

A TIME TO SEEK, AND A TIME TO LOSE. Ecclesiastes 3 v6

It seems all change since I first came to Saint Luke's in the Autumn of 2005. As I stand at the altar it is hard not to think of the people who are no longer with us. Father Leo is now a Hospital Chaplain in London, Father Roger is now retired in Bewdley and Geoff, our faithfully and wise Head Server has now gone to Glory. Last, but by no means least, we will sadly miss Father Darren who did so much for this church and so many in our local community. We send him our best wishes and our prayers for his work as the Secretary of the Additional Curates Society (ACS).

Change can be disruptive and it can cause us much anxiety but it can also be a time of hope and growth. St Paul refers to the Church as a Body and a body is made up of various parts each having its part to play in the mutual good of all. It is a reminder that the church is not about individuals but about a worshipping community united in our baptism and our love of Christ. Christ is the Head of the body yet each of us need to support one another, forgive one another, pray for our church and community and worship together. In short, it is in many ways business as usual.

Father Paul

Business as Normal – please note that we will continue to have our Masses at the normal times during the interregnum. Please support all of our Masses to ensure that we can continue with the privilege of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ every day of the week.

This Wednesday – Evening of Prayer and Worship. We have been invited to join the sisters at Maryvale in an evening of prayer and worship for unity. Please see Mary for further details.

Silence is Golden – Please keep the church silent for those wishing to pray, both BEFORE and AFTER Mass. Your talking can disturb someone's prayers. This applies also to weekday Masses.

Saint Luke's 100 Club - Vera is looking for people to fill the vacancies in our 100 Club. For just £2 a month you can have the chance to win either £75 or £25! An opportunity not to be missed!

Hello Dolly – Please see Ann if you are interested in joining us for this beautiful musical starring Anita Dobson and Darren Day.

Ash Wednesday – this year is on Wednesday 6th February. We are having a joint Mass with Saint Marks here are 7pm, which will mark the beginning of Lent.

Coming Soon – Lent Boxes! - our Lenten Collection will once again go to the ACS, who have always supported this church both financially and in their prayers. Please pray for them as they pray for us.

Saturday Breakfasts – the next breakfast will take place on Saturday 2nd February. Please place your name on the list. If your name is on the list and you do not come you may be asked to pay for it to cover the cost of buying the food!

A 3 piece Wardrobe Set – two single wardrobes, separated by a centre piece with cupboards and overhead storage. In excellent condition free of charge. Please see Mary for further details.