

# ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Diocese of Shrewsbury

FRODSHAM

PASTORAL AREA OF  
RUNCORN&FRODSHAM

Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time.  
13th July 2014



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Sat	12 July	6.00pm	Jean Bryant
Sun	13 July	9.00am	St. Luke's Parish
		11.00am	Catherine Anne Duffy
Mon	14 July	9.30am	Ellen O'Donnell
Tues	15 July	6.15pm	Sheila Corcoran
Wed	16 July	9.30am	William Egan
Thu	17 July	9.30am	Thomas Kuriakose
Fri	18 July	9.30am	St. Luke's Parish
Sat	19 July	6.00pm	Fr Michael Wentworth
Sun	20 July	10.00am	Joan Westwood

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** and for all our people at home or in hospital, in particular Kath Bate and Joan Starkey who are unwell at present.

**IN MEMORIAM** Let us pray for deceased family and friends and priests of St Luke's and all who are in our Mass intentions this week. Peter Corcoran sends his thanks and appreciation for all your cards and Masses and prayers on the death of his wife, Sheila. May she rest in peace.

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

**MUSIC GROUP** Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Would you like to join the parish music group? We play on the last Sunday of the month at 10am Mass. Rehearsals take place the Tuesday evening before the final Sunday of the month. We would love you to join us. Come along to the rehearsal THIS TUESDAY 15th July AT 7PM, or contact Helena on 07587 989793 or [speedyhelena@hotmail.com](mailto:speedyhelena@hotmail.com)

**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 this week.

**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](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill) IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.

**Changes to Sunday Mass times.** From next Sunday 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.

#### Reception after 10.00am Mass on July 20th

If you can contribute items such as a tray, bake, cup cakes or scones for this occasion would you please put the details on the list in the church porch. It would be very helpful if you would bring items ready plated so that they can go straight onto the tables. If anyone did not collect plates after Father Peter's Jubilee celebration would you please contact Chris Thomas (732445)

**St Luke's Primary School** We are eager for parishioners from St Luke's to help in passing on skills to our pupils. Can you offer some time to run a class to help the pupils with such things as reading, knitting, sewing, chess, gardening, or anything you have a particular talent for? Don't hide your light under a bush!! You would need to be CRB checked - this will be managed and funded by the School. If you are interested in committing some time and talents to this, please complete the form in the church porch. We look forward to you joining us next term.

**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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold  
your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of  
your glory.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 55:10-11

*The rain makes the earth give growth*

**PSALM:** Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

**R) Some seed fell into rich soil  
and produced its crop.**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **(R)**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **(R)**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:18-23

*The whole creation is eagerly waiting for  
God to reveal his sons.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68  
**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:1-23

*A sower went out to sow.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

**The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my  
King and my God.**  
**Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



*Let him who has ears listen!* Our Lord gives us the parable of the sower. One way of interpreting it is as a reference to the life of grace. The seed contains within itself the full potential to become what it is designed to be, that is, fully grown corn. And yet it cannot hope to become what it is designed to be without the necessary external assistance from good soil and rainwater.

It is similar with the human soul, which is destined for an eternity of bliss with God. It cannot, however, hope to reach its goal of union with God without the necessary input from above. It requires divine grace, which is God's own life, to enable it grow into what it is destined to be.

Here the analogy must cease, however, for whereas it is the seed that absorbs the nutrients locked in the soil and water, transforming them into itself; conversely, it is the human soul that is actually transformed into the divine life that it receives. *The Divine became man so that man might become divine.* (St Athanasius)

### Celebrating the Christian Mystery

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

Eucharist and Penance. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. "It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins."

CCC 1436

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

We use the word 'error' to mean a mistake, for example in counting or in grammar. But originally 'to err' meant to go astray or to wander. That is the meaning intended in today's Collect, where the Latin uses the word *errantibus*, which is the ancestor of the English word 'error'. We can understand 'go astray' in two ways, as referring either to mistakes or to misconduct. God's remedy for our wanderings is to show us the light of truth. This may remind us of the Paschal Candle, the sign of Christ who is the light of truth. We need this light, not only to enable us to see the truth, but also to protect us from taking mistaken paths in our lives. Like many of the old Missal prayers (and this one is about 1400 years old) it uses a play on words to make a spiritual point.

