

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	10th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	11th	10:00am	Derek Delaney
Monday	12th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	13th	9.30am	Word & Communion
		7.30pm	Ecumenical Forgiveness Service
Wednesday	14th	10.00am	Edith Ollerenshaw (RIP)
			Requiem Mass
Thursday	15th	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	16th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	17th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	18th	10:00am	Dennis Slaney

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 17th & 18th December 2016

Church cleaning	Amanda Baylon & Marie Coughlan		
Flowers	No flowers in advent		
Piety 6.30 pm	Carla McKenzie		
10.00 am	Alma Haughian		
Counting	Gerard Miller		
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 17 th	6.30pm	Brendan Hickey & Janet Oldham
	Sun 18 th	10:00am	Leo Turnbull
Readers	Sat 17 th	6.30pm	Jean Hughes
	Sun 18 th	10:00am	John Brogan
Altar Servers	Sat 17 th	6.30pm	Jack Holebrook & Harrison Waddington
	Sun 18 th	10:00am	Serena & Roisin Kivel
Sacristan	Sat 17 th	6.30pm	Frank Halligan
	Sun 18 th	10:00am	Sheila Beaumont
Little Church Musicians	Sun 18 th	10:00am	Little Church Team
Welcomers	Sun 18 th	10:00am	Catherine, Ged & Alan
	Sat 17 th	6.30pm	Lynne Emerson & Enid Parrott
	Sun 18 th	10:00am	Teresa Lake & Mike Kivel
PowerPoint	Sat 17 th	6.30pm	Peter Milham
	Sun 18 th	10:00am	John Iandolo

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.

St. Paul's Newsletter

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Weekly Service Times:

Mon	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tues	9.30am	Word & Communion
	7.30pm	Forgiveness service
Weds	10.00am	Requiem Mass
Thurs	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Fri	9:30am	Word & Communion
Sat	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10:00am	Sunday Mass



Third Sunday of Advent

10th & 11th December 2016

Rejoice Sunday

Today we light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath. A tradition going back centuries, and reflecting the first words of our Mass which call us to, "Rejoice". You may think that as Christmas is approaching we don't need any reminders to rejoice, but there is so much activity, so many jobs to be done. At times there are family stresses too so that, rejoicing, and this means deep down rejoicing, is often far from what we are experiencing or feeling. The joy that is offered to us is not one that comes from all the work we put into Christmas, but rather what the good Lord wants to give us.

We are invited to look at our world, look at our lives, and see where we need the healing and loving presence of the Lord. That is why we have a Service of Forgiveness to lead up to Christmas. To help us to know, that no matter what, that the healing touch of the Lord is so near, so close and so necessary in our journey of faith.

Thought for the week

Urgent things are seldom important,
important things are seldom urgent

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

Thank you for your very generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £362.48

Baptisms: We welcome Eleanor Cash to our church family as she is baptised here this Sunday at 11.15am. Please remember Eleanor and her family at this very special time.



Christingle making session in the conservatory after 10am Mass this Sunday.

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.

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 13th Dec 7.30pm** here at St. Paul's.



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.

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).

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!

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.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our parish fair a success. We are so grateful for the help received before and on the day. Thank you for the many generous raffle prizes, the cakes and all the donations and to everyone who came and supported the event. Thank you all. (To any of the bakers who left their trays and plates, they will be in the church porch from this weekend for you to pick up).

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.

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 9th 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: Elizabeth Lambert, Bridie Young, Harry Draper, Josephine hardy, Catherine Sharples, Eileen Heaton, John Oakley, Frances Crossley, Margaret Rylance & Jim Treacy.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

Entrance Antiphon	101
Readings / Gospel	101
Preface no. 1	41
Communion Antiphon	109

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

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I WANT TO GET GOD SOMETHING AWESOME FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, BUT WHAT DO YOU GET THE GUY WHO MADE EVERYTHING?