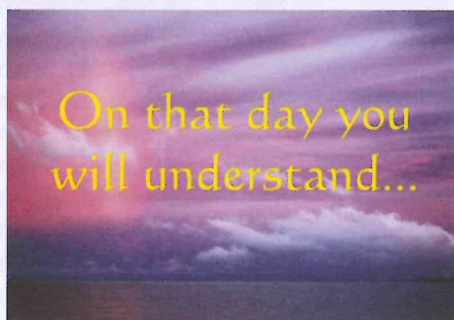
*I shall ask the Father and he will give you
another Advocate.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 14:15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send
you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



"Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me." Very wonderful promises are made to *"one who loves"* An intimate love is promised: the Three Divine Persons living within the *"one who loves."* It is a giving of light, of knowledge: *"the Father.... will give you ... the Spirit of Truth"* and *"you will see me...on that day you will understand"*. This is our Faith, the faith of the Church – but St Paul says of Faith *"we see through a glass darkly"*. So perhaps we ask, Has Jesus *"shown himself"* to me? I don't find myself aware of the presence of the Father or of the Spirit, the Advocate? Yet I keep his commandments, I love him; and I know he keeps his promises. The Spirit of Truth is his Spirit. However,

keeping his commandments is an on-going process: it can get better and better. According as that same Spirit of Truth teaches through his Church, through the liturgy, and we respond, he shows by his light the deeper levels demanded by God's holiness. Love doesn't have any stopping point! And the further we go into what seems darkness, the brighter becomes the light!

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

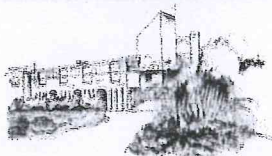
St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!"

St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, "there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." CCC 1429

Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

The prayers of today's Mass direct our attention to the link between Liturgy and Life. In the Collect we pray that in what we do we may always hold to what we 're-live in remembrance'. This idea is expressed more fully in the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer, where we recall that Christ sent the Holy Spirit 'that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose again for us'. The same theme occurs in the Prayer over the Offerings, where we pray that 'we may be conformed to (that is, we may live in conformity with) the Sacraments of your mighty love'. At Baptism, a christian takes the Death and Resurrection of Jesus as the model for his or her own life. Saint Paul says we are 'baptized into the death' of Christ (Romans 6,3). Today we pray that we may truly live by that pattern.





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PARISH NEWSLETTER ADDENDUM FOR MAY

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 25 May 2014. Nick Browne

Some items from the Notice Board .

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Subject

St Luke's Steering Group

This group meets about once a month with Martin Edmunds in the Chair to consider matters relevant to our parish and its future. It has six sub-committees that meet and report back to the general meeting. If you have any issues you want to raise, or any comments or suggestions, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Points raised from our meeting on 13th May were

Communication and Outreach

There has been a good response to our Database. Please fill in a form, to be found in the porch if you haven't already done so. It is a great help to keep our records up to date.

Please look at the plans and drawings on display in the Parish Centre for its refurbishment. An evening meeting is planned in the near future to explain these.

Premises and Property

Major repairs to the roof and other structural features are long overdue. Martin is urging the Diocese to move forward as quickly as possible.

Spirituality, Liturgy and Catechist

The Mini-vinnies at school are thriving and are planning to visit a Residential home soon.

Lectio-divina This excellent method of reading the scriptures is hopefully to be restarted in the autumn, going round the homes of parishioners.

Hospitality and Welfare

Big Clean, this was a great success and thanks to everyone who helped.

Soup Lunches £500 was raised for CAFOD. Thanks to those who helped.

Congratulations to Father Peter on his reaching the 50th Anniversary of his Priesthood.

Fr Colin's Bible study

The Bible! What it is – and what it isn't!

Under the influence of the 16th century reformation an idea has permeated our culture that the authority of the Bible has replaced the authority of the Pope. This is dangerously misleading and simplistic.

Neither authority replaces our own moral responsibility. Neither authority is exhaustive and neither authority can stand alone.

The Bible is a collection of historical documents that bears witness to crucial events in the past. It is not, as some assume, a complete guide on 'how to live' and especially when 1,900 years separates us from the authors.

We also have only one side of the correspondence, as if we have one person's letters without the replies or the questions.

As a result, the context, meaning and significance of much of the detail is lost to us. The cultural differences are enormous and we must be careful not to read our own 'issues' into the text.

One of the big moral questions of the day that Paul deals with was whether Christians could eat meat that had come from pagan altars. Not a big problem now. But slaves and women were then not considered disadvantaged, though many today think they should have been.

The Bible is an important and valuable resource in our understanding of the faith. But we must use it with common sense and cautiously and not treat it as some sort of Old Moore's Almanack or magical book of spells.

Thank you to the Parish to be read out by Parish Priest or Local Secretary.

April 2014

St. Luke's, Frodsham

I want to thank you [parish name] for the generous support you gave Missio and Mill Hill last year through your Red Boxes and direct donations. I have also sent a poster to display in church as a visible thank you.

The support of your parish is a demonstration of faith. A demonstration of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the universal Church and a faith-filled response to the desire of Jesus that all people might know his love. I cannot thank you enough for it.

We are proud to be the Holy Father's own charity with the unique remit to sustain and build the Church wherever it is young or too poor to be self-sufficient. Your help enables us to send annual grants to bishops in these areas (which make up 40 per cent of the Church worldwide). Bishops rely on these grants to provide pastoral care and much-needed basic buildings for the faith community. Importantly, our funds enable an ever-growing number of people to join the Catholic Church. People whose lives have been touched by the work of missionaries like our own Mill Hill Fathers and Brothers whose work leaves a permanent impression in the hearts and minds of the people whom they have formed and nurtured to carry the flame of faith (2 Tim 1:6).

Your Red Boxes support the sharing of faith and ensure that the Church can continue its life-saving work. Forty per cent of the health care in Africa is delivered by the Catholic Church and in remote villages there would be no education but for the Church. It is your generosity and prayers which maintain and develop that presence. Your Red Box donations also fund the largest children's feeding programmes and keep orphaned brothers and sisters together in child headed households to prevent their families being split up.

Please continue to support us and pray for the young Churches and especially for those places where the Gospel has not been announced.

Mgr Canon James Cronin, National Director

Contact Laura at volunteers@missio.org.uk for an electronic version of this letter.