



Saint Luke's Parish Diocese of Shrewsbury

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LPA12 (RUNCORN & FRODSHAM)



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THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY (CONFESSIONS): Saturday 5.00-5.45 pm

BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MARRIAGES: Please contact Father James or the secretary
Wednesdays or Fridays 10am-3pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Friday of the month 8:15am.

Day	Feast	Time	Service	Intention
Sat 2 nd	Evening Mass of the Sunday	6:00pm	Mass	Tom & Delphine Downey (RIP)
Sun 3 rd	1 st Sunday of Advent	10:00am	Mass	Parishioners Intentions
Mon 4 th	St. John Damascus	9:30am	Mass	Mike Ayland (RIP)
Tue 5 th	Ferial	6:15pm	Mass	Leslie Thomas (RIP)
Wed 6 th	St. Nicholas	9:30am	Mass	Bet & Alf Kinsey (RIP)
Thu 7 th	St. Ambrose	9:30am	Mass	Frank Fyldes (RIP)(B/day)
Fri 8 th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity	9:30am	Mass	Special Intention (SP)
Sat 9 th	Evening Mass of the Sunday	6:00pm	Mass	Mary and David Phillips (RIP)(B/day)
Sun 10 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent	10:00am 11:30am	Mass Baptism: Eliza Frances McKeown	Parishioners Intentions

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £501.73. Thank you for your constant generosity.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Your prayers are asked for all the sick, especially those in care homes, nursing homes and hospitals. Please remember in your prayers Patricia Jones, Lilian Hodgson and Deacon Stephen McKenna, also pray for all the people undergoing cancer treatment. Please contact us if you wish to include a person to the list.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP MARK: Please take a copy from the porch to take home.

ADVENT READINGS: Next session will be on 5th of December after the 6.15pm Mass. All welcome!

YOUTH SUNDAY: Thanks very much to all the youngsters who attended Mass last Sunday. It was refreshing to see you all in Church. Also thanks to the musicians, singers, organisers for all your time and dedication. We hope you enjoyed Barbara Davies' visit and her fantastic words about the important role parishioners play in our Church. We thank her again for her visit and encouragement.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Friday 15th November at 7p.m at St Luke's Church, Frodsham. Please join us for this celebration. The service will be followed by Mince pies and Mulled Wine in the Parish Centre. For catering purposed please sign the form in the church porch if you are coming. Music Group Only: Rehearsal on Sunday 10th after Mass.

CATECHISTS' FORMATION DAY: The next meeting for Catechists will be an opportunity for *Sharing Best Practice*. Miss Caroline Farey (Maryvale Institute & The School of the Annunciation) will listen to your exchanges, and offer practical advice for the situations you are facing. Venue: Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port; Sat 13 Jan 2018, (9:30) 10:00-11:50. See poster with relevant information. Enquiries: Barbara Davies (07730 526821); Registration: Helen Jones (helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

CARETAKER VACANCY FOR ST. LUKE'S PARISH CENTRE: If you would like to apply for this position, please contact Ana, secretary, by email stlukesfrodsham@outlook.com or phone 01928733127 Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-3pm. Salary: £8.75/h. Closing date: 15th December noon. Interviews on Wednesday 20th December. Position to start on 2nd of January 2018. For more details, please see poster in the porch.

ADVENT BOOKS FOR SALE: Please take a copy of "My Day by Day" books for a £1. Books are on the porch table. Also available the children version for juniors and infants! Money can be put in the wall box.

POSADA JOURNEY 2017: In the Birth stories, Joseph and Mary made their way to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. We recall that journey as a statue of Our Lady makes her way round our parish during Advent. If you are willing to receive Our Lady into your home for one night, please add your name, address and phone against your chosen date on the list in the porch.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION LITURGY: Wednesday 6th December, 7pm at St. Edward's, Runcorn WA7 5NZ. All welcome.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Saturday 9th December 2017. 10am-3pm in the Parish Centre. Please join us as we spend some time in Reflection and prayer during this holy season. The theme for the day is Preparing for Peace. If you can attend please sign the form in the Church porch. Coffee and Tea will be provided. Lunch will be a 'shared table'.

FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S SCHOOL will be selling tickets for their BIG Christmas raffle after Mass on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December. Tickets are £1 each and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 18th December. There are some fantastic prizes this year! All proceeds will go towards improving school facilities and new equipment for all children at school to enjoy.

MISSIO MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Tuesday 12th of December at 6:15pm, celebrated by Fr. Tony Grace here at St. Luke's, followed by a presentation about the work of MISSIO. Come, see, hear and be inspired!!! All welcome.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING: A huge Thank-you to everyone for supporting our celebration last Friday. A special thanks to all our helpers and entertainers. We raised the amazing amount of £425 on the evening. Much of this will go towards sending the two large boxes of Encyclopaedia's, books, pens and pencils to Nkosiyethu Catholic Primary School. Additionally we now several sponsors supporting the fees for the day pupils. If you are still interested in doing this, there are still have a few pupils requiring support-please speak to Pauline.

URGENT HELP NEEDED!!! Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for a volunteer ESOL Teacher to help the refugee project at the St. Aidan's Centre, Wythenshawe, from January 2018. The programme operates from 12pm until 2pm every Tuesday, parking is available and expenses will be reimbursed. If anyone can help, please contact Mary Kilcoyne on 0151 652 1281.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS 2017: There will be a collection here at St. Luke's after Mass on 9th & 10th of December. Thank you for your support. Your donations will go to families in need within the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate Christ's Birth and create happy family memories.

DO YOU SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholics pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter – Bishop Mark Davies.

CAROL SINGING at Morrisons Tuesday 12th December from 10 to 4 pm in aid of Salvation Army's anti-human trafficking campaign. Please come and sing (if you can)!

RED BOXES: MISSIO Calendars are available on the table in the porch – please take one along with your emptied box home and thank you for your donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. LUKE'S:

03/12/2017	Children's Liturgy, 10am in Parish Centre
05/12/2017	Advent Readings, after Mass in Church
09/12/2017	Advent Day of Recollection, 10am-3pm, Parish Centre
10/12/2017	Music Group, 10am Mass
10/12/2017	Music Group: Carol Service rehearsal 11am after Mass.
12/12/2017	MISSIO Presentation, Fr. Tony Grace, after Mass in Parish Centre
15/12/2017	Christmas Carol Service, 7pm in Church. Refreshments afterward in Parish Centre.
16/12/2017 & 17/12/2017	St Luke's School Christmas Raffle Ticket Sale
17/12/2017	Sacramental Preparation – Parents Class 3, Parish Centre, after 10am Mass.



CHRISTMAS MASSES 2017:

Sunday 24th of December: 10 am – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24th of December: 6pm – Evening Mass of the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Children's Mass)

Sunday 24th of December: 8pm – Evening Mass of the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Monday 25th of December: 10am – The Nativity of the Lord (Family Mass)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Lord God, you sent your Son into the world, as a light that shines in the darkness. Invest this wreath, our Advent symbol with the power of your energy and light. With each of these candles that is lighted, may we rekindle within ourselves the desire to prepare a way for the birth of Christ. We pray that the richness of God's blessing rest upon this Advent wreath, upon our homes, and upon each of us, as we light this candle in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

