

Parish of St Paul's Poynton

St Paul's



Poynton

Parish Directory

July 2013

Parish Priest	Canon J H Stratton
Parish Office	33 Bulkeley Road, Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 1NR
Parish Office	01625 872606 , Attended Office Hours: Mon – Fri 9:30 – 12:30
Parish Office	Email. stpaulspoynton@gmail.com
Parish Office	Web Site www.stpaulspoynton.org.uk
Mass times	Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass.
	Sunday 9.00 a.m. ; 11.00 a.m. Family Mass.
	Monday 9.30 a.m. Service of Word and Communion.
	Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Service of Word and Communion.
	Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Service of Word and Communion. Followed by the Rosary.
	Thursday 7.30 p.m. Service of Word and Communion.
	Friday 9.30 a.m. Service of Word and Communion.
Holydays of Obligation	See Weekly Newsletter, Notice Board or Web Site.
Confessions	Saturdays before 6.30 p.m. Mass, and on request.
Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals	Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

St. Paul's is a parish in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, a member of Local Pastoral Area 7, under the patronage of St Albans, Central Cheshire Region.

INTRODUCTION

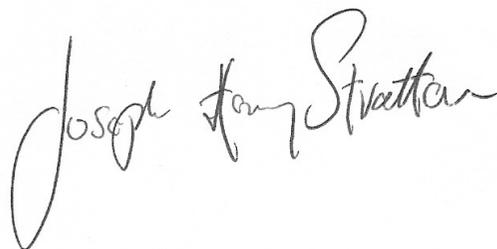
Dear Parishioners,

This is the 2013 revision of our parish directory. A glance through will give you an overview of the administrative and pastoral life of the parish and the many people involved. We are well blessed, sharing a community of real spirit of prayer and genuine concern for one another.

Having reached my retirement age in September 2012, I am pleased that Bishop Mark has allowed me to continue in semi-retirement by serving as the parish priest in Poynton, officiating at all services and Masses. The parish activities and responsibilities for parish affairs are now undertaken by parishioners volunteering their skills and talents to ensuring the continued presence of a Catholic community in Poynton and its surrounding areas.

Please do keep your parish in your prayers, as I keep of all you in mine.

With every blessing,



Canon Harry Stratton

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM

The Parish Coordinating Team was created by Father Harry Stratton in July 2012 following a long process of planning the future of the Parish considering "What happens when Father Harry retires??!!"

The PCT was formed to work closely with Fr Harry as parish priest to coordinate and ensure all the activities, already thriving within the parish, would continue to flourish and expand.

Our mission was to meet, pray, discuss and discern how we could ensure this would happen and to introduce new initiatives. We set out to encourage parishioners "**to get involved**" in all areas of Parish life, and many developments are now very effective.

Recently we had a review of the last twelve month since its inception.

It was agreed that the "PCT" will continue to meet twice a year with a full "**Open To All**" Parish Meeting in the autumn of each year.

It was recently agreed to form a smaller **Core Group**, whose function is to assist Fr Harry's with the running of the day-to-day parish affairs. This Core Group meets monthly to consider how best to support Father Harry and the parish.

The Core Group consists of the following members:

Jacqui Feely
Pieter Groot
Michelle Huntley
Peter Milham
Marie Parker
Ros Stuart-Buttle

OUR PARISH VISION

Our parish is ...

A community which worships God and lives as followers of Jesus, sharing His good news.

We hope and pray that everyone will realise that God loves each one of us, and knows that He calls us to a new and eternal life.

We develop and strengthen our parish as a loving, caring and welcoming community in which each one of us can find our Christian vocation and live it out. We do this through the sacraments, the scriptures, prayer and charitable works.

We encourage one another to help and support those in both our own and wider communities in their various material and spiritual needs and to work towards establishing God's Kingdom of peace and justice in our world.

We do this by:

- Identifying what needs to be done in our parish, our schools, our village and beyond
- Meeting those needs
- Responding socially and ecumenically
- Taking a responsible approach to the financial aspect of our planning, aware of the commitment to working for justice and peace
- Deepening everyone's involvement in the liturgical life of the parish, so that we all recognise the part we play when we come together in prayer and worship.

In all our activities, we give priority to those in our parish and the wider community with special needs, the young, the sick, the dying, the housebound, the bereaved and those who feel on the edge of society.



WELCOME TO AND SHARING IN THE LIFE OF ST PAUL'S PARISH

If you are a newcomer to St. Paul's the contact numbers are there for you to meet us and join in Parish life. If you have *talents to spare*, the directory will guide you to the areas where you would be welcomed.

All of these areas overlap with each other and in the Directory you will find that some contact names appear more than once. Parish and Group Meetings are held regularly; please watch the weekly newsletter for details.

We hope that we have mentioned every activity that takes place in the Parish today.

On the following pages you will find contact details for each activity listed. The directory will guide you to the many facets of our community, and assist you to reach the right people if you wish to partake and seek an active role in the life of the Parish.

Many thanks to the pupils of St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, who have provided the illustrations for this directory.

PRAYER AND LITURGY

LITURGY GROUP

This group is concerned with the liturgical life of the Parish and has many areas of responsibility and interests, including:

- Readers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Mass Preparation (sacristans)
- Altar Servers
- Little Church
- Choir and Music
- Powerpoint
- Welcomers



The Liturgy Group helps to meet the needs of these areas and Ministries above in terms of training, deepening prayer life and attracting more parishioners to become involved in the Ministries. The Group also oversees the environment, the presentation and the decoration for the celebration of the liturgy, especially during the seasons of Christmas and Easter and for special services, e.g. Forgiveness and Healing.

Each Ministry has its own co-ordinator who arranges the rota and the everyday business of the role but representatives meet monthly to plan and take an overview about the Celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. Current members of the Liturgy Group are:

Ros and Hugh Stuart-Buttle
Jacqui Feely
Peter Milham
Sheila Scholes
Catherine Smith
Canon Harry Stratton
Gerard Turnbull

If you would like to participate in any of these Ministries, please find the following details and contacts overleaf.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – OUR READERS

The ministry of reader is a very important one in today's Church and recognised as a vital role in the celebration of Mass. We have a weekday and weekend rota and all readers are encouraged to prepare the scripture well, so that they can proclaim the Word with understanding and confidence. For further information please contact:

The Parish Office

Tel: 872606

Rota preparation/distribution:

Anne Marley

Tel: 07885 478577

Email: annemarley@btinternet.com

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

These ministers are appointed by the Bishop on the recommendation of the parish priest to provide help when it is required in the administration of Holy Communion, both in church and to the sick at home. Holy Communion is also taken to the residential and nursing homes in the parish. So if you know of anyone recently admitted to one of the above homes, please do let us know. For further information please contact:

The Parish Office

Tel: 872606

Rota Preparation/distribution:

Anne Marley

Tel: 07885 478577

Email: annemarley@btinternet.com

MASS PREPARATION (SACRISTANS)

To prepare the Church for Mass at a weekend, especially when there is a visiting priest. This involves opening Church and car park, preparing hosts and wine, lighting candles etc (a checklist is provided).

ALTAR SERVERS

A group of boys and girls, young men and young women serve at our Masses. They are dedicated and reliable. New servers are welcome and full training is provided. For further information please contact:

Rota: Paddy Boyle
Email: paddybyl@hotmail.com

Training: Leo Turnbull

“LITTLE CHURCH”

We provide the liturgy of the Word adapted for children. There is an infants “Little Church”, age group, **two and a half years to seven years** in the Presbytery, and a group of **older** children from Communion age, in the Upper Room at the 11 a.m. Mass during school term time. They hear a simplified Gospel with a simple message and do an activity around it to make a gift to bring up at the offertory, returning to their parents for the Eucharist. For further information please contact:



Elaine Penswick (Infants)
Email: elaine.penswick@uk.fujitsu.com

Karen Brownbill (Older Children)
Email: karen.brownbill@virginmedia.com

Tel: 267528
Tel: 07872 937152

CHOIR AND MUSIC GROUP

We have a choir that sings at 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. They get together for rehearsals and a chat every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in Church. The choral liturgy is an important part of the Mass and choristers and musicians are always needed. We also have a group of musicians

who play a range of instruments from keyboard to trombone, saxophone, guitar, flute etc. at Masses. Both groups are friendly and make newcomers very welcome. For further information please contact:

Music Group Catherine Smith Tel: 878566
Email: cathinseoul@gmail.com

Choir Alan Hayes Tel: 511254
Email: alanhayes_ivs@hotmail.com

POWERPOINT

PowerPoint is used in our Sunday Services, to enhance and assist our church worship, and at some weddings and other special services. If you are interested in helping, speak to any of the team, you will find them at the front pew near the laptop computer at the weekend services. You can be involved by helping design relevant PowerPoint material, editing together the PowerPoint for specific services or running the PowerPoint at the services. Training and support are provided. For further information please contact:

Peter Milham Tel: 858996
Email: peter@milham.vianw.co.uk

WELCOMERS

This is a small group of parishioners who are frequently the first contact that visitors and new parishioners have with the community of St. Paul's. When visitors arrive at Mass they are warmly greeted and provided with hymn books, missals and newsletters. Members of the group are also at hand to give any help that is required and to see that everything runs as smoothly as possible. For help, speak with one of the welcomers or please contact:

Moira Moore Tel: 874995

SACRAMENTAL

BAPTISM TEAM

In preparation for the baptism, the team will meet the family.
For further information please contact:

Dianne Goodwin

Tel: 879015

CONFIRMATION GROUP

The sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's is co-ordinated with every other parish in the Local Pastoral Area (LPA) of St. Alban's. The confirmation programme has been developed by clergy and catechists and aims to examine the relevance and importance of Jesus, our faith and the church to Catholic youth today, to foster a personal relationship with Jesus and to practise praying. The programme sessions take place in the presbytery at St. Paul's, usually on a Sunday evening, from January to June and are open to baptised Catholics aged 12-13. There are opportunities to organise outings and activities and the sessions are arranged so as not to clash with the youth group meetings. For further information please contact:

John Brogan

Tel: 879161

Email: john@145lrs.co.uk

Sara O'Gara

Tel: 266750

Email: p.ogara1@ntlworld.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Children are prepared for their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion when they are in Class 3 of the primary school. The sessions are conducted in the upper room on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. There also sessions for parents. Details are published each year. For further information please contact:

Joanne Harkins

Tel: 879359

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

In addition to meetings with the parish priest, there are two pre-marriage days arranged by a Marriage Care team each year. These pre-marriage days are for all the parishes of our pastoral area, and are very well received. For further information please contact:

Parish Office

Tel: 872606

Email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP gives distinctive Person to Person help to individuals and families. No act of charity is beyond the Society's remit. It is a group which aims to provide as wide a range of service as possible to those in need, regardless of class, creed or colour.



They visit the lonely, elderly or sick in their own homes, in hospitals or in sheltered accommodation. They have regular meetings in the Presbytery and organise fund-raising events. New members are always welcome.

For further information please contact:

Frank Halligan

Tel: 876299

E-mail: ff.halligan@ntlworld.com

SOCIAL

AFTER MASS SOCIAL TIME

Parishioners are invited to come together for tea and coffee after Mass on Tuesdays and Sundays. It is an opportunity to catch up on any news and get to know each other better. It takes place on the patio behind Church if the weather is fine or in the Upper Room (Tuesday) or Conservatory (Sunday) if wet. For further information please contact:

Hilary Jarvis (Tuesdays)

Cath Hooper (Sundays 9am)

Self Service (Sundays 11am)



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Each year we try to involve as many as possible of our Parish Community in a Christmas Fair, whether that be through providing donations to sell or as prizes, helping with the organisation, or helping on the day; 'every little helps' as the saying goes! We always welcome new people to help with the organisation and it is a good way to get to know other Parishioners. It is mainly seen as a social rather than a moneymaking event, what profit is gained, is used for parish activities. For further information please contact:

Christina Starkie

Email: chris@businessedulink.co.uk

Tel: 872545

PARISH DINNER

After having an annual parish dinner for several years, which was a most enjoyable social evening for members of the parish and their family and friends, we currently need somebody to take on the organisation of this event.

RAMBLERS

Daytime walks, once a month, ending with a pub lunch. Open to all and a lift is available if required. Details are published in the Parish newsletter. For further information contact:

Ian Johnson

Tel: 871089

ST. PAUL'S BROWNIES – 7th POYNTON

In our parish there is an active Brownie unit 7th Poynton (St Paul's) which is open to all 7-10 year old girls. Brownies meet each Monday during term time in the Community Rooms from 6.00 – 7.30pm. They enjoy a wide variety of activities which are chosen by the girls. They are also involved in events and activities with other units in Poynton and in our Guiding county of Cheshire Border. We will always welcome adult volunteers who would like to train as leaders. Leaders are always CRB vetted. To find out more please contact:



Julie Johnson

Email: juliemarkjohnson@live.com

Tel: 871089

SUMMER FAIR

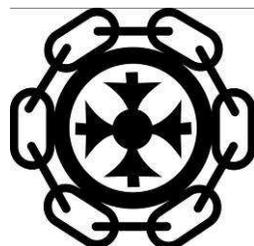
The Friends of St. Paul's hold an annual fair in late spring/early summer as the main fundraising event of the year. This is a well attended community event and we are always looking for offers of help with running stalls or donations of cakes. For further information please contact:

Nora Armstrong-Boyle
Head Teacher
Email: head@stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk

Tel: 383040
Fax: 871960

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

A brotherhood of Catholic business and professional men, who are organised in local branches or circles. The name comes from the Latin word for chain – *Catena* – and each circle forms a link in the chain.



The Ringway and Wilmslow circles draw their members from all the local parishes. The main aim is simply to encourage members to meet socially in a spirit of Catholic fellowship. There is no hidden agenda and it is not a secret society. It has the full support of the clergy. For further information please contact:

Patrick Moore
Email: patrick.moore@mmmnet.co.uk

Tel: 873658

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Organising activities and trips for young adults of the parish. A wide variety of activities are organised from camping to quizzes. Involvement of parents and adults is very much part of these activities

For further information please contact:

Karen Brownbill
Email: karenbrownbill@virginmedia.com

Tel: 07872 937152
Tel: 267528

Amanda Marshall

PASTORAL CARE

ALTAR LINEN

The celebration of the Liturgy demands that everything used on and around the Altar has to be in pristine condition. This responsibility is directed by Hilary Jarvis, and includes the cleaning and ironing of vestments, drapes, etc. For further information please contact:

Hilary Jarvis

Tel: 260024

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our aim is to offer a listening ear through personal visits or social meetings to those people who are recently, or not so recently bereaved, sick or lonely. Or if you would just like a friendly chat then contact:

Alma Haughian

Tel: 878223

Tel: 07802 427758

For information on deaths and funeral arrangements, please contact:

Parish Office

Tel: 872606

Email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING

There is a rota of Church cleaners who week by week do this very necessary but largely unsung job. Help is always welcome. For further information please contact:

Irene Walker

Tel: 0161 943 5673

COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE

The Community Room is on the same site as St Paul's Primary School. It is available for children's parties and other social functions for up to 30-40 people. It has a fully equipped kitchen and toilet facilities for both children and adults. For further information and charges please contact:

Tracy Derbyshire

Tel: 07803 153432

FLOWER ARRANGING



Flowers are a constant reminder of the beauty of Creation and are an integral part of any Church. Throughout the year there are special occasions, including Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals and Holy Days when extra help is needed.



If you have flower arranging skills, please contact:

Pat Broadbent

Tel: 877330

Sandra Loutit

Tel: 872011

MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY

CHURCH, PRESBYTERY AND COMMUNITY ROOMS

This is an ad hoc arrangement that covers painting and decorating, simple joinery and other small maintenance jobs. Help is always needed from tradesmen and enthusiasts to make a dent in a long list of jobs to be done. For further information please contact:

Martin Wilson Tel: 07767 420830
Email: martin.wilson@jazooli.com

Peter Leigh Tel: 858882

PIETY STALL

Open after Masses on Sunday, the Piety Stall has a selection of gifts and cards for every sacramental and seasonal occasion. If they do not have what you want, there is a catalogue to select from and the suppliers are very prompt with deliveries. There is also a selection of cards available in the Server's Room to the left of the altar if you need a card when the Piety Stall is not open. There is a rota for each of the weekend masses to ensure that the Piety Stall is available. For further information please contact:

Monica McDonnell

Tel: 877449



EDUCATION

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

All Hallows Catholic College - a Voluntary Academy - is an outstanding co-educational and inclusive 11-19 school, welcoming children from our voluntary aided partner Church schools, the wider community, and also other schools where parents are choosing our distinctive ethos for their children. All parents agree to support our Catholic Learning Community, its culture and values. The College is in the top 20% of High Schools nationally, based on last year's GCSE results and has become a National Support School with the Principal, Mr Tony Billings, one of only 96 National Leaders of Education who is qualified to help other schools across the area.

For further information please contact:

Mr A S Billings, Principal
Email: head@allhallows.org.uk

College office / reception
Email: admin@allhallows.org.uk

Jacqui Feely, Chair of Governors
Email: jacquifeely@fsmail.net



Tel: 426138

Tel: 873950

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Paul's Catholic Primary School delivers an outstanding level of education to all children in its care. Its Catholic ethos is the heart of all that we do. We strive to place not only a value on educational excellence but also in the development and emotional



growth of children as individuals and as part of a collective group. As a Christian community, we aim to ensure that each child receives his/her full educational entitlement in a secure and loving atmosphere, with a broad and balanced education being delivered through a stimulating and varied range of teaching styles. A recent OFSTED inspection rated the school as Outstanding. With the growth of knowledge, skill, faith and values, we hope that our children will take their place in society eventually as compassionate, thinking and contributing adults. The strong home, school, Parish links ensure all children have the best possible support in their education.

We are always happy to welcome you to our school.

For further information please contact:

Nora Armstrong-Boyle

Tel: 383040

Head teacher:

Fax: 871960

Email: head@stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk

Admin:

Email: admin@stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk

FRIENDS OF ST. PAUL'S (formerly the P.T.A.)

All parents of pupils attending St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, and teachers, are automatically members of the Friends of St. Paul's. Parents of past pupils and parishioners are also welcome to attend meetings and share ideas. The Friends has two principle objectives:

- To raise money to supplement the school budget
- To provide opportunities for parents, teachers and children to socialise and have fun

Recently, the money raised by Friends' activities, such as race nights, quizzes, and family BBQs, has bought computers and playground equipment, which benefits all children in our school. A number of officers are elected each year: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, etc, to help organise or facilitate the organisation of events. New members are

warmly welcomed. For further information please contact:

Nora Armstrong-Boyle

Tel: 383040

Email: head@stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

In order that everything we organise for children and vulnerable adults in our parish follows the Diocesan Guidelines to ensure that the environment is a safe one for all who participate, Mrs Michelle Huntley is our parish representative, linking with our Diocesan Child Protection Office, Mrs Pauline Butterfield (0151 652 9855). For further information please contact:

Michelle Huntley Parish Office

Tel: 872606

Email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com



ST. PAUL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Our pre-school welcomes all children aged from 2 years 6 months to 5 years. It is situated in the school grounds in Marley Road and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday during term time. The pre-school follows the Early Years Foundation Stage and has been inspected by OFSTED as an outstanding provider. For further information please contact:

Barbara Kingdon

Tel: 858222

Manager

Email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com

ST. PAUL'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

This is held in the Community Rooms in Marley Road and meets every Tuesday afternoon in term time from 1.30 to 3.00 p.m. It is an opportunity for parents and children to socialise and many varied activities are provided for the children. Everybody is welcome, and extra help is always appreciated. For further information please contact:

Karen Brownbill

Email: karenbrownbill@virginmedia.com

Tel: 07872 937152

Tel: 267528

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHRISTIAN AID

Each May, for over 40 years, volunteers from St parish community have joined the other Christian churches to play our part in the annual house-to-house envelope collection on behalf of Christian Aid. We do this as part of our commitment to Justice and peace. The collection is the focal point of Christian Aid Week and is the major source of funding for the charity. Christian Aid works to address the desperate need of the world's poorest people, particularly those in developing countries. Volunteers are always needed – many feet mean less blisters! For more information please contact:

Fiona Kennon

Email: kennonhome@hotmail.co.uk



Paul's churches to



Tel: 877278

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN POYNTON (CTIP)

All the Churches in the village try to work together for the good of all Poynton residents through a Joint Action Team. Examples of initiatives we share include Parent Courses, for Parents of children over 11 years (Drug-Proofing Your Kids) and a Money management course. We have shared Worship at all the Churches in turn and provide opportunities for young and old to take part in activities and Fellowship in our Community. For further information please contact:

Julie Johnson

Email: juliemarkjohnson@live.com

Tel: 871089

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY LUNCHES

Provide Sunday lunches for those who would otherwise eat alone.

Parish contact: Parish Office

Tel: 872606

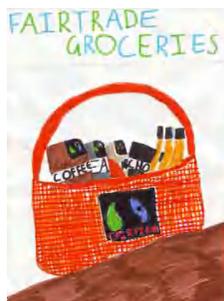
CTIP Lead: Gill Freeman

Tel: 872600

Email: gillianfreeman@btinternet.com

FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION

For several years members of the Parish have been promoting Fairtrade issues and in particular, products which carry the Fairtrade Mark. Displays and information have been available in the church, especially during Fairtrade Fortnight every March, so that parishioners and others can make informed choices when buying such products as tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, honey, chocolate, bananas, oranges, pineapples and wine - the principal commodities currently included in national and global Fairtrade initiatives. Products from the Tradecraft Fair Organisation have also been promoted. For further information please contact:



Joanne Harkins

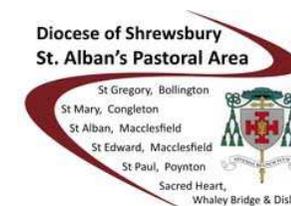
Tel: 879359

Email: joanne.harkins@ntlworld.com

LOCAL PASTORAL AREA (LPA)

St Alban's Pastoral Area is comprised of the six parishes listed below as a geographical area of the Shrewsbury Diocese which, since 2007, has been arranged into 26 Pastoral Areas. Our area is LPA 7, comprising:

- Bollington, St Gregory
- Congleton, St Mary
- Whaley Bridge, Sacred Heart
- Macclesfield, St Alban
- Macclesfield, St Edward
- Poynton, St Paul



This arrangement functions through a Pastoral Area Team, consisting of the Parish Priest and an elected representative from each parish, a deacon elected by his colleagues and a teacher and a catechist appointed by the Bishop. The role of each Pastoral Area Team is to support its constituent parishes in the changed and changing circumstances that they are facing now and will continue to face in the future. In his initial address to Pastoral Area Teams in 2007 Bishop Brian's hope was that they would work to create effective structures for co-operation on pastoral and catechetical matters and that each LPA would increasingly become a community of communities.

The following four priority areas have been identified for the LPA Team to address:

- Emergency Sunday/holiday cover Mass provision across the LPA
- LPA Sacramental Requirements
- Effective structures for supporting parish life
- Effective methods of communication across the LPA

The Pastoral Area Team members are committed to work together in a spirit of charity, understanding and sensitivity, sharing all resources to build, develop and support the wider community, in order to provide for the liturgical, sacramental, pastoral, spiritual and social needs of all people within the Local Pastoral Area.

The LPA organise study days, joint services and social occasions, talks

about various aspects of our Faith in all the Parishes in turn for anyone in the LPA and many opportunities for training and development of Catechists and for those seeking to convert to the Catholic faith. The LPA also coordinate the programme to welcome and prepare into full communion with the Church, called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

For further information please contact:

Ros Lomax

Email: rosamundlomax@aol.com

Parish Office

Tel: 872606

Email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com

LPA coordinated activities, see St Alban's at www.stalbanmacc.org.uk

THE WELLSPRING

The Wellspring actively engages with homeless people providing advice and support as well as referrals into housing or supported accommodation. The Wellspring has four clear objectives, which are at the heart of everything done:

- To tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness
- To equip people to realise their potential
- To deliver client focused services which are creative and of a demonstrable quality
- To influence policy that affects homeless and disadvantaged people

Since its modest beginnings in 1991, The Wellspring has been serving homeless and disadvantaged men and women in Stockport, 365 days a year. The Wellspring is dependant on donations and volunteer support from the general public, businesses, schools and churches. Donations of food, clothing, bedding, toiletries & financial donations are always needed. For further information please contact:

Cath Hooper

Tel: 877269



PARISH ADMIN & COMMUNICATIONS

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Weekly administrative cover for the parish is provided by a small team who work together. We maintain various Parish Registers, perform all administration functions and work closely with rota co-ordinators to facilitate the sharing of appropriate parish information. For further information please contact:

Michelle Huntley

Tel: 877183

Email: mehassociates@ntlworld.com

Marie Parker

Tel: 858411

Email: mpfbonfire@hotmail.co.uk

DATA PROTECTION ACT

The Parish Office at St Paul's Poynton is a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you and we may receive information about you from third parties where you have consented for information to be shared. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- Communicate information to you on parish events
- Organise parish activities, where you have volunteered to be involved in those activities and supplied us with relevant information
- Identify and support any relevant events where you may welcome being contacted by the Parish Office
- Ensure we maintain accurate details, so that we can provide appropriate spiritual and pastoral care

This information includes your contact details, and any additional information you have disclosed to the parish. We will not give information about you to any third parties without your consent unless the law and our rules allow us to.

If you want to see a copy of the information about you that we hold and/or share, please contact the Parish Office.

If you want to update your contact details, please contact the Parish Office:

Parish Office Tel: 872606
Email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com

PARISHIONER CONTACT DATABASE

The parish team often find they have incomplete and inaccurate contact details for parishioners, resulting in the parish team being unable to quickly provide the services that parishioners want. Thus we maintain a list of parishioners' names and contact details. Note that your details can only be included in the parishioner's list if you give us authorisation. You can provide your details to the Parish Office by email or by completing a copy of the "Welcome" form at the back of the church.

Parish Office Tel: 872606
Email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Parish funds are held in trust by the trustees of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, who are responsible for all diocesan resources to the Charities Commissioners. For further information please contact:

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PARISH GIFT AID

St Paul's parish has one of the highest percentages of parishioners who contribute using gift aid, for which we are very grateful. If you are a UK taxpayer, you could add 28p to every pound you give to St Paul's parish at no extra cost to yourself through the Gift Aid scheme. For example, if you give £10 to St Paul's using Gift Aid, that gift is worth £12.82 to us. The basic requirement of the Gift Aid scheme is that you complete a simple Gift Aid Declaration, confirming that you are a taxpayer and that you are happy for us to reclaim the tax on your donations. If you do not pay tax, you should not use Gift Aid. For further information please contact:

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Peter and Kathryn Doyle Tel: 876557

COUNTERS

There is a team of dedicated volunteers who count the weekend collections and bank them in the parish account held at the Royal Bank of Scotland. They also advise on when extra collections should be taken. It would be useful to have extra help in reserve, to cover holidays, etc. For further information please contact:

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PARISH LIBRARY

There is a selection of religious books in the Upper Room and sacristy. There are also back issues of religious periodicals on a wide variety of subjects in the Server's Room to the left of the altar. These include "The Way", "Spirituality" and "Pastoral Review". Donations of books, CD's and DVD's are always very welcome. For further information please contact:

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PARISH POST BOX

There is a box at the back of church with spaces alphabetically arranged to allow communication between parishioners.

PARISH WEBSITE

As well as providing up to date information on regular and special services at St. Paul's the parish website at www.stpaulspoynton.org.uk will also keep you informed of up and coming events and various parish activities for young and not so young alike. We hope that you will find the website both easy to navigate and also an interesting source of information about our parish family and the community we serve. If you have any suggestions for inclusions, or improvements you would like to see, plus any important announcements you would like to share with the rest of the parish please do not hesitate to contact the web site administrator. For further information please contact:

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Our weekly bulletin is a source of information for Mass times, Mass intentions, as well facilitating the sharing of information about parish events and activities. Anyone with information for the newsletter should contact the Parish Office with details. The deadline for inclusion is Thursday by 10am. For further information please contact:

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LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

There are many aspects of St Paul's Parish life that require even greater involvement by parishioners of St Paul's at large, as the "Catholic Church" is changing, a chronic shortage of Priests being one of the largest challenges we are to face. What happens after Fr Harry?

Whilst this will be of concern to many of us, all **WE** can do is to plan for our future by supporting Parish Life at all levels possible, to ensure that our community in Poynton stays a vibrant, caring and prayerful one for a very long time to come...

If you have any suggestions or ideas to further help our Parish, feel free to discuss these further by contacting the Parish Office or a member of the Core Group whose contact details are at the beginning of this booklet

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Parish Prayer

Father pour out your Spirit on our parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your Word
and a new consecration to your service
that your love may grow among us
and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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