

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	2nd	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	3rd	10:00am	Monica McDonnell
Monday	4th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	5th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Weds	6th	9.30am	NO MASS
		10:30am	Funeral Service
Thursday	7th	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	8th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	9th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	10th	10:00am	McGuire Family deceased members

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 9th & 10th December 2017

Church cleaning	B Tomlinson & M Moore		
Flowers	Advent – No flowers		
Piety 6.30 pm	B Stephen		
10.00 am	V Ryder		
Counting	Gerard & Pauline Miller		
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 9th	6.30pm	Brendan Hickey & Jacqui Feely
	Sun 10th	10:00am	Leo Turnbull, Debbie Cox and Sheila Beaumont
Readers	Sat 9th	6.30pm	Frank Halligan
	Sun 10th	10:00am	Frank Leneghan
Altar Servers	Sat 9th	6.30pm	Boyle boys
	Sun 10th	10:00am	Joseph P, Thomas C & Rebecca Smith
Sacristan	Sat 9th	6.30pm	Fr. Peter
	Sun 10th	10:00am	Fr. Peter
Little Church	Sun 9th	10:00am	Marie Coughlan & Nina Cassidy
Musicians	Sun 9th	10:00am	Catherine & Dominic
Welcomers	Sat 9th	6.30pm	Fountain Family
	Sun 10th	10:00am	Sheila Beaumont & Moira Moore
PowerPoint	Sat 9th	6.30pm	Martin Wilson
	Sun 10th	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. Thank you for your support!



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	9.30am	Word & Communion
Tues	9.30am	Word & Communion
Wed	9.30am	NO MASS
	10:30am	Funeral Service
Thurs	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Fri	9.30am	Word & Communion
Sat	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10.00am	Sunday Mass



The First Sunday of Advent 2nd & 3rd December 2017

A Time for Waiting

We live in a world where everything has to be instant – be it food, money, happiness - we see adverts that take the “waiting out of wanting”. Yet, the time of waiting, the time of preparation can add so much to the appreciation of the gift, and enables us to make the most of the time we are looking forward to. Christmas is one time of the year when people do a lot of preparation of one sort or another, be it buying gifts, cards, food and drink and this year with the millennium celebrations, preparations have been going on some time. The Church invites us to prepare to celebrate the deeper meaning of the feast, to know the peace that only Christ can bring, and experience the forgiveness that is at the heart of peace – peace in our hearts, peace in our families and peace in our world.

Thought for the week

The reason I am happy is because I don't like the alternatives.

We welcome Fr. Flavian and Fr Reginald who will be celebrating our masses this weekend.

Thank you for your generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £355.97.

Thank you for supporting the Clergy Education & Training fund, together we raised £389.16.

Advent: Father Peter will be in church **from 5.30pm** to hear confessions before the start of Saturday evenings mass. This lovely sacrament, brings us so much closer to our Blessed Lord and is such a fitting way to begin our Advent journey.

Little Church, Advent Angels and You: By now you've probably spotted the Little Church Advent Prayer Tree at the side of the Altar. Week by week and inspired by the Gospel we will be hanging paper angels on our tree. On our angels we will write or draw what we want to pray for. We would love you to join us in prayer this Advent and add your own angel to the tree. There is a basket of angels under the tree for all parishioners. Our focus word this week, which you will see displayed in the church window is "**Advent**" What might we want to pray for this Advent? Perhaps patience in our hearts / peace in our world as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour.

Calling all Yorkshire Tea drinkers: Julie Johnson is collecting the bar codes off their packets of tea. Every bar code collected Yorkshire Tea donate money to a charity that provide wheelchairs for those in need. Please hand them to Julie or put them in the collection

XCell Youth Group: rollerblading disco & pizza **Fri 8th Dec 6-8.45pm** at MAC Activity Centre, Goodall St., Macc., SK11 7BD. The £5 cost includes skate hire, juice & a pizza. More info see poster in porch or contact Anna & Greg Hughes on 01625 614406 xcellyouthgroup@gmail.com

The Wellspring OPEN AFTERNOON on Friday 8th Dec at 2.30pm. This is going to be an interesting opportunity, a chance to meet the staff and enjoy a festive cuppa, with fancy Christmas cakes / mince pies; feel free to bring a friend. The Mayor & Consort of Stockport Councillor Linda Holt & Mr Ken Holt have been invited to draw the Wellspring Christmas raffle at 3.30pm. **Please join in the fun you may be lucky and end up taking a prize home!**

Walkers: The next walk will be on **Mon 13th Dec** and will be a 3-4 mile ramble in the Bollington area. We'll meet in the Civic Hall Car Park at 10am as usual. Lunch will be at the Poachers Inn in Bollington. If you need more details please contact John Long 879256 or Ian Johnson 871089.

SVP: the next meeting will be on **Thursday 21st December at 18:15hrs.** All are very welcome.

St. Alban's Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sun 29th Apr to Weds 1st May 2018? Cost is £256 for 4days/3nights en-suite accom on half board, inc's coach from St. Alban's. A £30 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. Contact Gloria on 01625 421214. **ASAP.**



FLOWER team URGENT APPEAL: additional support needed: No previous experience required, team are friendly & duties are 3-4 times a year. If you're interested put your name on the sheet at the back of church or ring the office please.

Parents / Guardians, we'd like to invite your child/ children to participate in the **Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm.** There are various parts available but to ensure a place please contact Ruth Molloy by the 8th December to register your interest and whether your child would prefer speaking or non-speaking part. Contact Ruth on tubacurry98@hotmail.com



Xmas cards and small gifts are on sale at the back of church. please pay in the piety shop

URGENT HELP NEEDED!!! Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for a volunteer ESOL Teacher to help the refugee project at the St. Aidan's Centre, Wythenshawe, from January 2018. The programme operates from 12pm until 2pm every Tuesday, parking is available and expenses will be reimbursed. If anyone can help, please contact Mary Kilcoyne on 0151 652 1281.

Catholic Education: Do you support Catholic schools, the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a decision to overturn the admission cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government urging them to drop their policy banning new Catholic schools.

Next meeting for Catechists will be an opportunity for Sharing Best Practice. Miss Caroline Farey (Maryvale Institute & The School of the Annunciation) will listen to your exchanges, and offer practical advice for the situations you are facing. Venue: Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port; **Sat 13 Jan 2018, (9:30) 10:00-11:50.** See poster with relevant information. Enquiries: Barbara Davies (07730 526821); Registration: Helen Jones (helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Harry & Eleanor Neely, Fr. Harry, Gabriel Drew, Daniel Burke, Sandra Bradley, Chris Nuri, Sheelagh O'Hanlon, Mary Tooby, Chris Browne, Max Emerson, John Biggar, Elliott Richardson, Joyce Keating, Peggy Burke, Bea Heyes, John White, Margaret Wilson, Maura Agnew, Elizabeth McNiff, Catherine Vermuden, Carol Jamiesen, Joseph Martin, Doris Lear, Bobbie Drakeford, John Traynor, Irene Walker, Mon. O'Neill, Veronica Nolan, Gail Lloyd, Jeanette Dutton, Karen Siddall and Linda Downes.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries: Amy Scanlon, Eva Foley, Grace deRozario, Julia Dawson, Paul Allbright, Mary Phipps, John Vesey, Philip Carr, Margaret Devaney, Mary Joy, Carolina O'Neill, Kathleen Irwin, Kitty Topping and Philip Cronin.

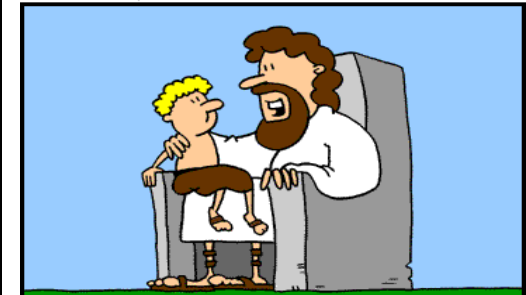
Please remember Wyn Cartwright who passed away last week and Robert Moore, who passed away suddenly last Sunday, and their families deeply saddened by their loss.

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

<u>Sunday Mass in our Missals</u>	
Entrance Antiphon/Readings	81
Gospel	86
Preface	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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