

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN&FRODSHAM

FEAST OF Ss PETER&PAUL.

29th June 2014

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TEA/COFFEE refreshments after 9am Mass today.

FAIR TRADE GOODS on sale downstairs after Masses today. Please support an important cause.

IN MEMORIAM Let us pray for deceased family and friends and priests of St Luke's. In particular for Sheila Corcoran (sister of Teresa Waugh) who has died this week. May she rest in peace.

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.

COLLECTION last week £620. Many thanks to you all.

New Altar Servers. Boys and Girls who have made First Holy Communion and would be willing to train as altar servers, should let me have their names as soon as possible.

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.

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

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

Assisted Dying Bill - Please write to a member of the House of Lords The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.

Sat	28 June 6.00pm	Bernice Moore
Sun	29 June 9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
	11.00am	Int. Gallagher Family
Mon	30 June 9.30am	Mike Ayland
Tues	01 July 2.30pm	Requiem. Sheila Corcoran
	6.15pm	No Mass
Wed	02 July 9.30pm	Jean Bryant
Thu	03 July 9.30am	Private Int.
Fri	04 July 9.30am	Mary&John O'Neill
Sat	05 July 6.00pm	Margaret Pemberthy
Sun	06 July 9.00am	Catherine Shelton
	11.00am	St. Luke's Parish.

Changes to Sunday Mass times. Starting 19th/20th July Masses at St Luke's will be reduced to 6pm Saturday and 10am Sunday. This will enable the priests at St Luke's and Parish of the Divine Saviour, Runcorn when the need arises. After 10am Mass on 20th July there will be an opportunity to gather for light refreshments on my last Sunday as PP.

"I + YOU = WE" weekend retreat for married couples, 26-27 July at St Wilfrid's, Northwich (non-residential). Fr Jay Szymczak will give a repeat of his popular course for the development of marital relationships as part of the Diocese's programme for marriage. With his quick humour and warm personality, Fr Jay has a wonderful gift for explaining spiritual truths in very human terms. This retreat will be enjoyed by couples of any age, those married for a year, and those married for fifty. See poster at the back of the Church, or contact Canon Jonathan Mitchell (01606 42440; frjonmitchell@cantab.net) or Louise Kirk (01270 874078).

The Local Pastoral Area Team is asking for your support in a series of new ventures. We wish to produce an LPA Prayer at Home sheet for summertime. You are asked to send your prayers and reflections to Fr Peter at St Edward's by 6th July or drop them off at the Presbytery alternatively email p.wright557@btinternet.com

The prayer sheets will be made available to all parishioners at our schools. Prayers and reflections could be about the current needs of our area and diocese, the recent first Holy Communion, for Justice and Peace, something that has struck you in recent readings at Mass, a Grace before meals and prayers with children at night time are always needed. Thank you for your support

Also! We want to prepare a flier with LPA information on and stories of people who have returned to Church after some time away, the witness of life is a very effective way to encourage people to reflect on their own relationship with the community of the Church. The fliers will be used to support the New Evangelisation across the LPA **Fr Peter Wright**

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

Saints Peter & Paul (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

FIRST READING:

Acts 12:1-11

Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.

PSALM:

Ps 33:2-9. R.v5

R) From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R)**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

II Timothy 4:6-8.17-18

All there is to come now is the crown of
righteousness reserved for me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Mt 16:18
**You are Peter and on this rock I will build
my Church.**

**And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 16:13-19

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of
the kingdom of heaven.?*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Mt 16:16,18

**Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Two men so very different to each other, and yet both were called to service by the Lord. Both were called to spread the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus among the peoples. Both came to Rome to meet their deaths as a result of their defence of the Faith.

Upon St Peter, the Rock, Christ built His holy Church. To St Peter Christ gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven and the command to feed both the lambs and the sheep. After Pentecost he made the city of Antioch his seat for a time, before heading for Rome, where he was eventually crucified under Nero (about the year 64) and buried on the Vatican Hill.

To St Paul the Risen Jesus appeared on the road to Damascus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting", said the

Lord. St Paul was instantly converted from his life as a strict Pharisee who saw persecution of Christians as a holy duty. He became the most forthright and energetic champion of faith in the Resurrection. He travelled almost the full extent of the ancient world to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles. He was eventually beheaded in Rome at about the same time as St Peter, and was buried by the Via Ostiense.

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

V. The Many Forms of Penance in Christian Life

The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one's neighbour, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbour, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity "which covers a multitude of sins." CCC 1434

Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

Peter and Paul were very different characters. They rarely met, and when they did they sometimes argued. One of the few things they had in common was that they died as martyrs in the city of Rome. The Preface of today's Mass dwells on the difference in their gifts and missions. The fact that we honour them together is a testimony to the variety and the unity of the Church. The source of this unity is the Eucharist for, as Paul taught 'we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread'. Saint Augustine said of the Eucharist 'O sign of unity, O bond of charity!' This theme is taken up in the Prayer after Communion, where we remember how the earliest Christians were made 'one heart and one soul' by the one Bread (Acts 2,4) and pray that the Eucharist may have the same effect on us.

