

St. Paul's Newsletter

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Weekly Service Times:

Mon	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tues	9.30pm	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



First Sunday of Advent

26th & 27th November 2016

Prepare for the future by living today

I find it symbolic that as we come to today's readings we go back to the beginning of our missal. It is another beginning; another starting again. This is one of the joys of our faith. Our God keeps inviting us, calling us to make a new start, to be aware of the closeness of his presence each day of our lives. We are so busy doing things, so often planning for what is to come, that we do not live today. So busy caught up with this and that, we forget the most important. And so the readings today ask us to 'wake up', to be aware of what is at the heart of each one of us, of what will bring true peace to our hearts, our families and our world. We come in the Lord's presence at our Mass, so that we can be aware too of His presence throughout each day of our lives. May I suggest that we find a little time each day to be still and know that our God is with us. It may be at the beginning of each day, while we are getting ourselves ready to face the world, or at the end of the day, thinking back over what has happened...God has been with us, God is with us, God will be with us.

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	26th	6.30pm	Peter Halligan
Sunday Mass	27th	10:00am	Parishioners
Monday	28th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	29th	9.30pm	Word & Communion
Wednesday	30th	9.30am	Patricia Doran
Thursday	1st	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	2nd	9:30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	3rd	6.30pm	Helen Robinson
Sunday Mass	4th	10:00am	Parishioners

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 3rd & 4th December 2016

Church cleaning	Sarah Kalnins & Siobhan Lynch		
Flowers	No flowers in advent		
Piety 6.30 pm	Rosemary Snow		
10.00 am	Kathryn Doyle		
Counting	Larry Ford		
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 3rd	6.30pm	Jacqui Feely & Anne Marley
	Sun 4 th	10:00am	Anne Leneghan, Julie Johnson & Hilary Jarvis
Readers	Sat 3rd	6.30pm	Brendan Hickey
	Sun 4 th	10:00am	Frank Leneghan
Altar Servers	Sat 3rd	6.30pm	The Boyle Boys
	Sun 4 th	10:00am	Holly & Peter Robinson
Sacristan	Sat 3rd	6.30pm	Deacon Gerard
	Sun 4 th	10:00am	Peter Leigh
Little Church Musicians	Sun 4th	10:00am	Ann Doherty & Toby Kalnins
	Sun 4 th	10:00am	Catherine & Dominic
Welcomers	Sat 3rd	6.30pm	Fiona Carpenter & Janet Oldham
	Sun 4 th	10:00am	Ronnie Ryder Cath Hooper
PowerPoint	Sat 3rd	6.30pm	Peter Milham
	Sun 4 th	10:00am	John Kalnins

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

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.

Thought for the week
 People who don't judge,
 don't forgive - they don't need to.

We welcome Monsignor O'Neill who will be celebrating masses with us this weekend.

Thank you for your very generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £399.54. We have also sent cheques totalling £665.19 for the Clergy Education and Training Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your kind donations are much appreciated.

As we begin Advent today we begin Cycle A, with readings from the Gospel of St. Matthew which will be the Word of God for this coming year.

Morning Prayer of the Church will start 10 minutes before each morning service and the same for **Evening Prayer of the Church** on Thurs eve, 10 minutes before each service.

Little Church: through Advent St. Paul's Little Church children will be, 'Following the Star' to the birth of Jesus. Along with the offering of the gifts, the children will be bringing up a small paper figure from the Nativity scene to place on our display table. On Christmas Eve the Star will reach its destination above the Nativity scene. During our Advent sessions of Wednesday Word with the children, we will be discussing Preparation, Christ, Mary and Christmas.

The first Mass of Christmas will be the Family Service at 5pm on Christmas Eve. Please pass names of any child who would like to be involved in readings, bidding prayers, offertory etc. to Sarah Kalnins (kalnins19@hotmail.com or 07807 755955).

My Day by Day books are available at the back of church for those parishioners who would like one. They contain daily reading and reflections for the season of Advent and are a valuable tool to help in our spiritual preparation for the great feast of Christmas.

MDMT present, 'A Christmas Carol', on **Sat 3rd Dec at 7pm** at Macclesfield Methodist Church. A sparkling concert for all the family. Tks £10 adults & £2 children, for more info ring 01625 433187/615298 or see noticeboard at back of church.

Advent Reflection: Sun 4th Dec 4:30-6:30pm, Wistaton Hall, CW2 8JS. Organised by the Commission for Justice, Peace & Social Responsibility, led by Mary Kilcoyne - all welcome!

SVP Meeting: The next meeting is **Mon, 5th December at 6.00pm** in the conservatory.

All Hallows' Carol Concert will be held at St Alban's on Thurs, 8th December at 7.30pm.

Lourdes hospitality Mass: Holy Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Thurs, 8th Dec at 7.30pm** at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Joseph's, Wheatland Lane, CH44 7ED.

Christingle: After the success of last year we are going to run another Christingle making session. It will be **in the conservatory on Sun, 11th December after Mass.**

Thurs, 15th Dec, 12.30pm, the **Friendship and Bereavement Team** are holding a **Christmas Party** in the conservatory (through the gate at the side of church). Why not reserve a place (£10 contribution) and come and join in the fun. This could be the ideal opportunity to catch up with old friends and maybe make some new ones. To book a place or if you need to arrange transport please call Alma on 878223. We all look forward to you joining us.



Parish Christmas Fair: Sat 3rd Dec 10am-2pm – NEXT WEEK!

Bakers: our cake stall is very popular and we welcome your donations, these can be dropped off on **Fri 2nd Dec at school / church** or on **Sat from 8.30am at the civic hall**. We're still looking for donations and raffle prizes; if you can donate a prize there is a sign-up sheet in the porch. Don't forget the Jar Stall; fill a jar with anything that will fit, stationery items, decorations, sweets or get creative! **Please drop donations / jars off at school or the presbytery porch ASAP.** We'd be grateful if anyone with a van could volunteer to help with transportation at the start and end of the fair. If you can volunteer in any way or just have a query please email stpaulspoyntonsocial@gmail.com or call Marie Coughlan on 07729248878.

XCell Youth Group rollerblading disco, **Fri 9th Dec.** details on poster in porch.

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

Carers Café: Every Weds 10am-12 at the Civic Hall: **a drop in session for all carers.** For more info, ring Sharon Duke on 872238 or email Val Burlison: val.burlison@cheshireast.gov.uk

Parking: We've had a few instances where people are parking far too close to the junction on the road behind church, this is dangerous and illegal. We can use the Vernon Rd school car park during mass / service times; PLEASE use this facility and keep our neighbourhood SAFE!

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: 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.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries round about now: Z J Serwatko, Helen Murphy, Mark Aspinall, Brian Riley, Raymond Sugden, Tommy Gelvin, John Frelish, Mary Stenhouse, Lily Keating, Sara Doherty, Ted Millet, Alma Powell, Margaret Whitehurst, Mary Bennett, Joseph Keating, Barbara Simpson, John Howard and Amy Scanlon

We remember **Edith Ollerenshaw** who passed away on 17th Nov; we pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

Entrance Antiphon	81
Readings / Gospel	81
Preface no. 1	41
Communion Antiphon	89

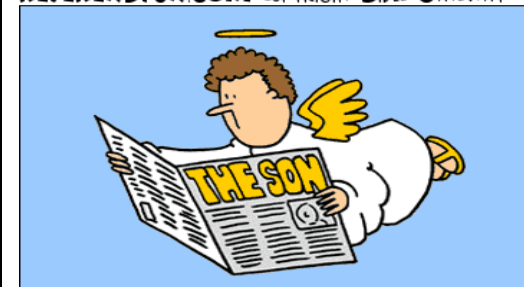
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help

Alleluia!

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