

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	24th	5.00pm	Parishioners
		8.00pm	Helen Robinson
Sunday Mass	25th	10:00am	Danielle Maatouk
Monday	26th	10:00am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	27th	10:00am	Word & Communion
Wednesday	28th	1.30pm	Mrs Eileen Kelly - Funeral Service
Thursday	29th	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	30th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	31st	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	1st	10:00am	Derek Delaney

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 31st Dec & 1st January 2017

Church cleaning	Caroline Robinson		
Flowers	All flower ladies		
Piety 6.30 pm	Rosemarie Snow		
10.00 am	Terry Curtis		
Counting	John Long		
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 31 st	6.30pm	Lynne Emerson & Brendan Hickey
	Sun 1 st	10:00am	Anne Leneghan, Hilary Jarvis & Richard Cantillon
Readers	Sat 31 st	6.30pm	Peter Milham
	Sun 1 st	10:00am	Kevin Molloy
Altar Servers	Sat 31 st	6.30pm	Kalnins family
	Sun 1 st	10:00am	Anna Coughlan & Peter Robinson
Sacristan	Sat 31 st	6.30pm	Mary & John Scanlon
	Sun 1 st	10:00am	Cath Hooper
Little Church Musicians	Sun 1 st	10:00am	Christmas Break
Welcomers	Sun 1 st	10:00am	TBA
	Sat 31 st	6.30pm	Beryl & Leigh Partington
	Sun 1 st	10:00am	Barbara Tomlinson & Pat Broadbent
PowerPoint	Sat 31 st	6.30pm	Martin Wilson
	Sun 1 st	10:00am	John landolo

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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Weekly Service Times:

Mon	10:00am	Word & Communion
Tues	10:00am	Word & Communion
Weds	1.30pm	Funeral Service
Thurs	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Fri	9.30am	Word & Communion
Sat	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10:00am	Sunday Mass



24th & 25th December 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

“Do not be afraid”, are the angel’s words to Mary. We need to hear those words too, as so often we are somewhat daunted and afraid when we become aware of what God might be wanting of us. The expression, ‘do not be afraid’, occurs 365 times in the bible; once for every day of the year.

We look to the story of Adam and Eve and after their act of disobedience their first reaction is to cover themselves; the natural reaction of sinful people is to hide themselves from God, conscious of their sinfulness. That is exactly why the Christmas story has such an appeal. No one is afraid of a little baby and that is how God comes to be with us.

Our God wants to make himself at home in our hearts, in our lives, in our families, and who can say, ‘no’, to a little baby? Mary said yes to God’s invitation to let His Word take flesh in her and as we prepare for Christmas, we too are called to say, ‘yes’, to God’s love coming again into our hearts today. Let the good God surprise us with the joy only His Word can bring. **Say YES to God today.**

Thought for the week

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

We warmly welcome Father Jim McGrath who will kindly be celebrating all our masses with us this Christmas & New Year.

Thank you for your very generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £555.17p.

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners, family, friends and visitors who will be joining us to share in our Christmas masses; Pope Francis writes:-

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself.

Jesus is the radiant "day" which has dawned on the horizon of humanity.

A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world.

A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety.

A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation.

A day of joy: a "great joy" for the poor, the lowly and for all the people (cf. Lk 2:10).

Wednesday morning Mass: Please note that this coming **Wednesday 28th Dec**, there will be **NO** morning Mass. This is due to a funeral service for Eileen Kelly which is at 1.30pm.

Will anyone coming to **Word & Communion** in the week after Christmas please make note of the times. Some have been moved to the later time of 10am.

How magnificent our church looks for the celebration of the great feast of Christmas. It is impossible to list every group and person individually as we'd be sure to leave someone out. But at these special times of the year, when we can all see the results of our parish community working together, it is a good time to reflect on the blessings of our parish. So to each and every one of you,

Thank You!

Coffee & Cake after mass is on hold until after Christmas, we will resume in the New Year.

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

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, 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.

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.

Piety rota: the new rota is available from the piety stall after Mass on 24th December.

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).

Parish Office: The admin team will be working reduced hours over Christmas/New Year. If you need to get in touch please leave a message on the answer machine or email us at stpaulspoynton@gmail.com, both will be checked daily.

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 during this special time of year.

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, whose funeral service is on Weds 28th December at 1pm. Please also keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

Entrance Antiphon	We will
Readings / Gospel	be using
Preface no. 1	Xmas
	Mass
Communion Antiphon	books

See PowerPoint for Gospel acclamation or the relevant page in the Christmas Mass booklet.

