

St. Paul's Newsletter

Mass Intention

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| Vigil Mass | 31st | 6.30pm | Parishioners |
| Sunday Mass | 1st | 10:00am | Derek Delaney Catherine Sharples |
| Monday | 2nd | 9.30am | Word & Communion |
| Tuesday | 3rd | 9.30am | Word & Communion |
| Wednesday | 4th | 9.30am | Danielle Maatouk |
| Thursday | 5th | 7.30pm | Word & Communion |
| Friday | 6th | 9.30am | Word & Communion |
| Vigil Mass | 7th | 6.30pm | Parishioners |
| Sunday Mass | 8th | 10:00am | Geoff Scholes |

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 7th & 8th Jan 2017

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| Church cleaning | Barbara Tomlinson & Moira Moore | | |
| Flowers | | | |
| Piety 6.30 pm | Bridie Stephen | | |
| 10.00 am | Ronnie Ryder | | |
| Counting | Ann Atkinson | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sat 7th | 6.30pm | Mary Scanlon & Janet Oldham |
| | Sun 8th | 10:00am | Micky Frazer, Thekla Kampelmann & Hilary Jarvis |
| Readers | Sat 7th | 6.30pm | Nano Duffy |
| | Sun 8th | 10:00am | Hilary Jarvis |
| Altar Servers | Sat 7th | 6.30pm | Parrott Boys |
| | Sun 8th | 10:00am | Kalnins Family |
| Sacristan | Sat 7th | 6.30pm | Deacon Gerard |
| | Sun 8th | 10:00am | Jacqui Feely |
| Little Church Musicians | Sun 8th | 10:00am | Marie Coughlan & Francis Barnett |
| Welcomers | Sat 7th | 6.30pm | Pat Bracken & Anne Gregory |
| | Sun 8th | 10:00am | Sheila Beaumont & Moira Moore |
| PowerPoint | Sat 7th | 6.30pm | Peter Milham |
| | Sun 8th | 10:00am | John Kalnins |

To add something to the **newsletter**, kindly contact the Presbytery via tel. **872606** or email stpaulspoynton@gmail.com with the details. The deadline for items for inclusion is Thursdays at 10am.

Our Parish website: www.stpaulspoynton.org.uk
 Our School website: www.stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk
 Our Pre-school website: www.stpauls-pre-school.co.uk

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Fr Peter H Burke

Deacon Gerard Turnbull (Retired)

Weekly Service Times:

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| Mon | 9.30am | Word & Communion |
| Tues | 9.30am | Word & Communion |
| Weds | 9.30am | Mass |
| Thurs | 7.30pm | Word & Communion |
| Fri | 9.30am | Word & Communion |
| Sat | 6.30pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sun | 10:00am | Sunday Mass |



31st December 2016 & 1st January 2017

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

Today's feast day is the oldest feast of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the focus primarily is not on her, but on her Son. This is always the way that true devotion to Mary leads us. The early years of the church were years of reflection and speculation, just who Jesus was – truly man? Truly God? And the church came to its deep understanding that the child born of Mary was indeed both human, and divine; Mary's Son was truly the Son of God. This awareness came from deep reflection and prayer and proclaimed in a solemn council of the early Church.

In her own life, as the gospel tells us, Mary too had to ponder and reflect on what had happened, and was happening in his own life, what was God asking of her, and what should her response be... and this is a fitting way for us to look ahead to a New Year. Our God has come to make His home with us, and assures us of his continued love and guiding presence, that we can reflect and ponder on our lives with faith, and trust in the God who has given us His word.

Thought for the week

Resolve to be yourself, and know that, as you find yourself,
you find peace and joy.

We warmly welcome Father Jim McGrath who will kindly be celebrating our masses with us this weekend.

Thank you for your very generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £1554.70.

As our parishioners know we use the money from the Christmas (and Easter) collections to help fund the cost of our visiting priest cover throughout the year. Next weekend we will have a speaker in church at our masses to appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

As we come to the end of one year and the beginning of another, may we again thank you on behalf of our visiting priests, retired Deacon Gerard and myself, for all the help, support and prayers that you have blessed us with during the past year, and pray that the Lord will indeed let his face shine on you and be gracious to you, so that you will know the closeness of the Lord in each of the days to come.

Coffee & Cake after mass is on hold until after Christmas, we will resume in January 2017.

Altar Servers: There are still a few named selection packs in the sacristy. If you haven't had a chance to collect your pack please pop in to pick it up – and our thanks to you!

X-Cell Youth Group: Next meeting is **Friday January 13th from 7-9pm** at St. Alban's Parish Centre. Everyone at secondary school (ages 11+) is welcome. Bring your friends, meet up with friends from primary school, and make new friends. Bring £1 entry & some money for tuck. Next meetings are planned for 21st Jan, ice skating in Altrincham & 10th Feb, trampolining at Energi, Handforth. For more information there is a poster in the porch or contact Anna & Greg Hughes on 01625 614406 or xcellyouthgroup@gmail.com.

Friendship & Bereavement Team: will be hosting a 'Burns Night' lunch on **Thurs 19th January at 12 noon**. Further details to follow.

A Year for Mission, 2017: At the request of those who attended a series of talks last year and to help us discover our own part in the mission of the Church, four reflections will be offered in Jan/Feb 2017. All are welcome to attend, whatever your background or education. Speakers: Fr Jonathan Brandon, Fr Edmund Montgomery, & Miss Barbara Davies. Details please see the leaflet at the back of church.

Collection Boxes: Please can parishioners with Missio Boxes and/or Children's Catholic Society cardboard collections boxes please return these to church or the parish office ASAP.

Meet and Greet: the new rotas are available for collection from the back of church.

Christmas Fair: We raised a grand total of £1668.41 this year! Thank you to everyone who helped in advance, on the day and post event!! Thank you to everyone who attended the Fair and supported us. We also need to contact a Mark Smith... if that is you... or if you know how we can contact Mark... please contact the parish office with Mark's contact details (we have a raffle prize that he has won but the contact details we have are incorrect).

A blessing for each other.

It is customary in different parts of the world to bless one another and our homes as one year ends and another begins. The following prayer is one you may wish to pray over your home and those you love,

Lord our God You whose home is in heaven and on earth, and in that undiscovered beyond, come and bless this house which is our home.

Surround this shelter with your Holy Spirit and encompass all its sides with the power of your protection so that no evil or harm will come near.

May that divine blessing shield this home from destruction, storm, sickness and all that might bring harm to us who live within these walls.

May God's holy presence shine forth here, and bless all who live here and all who come to our door.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Gabriel Drew, Daniel Burke, Sandra Bradley, Chris Nuri, Nicholas Kirk, John Williams, Sheelah O'Hanlon, Mary Tooby, Mandy Hawkyard, Chris Browne, Fr. Martin Riley, Roger Hannam, Madeleine Williams, Max Emerson, Monica McDonnell, Fr. Harry, John Biggar, Emma Wood, Elliott Richardson, Joyce Keating, Peggy Burke, Bea Heyes, John White, Margaret Wilson, Maura Agnew, Sue Savage, Elizabeth McNiff, Catherine Vermuden, Carol Anne Jamiesen, Joseph Martin & Doris Lear.

As you are aware Father Peter & Father Harry are unwell and we ask all our parishioners to take some time to remember each of them in prayer.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries round about now: John Lake, Winifred Bottomley, George Cain, Ethel Flint, Frances Healey, Catherine Harrison, Thomas Lloyd, Joseph Cain, Patrick Hunt, George Kay, Jeffrey Cummins, Florence Reid, Bridget Baddeley, Brigid Jackson and Dorothy Schultz.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

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| Entrance Antiphon | 137 |
| Readings / Gospel | 137 |
| Preface | 43 |
| Eucharistic Prayer | 10 |
| Gospel Acclamation | 138 |
| Communion Antiphon | 139 |

Alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken through his Son.

Alleluia!

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MARY HID HER STAGE FRIGHT BY INSISTING THAT TO TRULY BE A SOLOIST ONE COULD NOT HAVE AN AUDIENCE