

### Mass Intention

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Helen Robinson</b>
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Monday	5th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	6th	9:30pm	Word & Communion
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Derek Delaney</b>
Thursday	8th	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	9th	9:30am	Word & Communion
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Derek Delaney</b>

### Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 10th & 11th December 2016

<b>Church cleaning</b>	R. Snow		
<b>Flowers</b>	No flowers in advent		
<b>Piety 6.30 pm</b>	Bridie Stephen		
<b>10.00 am</b>	Sheila Scholes		
<b>Counting</b>	Ian Johnson		
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Mary Scanlon & Lynne Emerson
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Mickey Frazer, <b>Thelka Kampelmann &amp; Peter O'Neill</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Cole Family
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Charlotte Edmunds
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Ben & Dan Parrott
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Kalnins Family
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	John & Mary Scanlon
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Jacqui Feely
<b>Little Church Musicians</b>	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Ailish Fountain & Libby Harkins
<b>Welcomers</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Pauline & John Hogan
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Kalnins Family
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Martin Wilson
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Duncan Grant

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Our School website: [www.stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk)  
Our Pre-school website: [www.stpauls-pre-school.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-pre-school.co.uk)

To add something to the **newsletter**, kindly contact the Presbytery via tel. **872606** or email [stpaulspoynton@gmail.com](mailto: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	9.30pm	Word & Communion
<b>Weds</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Thurs	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Fri	9:30am	Word & Communion
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>



## Second Sunday of Advent

### 3rd & 4th December 2016

Where is the wilderness?

John the Baptist is very much an, "Advent figure". He spent his time in the wilderness, a life of prayer and a life of preaching. People went to listen to him and he called them all to a new way of life, to prepare for the coming of the One who would bring them hope, and lead them. The wilderness was a special place for the chosen people. That was where they first met God, and God led them through the wilderness into their promised land.

We don't have to travel very far to find the wilderness in our own lives. It is right at the heart of each one of us. A place deep within us where we know we need the guiding hand of God; his healing loving presence, and his forgiving word. When we recognise the areas of our lives untouched by God's Spirit of peace, of love and of truth we know where God's Word awaits us. God still speaks to each one of us, inviting us this Advent to open ourselves more trustfully, more faithfully to His saving presence. This is what it means to REPENT. To open those parts of our lives and hearts more fully to God's gracious forgiving presence.

### Thought for the week

Urgent things are seldom important, important things are seldom urgent

**We welcome Father Jim McGrath who will be celebrating masses with us this weekend.**

Thank you for your very generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £421.95.

**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.



We have two meetings this coming week to provide a chance for everyone to come and learn more about Our Mission Together. They are on **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7-8pm** in the upper room and **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** in the conservatory (coffee & cake at this meeting!!) Jackie & Mathew from the diocesan team are looking forward to meeting you. If you have not received an

information pack please pick one up from the back of the church today. There, you will also find a return box in which you can place your envelope when you have made your decision.

Hope to see you all at one of the two gatherings next week!

**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](mailto:kalnins19@hotmail.com) or 07807 755955).

**Poynton High School visits:** A huge thank you to all those who went into the school to share their faith and our churches thoughts on, 'Life and Beyond'. The school are always hugely grateful for the input and it's lovely to have our parish represented in this way.

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

**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.



**XCell Youth Group** rollerblading disco, **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Ecumenical Forgiveness Service:** an opportunity to come together as a community to help us prepare for the great feast of Christmas. There will be time for personal reconciliation within the service which is on **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm** here at St. Paul's.

**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.

**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.

**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.

From the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016, the **Catholic Children's Society** will be replaced by **Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury** as the Diocesan Social and Community Work Agency. The change to Caritas will allow us to expand our portfolio of services to children and families to include intergenerational work, youth at risk of homelessness and support for those seeking asylum and refuge. All our staff and services will transfer to the new charity and contact numbers will remain the same. Those of you who have a, "little house" collection box, or contribute by standing order will be contacted in due course.

**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:** Eva Foley, Grace de Rozario, John Vesey, Philip Carr, Margaret Devaney, Carolina O'Neill, Kathleen Irwin, Kitty Topping, Philip Cronin, Julia Dawson, Paul Allbright & Mary Phipps.

#### **Sunday Mass in our Missals**

Entrance Antiphon	90
Readings / Gospel	90
Preface no. 1	41
Communion Antiphon	100

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia!**

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight, And  
all mankind shall see the  
salvation of God  
**Alleluia!**

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**TELL YOU WHAT ... IF THEY HAVEN'T  
STOPPED THE NOISE IN SEVEN DAYS WE'LL  
ISSUE A RESTRAINING ORDER**