

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	17th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	18th	10:00am	Dennis Slaney
Monday	19th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	20th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Wednesday	21st	9.30am	Derek Delaney
Thursday	22nd	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	23rd	9:30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	24th	5.00pm	Parishioners
		8.00pm	Helen Robinson
Sunday Mass	25th	10:00am	Danielle Maatouk

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 24th & 25th December 2016

Church cleaning	Liz Tildsley & Karen Brownbill		
Flowers	All ladies to prepare Xmas flowers on Friday 23rd at 11am		
Piety 6.30 pm	Moira Rhodes		
10.00 am	Angela Brogan		
Counting	Gerard Miller		
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 24 th	5.00pm	Mary Scanlon
		8.00pm	Deacon Gerard, Hilary Jarvis & Pieter Groot
	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Jean Halligan, Debbie Cox & Sheila Beaumont
Readers	Sat 24 th	8.00pm	Patrick Moore
	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Frank Halligan
Altar Servers	Sat 24 th	5.00pm	Anna Coughlan & Boyle Boys
		8.00pm	Holly & Peter Robinson
	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Thomas Cunliffe & Leo Turnbull
Sacristan	Sat 24 th	5.00pm	Frank Halligan
		8.00pm	Deacon Gerard
	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Janet Oldham
Little Church	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Christmas break resumes Sunday 8 th Jan
Musicians	Sat 24 th	5.00pm	Catherine Hetherington
		8.00pm	Ged & Alan
	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Ros & Hugh
Welcomers	Sat 24 th	5.00pm	Mary & John Scanlon
		8.00pm	Beryl & Leigh Partington
	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Moira Moore & Cath Hooper
PowerPoint	Sat 24 th	5.00pm	John Kalnins
		8.00pm	Duncan Grant
	Sun 25 th	10:00am	Peter Milham

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.

St. Paul's Newsletter

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Weekly Service Times:

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	5:00pm	Family Mass
	8.00pm	Christmas Mass
Sun	10:00am	Christmas Day Mass



17th & 18th December 2016

THE Godsend

An expression that is part of our language is to say that something is a “Godsend”, an answer to prayer, something, some event that helps us out of a difficult situation. When Mary was told she was going to have a son, it was an answer to prayer that she did not expect. There are many instances in the Bible of women having children when they were old, past child bearing age, but this is the first time that a virgin conceives. Truly a Godsend, going beyond anything we could dream of, or even ask for. We usually prefer God to answer our prayers to suit our requirements, but God knows and God really does know what leads us to true peace, and true joy. The Holy Spirit that brought Jesus alive in Mary, wants to bring Him alive in each one of us.

Thought for the week

In our prayer, let our hearts be without words,
rather than our words without heart.

We warmly welcome Father Flavian who will kindly be celebrating masses with us this weekend.

Thank you for your very generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £463.90

Coffee & cake are on hold now until after Christmas. We will resume in the New Year.

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. This is the last chance for any child who would like to be involved in readings, bidding prayers, offertory etc. to pass their names to Sarah Kalnins (kalnins19@hotmail.com or 07807 755955).

Altar Servers: please take a selection pack from the sacristy with best wishes from the parish.

Prayer Breakfast: *Praise and porridge. Confessions and croissants. Thanksgiving and toast. Supplication and sausages.* Why not come along and join us at the Kingfisher Pub for a prayer breakfast out in the community. We meet at **9am** on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. So the next one will be **Tues 20th Dec**. Wouldn't it be great to see Christians from all over the village coming together to share food, fellowship and prayer. As Father Ted might have said...let's make it an ecumenical matter!

CAFOD Fun Run in Bollington on Tues Dec 27th. Registration on the day at 9.30am to start at 11am along the Middlewood Way and the Canal Towpath. You can choose your course, full is 4.5 miles, medium is 3 miles and the shorter course is 1 mile. Runners, joggers and walkers are all welcome. All the proceeds are in aid of CAFOD's work in the Middle East. Refreshments will be available at St. Gregory's parish hall. Advance registration and details from 01625 26652 or at www.tinyurl.com/BollyFunRun.

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, 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.

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.

Parish Diaries: These are free, and available at the back of the Church, so please do take one, and it will help you to be aware of the special feasts and seasons of the Church's year.

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).

Christmas Cards - which reflect the great feast we will be celebrating can be found on the shelf at the back of the Church and you can pay at the piety stall or in the box in the porch wall.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: 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.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries round about now: Fred Wolfenden, David Smetham, Lilian Jukka, Margaret Doherty, Fr. Thomas Hurley, Mary Coles, Peter Palmer, Doreen Clayton, Eileen Roughton, Nora Oakley, Dennis Slaney, Bernard Tootell & Harold Minshall. Your prayers are also requested for Eileen Kelly, one of our parishioners who died on Dec 8th and also Ethel Gibson, Doug Roberts & Valerie Day who also died recently. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

Entrance Antiphon	110
Readings / Gospel	110
Preface no. 1	41
Communion Antiphon	119

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

Alleluia!

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Our School website: www.stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk

Our Pre-school website: www.stpauls-pre-school.co.uk