

# ST.LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF  
RUNCORN&FRODSHAM

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

The Body and Blood of Christ.

22nd June 2014



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Sat	22 June 6.00pm
Sun	23 June 9.00am 11.00am
Mon	24 June 9.30am
Tues	25 June 6.15pm
Wed	26 June 9.30pm
Thu	27 June 9.30am
Fri	28 June 9.30am
Sat	29 June 6.00pm
Sun	30 June 9.00am 11.00am

Int. Fr Dennis Maher 50th  
Special Int.  
St. Luke's Parish.  
Gerald & Peggy Whibberley  
Int. Fr Jim Hynes 65th  
Private Int.  
Dec Clergy  
Int Pat Flynn  
Bernice Moore  
St. Luke's Parish  
Int. Gallagher Family

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** for housebound and for residents in nursing homes.

**IN MEMORIAM** Let us remember deceased parishioners and priests of St. Luke's, and all who are in our Mass intentions this week.

**COLLECTION** last week £624. Many thanks to you all.

**UCM MEETING** Monday 23rd June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Non-members welcomed.

**Sacrament of Confirmation.** The Bishop will celebrate the sacrament at St Luke's on Wednesday 13th November. The preparation course will start in September. The usual age for Confirmation is in third year High School, or above. Please enter your name and contact address on the list in the porch.

**MESSY CHURCH** at Weaver Vale School 2.30-5pm on 30th June if you can help with refreshments ie. Sandwiches, coke etc. Please contact Aelison on 07507 481 972. Help on the day greatly appreciated

**Deacon Paul Harris from Runcorn** will be ordained priest for the Salvatorian Fathers at 12noon 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 are now available, please return them in the Offertory Collection

**Changes to Sunday Mass times.** In order to enable the priests St Luke's and the Parish of Divine Saviour, Runcorn to support each other when necessary weekend Masses at St Luke's will need to be reduced to two from 20th July. Currently, Fr Malecki in Runcorn celebrates Mass 5pm, Saturday, at St Augustine's, 9am Sunday St Martin's, and 11am Our Lady's.

St. Luke's would fit in if we have 6pm Mass Saturday, 10am Sunday, enabling either priest to be flexible in emergency. Our weekend attendance does not exceed 325 which can be readily accommodated at two masses.

Our Steering Group propose that we adopt this pattern from my last Sunday as PP. 20th July. I agree that it is the only satisfactory outcome. If this change causes a transport problem, please refer it to any member of our Steering Group.

After 10am Mass on 20th July there will be an opportunity to gather for light refreshments on my final Sunday as Parish Priest.

**INVOCATION 2014** A vocations Gathering at St Mary's Seminary Oscott Fri 4th-6th July- a time for faith and friendship, prayer and worship engaging talks and inspiring workshops. A weekend to think about who God is calling you to be. More details and a booking form available from [invocation.org.uk](http://invocation.org.uk)



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## Liturgy

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (A)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 80: 17

**He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

**FIRST READING:**

Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

*He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.*

**PSALM:**

Ps 147:12-15.19-20.R.v12

**R) O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **(R)**

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **(R)**

He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **(R)**

**SECOND READING:**

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

*That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body.*

**SEQUENCE**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 6:51-52

**I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.**

**Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.**

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

John 6: 51-58

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Jn 6: 57

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks**

**my blood**

**remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



*It is my Body which is truly food. It is my Blood which is truly drink.*

Our human bodies require food and drink to survive. Apart from the urge to reproduce, the urge to nourish the body is the strongest urge in any living animal. If we eat and drink, our physical life continues; if we stop eating and drinking, we die.

Our souls are not physical. They are immortal. They neither suffer physical death, nor do they cease to exist at the death of the flesh. However, the soul has a purpose, an end, and that end is to reach its Creator. Insofar as a soul reaches

towards its Creator, it is 'alive'; insofar as it turns away from Him, it is 'dead'. It is in this sense that we talk about the life of the soul. The 'food' that the soul needs to grow and to reach its end is divine food; the soul, as it were, 'lives' on God. Today's Solemnity focuses our attention on that Food which possesses in itself all sweetness: the Body and Blood of Christ. He who eats this Food shall never die, because God dwells in him.

### Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

Since Easter, the Holy Spirit has proved "the world wrong about sin," i.e., proved that the world has not believed in him whom the Father has sent. But this same Spirit who brings sin to light is also the Consoler who gives the human heart grace for repentance and conversion.

CCC 1433

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

In nearly all the prayers of the Mass we address God the Father. Today's Collect is a rare exception. It begins, like so many prayers, with 'O God', but in this case it is addressed to God the Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This makes a striking beginning to the prayer, a strong statement that Christ is God, as we were reminded also last Sunday by the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Being God, Christ is able to transmit divine power to us through the sacramental meal that he has instituted, the Holy Mass. As the Prefaces say, this power cleanses us, nourishes us and strengthens us. It brings to the Church the gifts of unity and peace, and foreshadows our promised sharing in Christ's divine life for eternity. No wonder, then, that we bow our knee in genuflection whenever we come into the presence of this wonderful sacrament.

