

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF
RUNCORN & FRODSHAM

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th July 2014



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Sat	05 July	6.00pm	Margaret Penberthy
Sun	06 July	9.00am	Catherine Shelton
		11.00am	Julie Hopley
Mon	07 July	9.30am	Sheila Corcoran
Tues	08 July	6.15pm	Patrick Casey
Wed	09 July	10.45am	Funeral Service. Catherine Duffy
Thu	10 July	9.30am	Fr. Des Friel
Fri	11 July	9.30am	John Farrell
Sat	12 July	6.00pm	Jean Bryant
Sun	13 July	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Catherine Anne Duffy

CONFESSIONS. Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm

IN MEMORIAM Let us pray for deceased family and friends and priests of St Luke's. In particular for Catherine Anne Duffy (Helsby) who has died this week; and also for Fr Des Friel who served our Diocese since 1973, in Birkenhead, Stockport, Shrewsbury and Oswestry. He retired through ill-health in 2005. May he rest in peace.

COLLECTION last week £680. Many thanks to you all. Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and the Retiring Collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea. Special envelopes are available.

UCM MEETING Monday 7th July 2014 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

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. It is important that we have a list of names before the summer break.

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.

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 post or drop them off at the Presbytery alternatively email p.wright557@btinternet.com

The prayer sheets will be made available to all parishioners and 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**

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.

READERS AT MASS. When weekend Masses are reduced, if you wish to continue as a reader and can say which Mass you will regularly attend, please let Joe Nelson know (733532). Also make a note in your diary for 9th Sept. 7pm when we plan a refresher course for readers.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST likewise should let Pauline Stitt know which Mass you will normally attend.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 47: 10-11
Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your
temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving
justice.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10
See now, your king comes humbly to you.

PSALM: Ps 144:1-2.8-11.13-14. R.v.1
**R) I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9.11-13
*If by the Spirit you put an end to the
misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Mt 11:25
**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the
kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30
I am gentle and humble of heart

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 11: 28
**Come to me, all who labour and are
burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



St Paul contrasts the spiritual principle with the unspiritual in the life of the Christian. There is within each one of us a dual potentiality: on the one hand, we are capable, with God's grace, of becoming fully spiritual beings, in which even the body is so influenced by the transforming effects of God's indwelling that no obstacle whatever can hinder the person's ascent into God; on the other hand, we can become fleshly beings, refusing the divine indwelling that is offered to us, preferring instead the rule of the unspiritual, which causes us to fall ever more deeply under the sway of purely physical motivations.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us that this transition from unspiritual to spiritual

can be made if we come to him as little children. Christ offers us that rest from travail for which our souls long. That rest is found in Him who has revealed the mysteries of His kingdom to us. The sacraments or mysteries, which Christ has given us, are the means of receiving His grace, of receiving His own divine life and of being transformed into spiritual beings, so that we may say with St Paul, "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me".

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defence of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance. CCC 1435

Monsignor Bruce Harbert - Thoughts on today's Mass

The prayers of the liturgy only occasionally make direct use of the words of the Bible, but their thoughts are profoundly scriptural. Today's Collect offers an example when it speaks of the 'abasement' of God's Son, echoing Saint Paul, who says that Jesus 'humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross' (Phil 2, 8 - this passage is familiar to us as the Second Reading at the Mass of Palm Sunday, and as the Gospel Acclamation on that day and on Good Friday). Paul goes on to say 'Therefore God has highly exalted him'. The Collect echoes this too, but goes further by saying that when God raised Christ, he also raised up our fallen world. And Paul says that Jesus took 'the form of a slave', a thought that the Collect develops by saying that it is we who were the true slaves, enslaved by sin.

