

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	23 rd	6.30pm	Parishioners
		10:00am	Monica McDonnell
Sunday Mass	24 th	5.00pm	Parishioners
		8.00pm	Delaney Deceased Family Members
Monday	25 th	10.00am	Parishioners
Tuesday	26 th	10.00am	Word & Communion
Weds	27 th	9.30am	Jarvis Deceased Family Members
Thursday	28 th	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	29 th	10.00am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	30 th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	31 st	10:00am	Patrick Black - Special Int's

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 30th & 31st December 2017

Church cleaning	Rosemary Snow
Flowers	Flower Team
Piety 6.30 pm	B. Stephen
10.00 am	A. Haughian
Counting	L. Ford
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 30th 6.30pm Lynne Emerson & Janet Oldham
	Sun 31st 10:00am Leo Turnbull, Hilary Jarvis & Peter O'Neill
Readers	Sat 30th 6.30pm Peter Milham
	Sun 31st 10:00am Chris Grant
Altar Servers	Sat 30th 6.30pm Harrison Waddington
	Sun 31st 10:00am Joseph Parrott, Thomas Cunliffe & Rebecca Smith
Sacristan	Sat 30th 6.30pm Deacon Gerard
	Sun 31st 10:00am Jacqui Feely
Tea & Coffee	Sun 31st 10:00am Debbie Cox & Tim Cox
Little Church	Sun 31st 10:00am Christmas Break
Musicians	Sun 31st 10:00am Christmas Break
Welcomers	Sat 30th 6.30pm Lynne Emerson & Enid Parrott
	Sun 31st 10:00am Kalnins family
PowerPoint	Sat 30th 6.30pm Martin Wilson
	Sun 31st 10:00am John Kalnins

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	10.00am	Christmas Mass
Tues	10.00am	Word & Communion
Wed	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Fri	10.00am	Word & Communion
Sat	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10.00am	Sunday Mass



The Fourth Sunday of Advent 23rd & 24th December 2017

Don't be afraid....

"Do not be afraid" are the angel's words to Joseph. And we need to hear those words too, as so often people are afraid when they become aware of what God might be wanting of them. The expression "Don't be afraid" occurs 360 times in the Bible – once for every day. The natural reaction of sinful people is, like the story of Adam and Eve at the beginning, to hide themselves away from God, conscious of their sinfulness.

And that is why the Christmas story has such an appeal. No one is afraid of a little baby, and that is how our 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 in our hearts this day. Let the good God surprise us, with the joy which His Word can bring. **Say Yes to God today.**

Thought for the week

Great joy is apt to be silent,
and dwells rather in the heart than on the tongue.

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

Thank you for your generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £458.01

Father Peter would like parishioners to know that collection Christmas offerings will go into the Parish Account to help pay for Priest Cover.

Offerings at the Crib.

There will be a basket at the Crib at our Services at Christmas and in the twelve days following for any offerings you would like to make to our Children's Society.

As we gather together on the 4th Sunday of Advent, we are so close to our great Christmas Feast. During this time there are many hands transforming our Advent settings, into a Church that is joyful in celebrating the birth of the Saviour.

Father Peter would like to take this opportunity to thank in anticipation, all those who are working so hard to make the Church what it usually is for the great feasts and to say **thanks to ALL who do so much in our parish, in so many ways!**

Please take a Christmas card which details times of our Christmas Services

If you know of any neighbours or friends who like to come to St. Paul's at these special times, please do take cards for them and assure them that they would be very welcome.

Little Church, Advent Angels and You: Have you added your prayer angel to the tree?

Week by week and inspired by the Gospel Little Church have been hanging paper angels on our tree at the side of the altar. On our angels we have been writing and drawing what we want to pray for. Have you added your prayer angel yet? We would love you to join us in prayer this Advent. There is a basket of angels under the tree for all parishioners. As it is now school holidays we won't be meeting this week but the children still receive the Gospel resource in school. Our focus word this week, which you will see displayed in the church window is **"Mary"**. Mary says "Yes" to God. What is God calling us to do? What might we pray for, patience, wisdom and trust perhaps so we too can say Yes to God.

Coffee & Cake will be available for all parishioners in the conservatory **next Sunday 31st Dec** after mass, please feel free to come along for a tasty treat!



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

Word & Communion: Please note the **amended start time of 10am on 26 & 29th Dec!**

Bollington Fun Run in aid of Cafod's Syria appeal: 3 weeks to go! **Weds 27th Dec 2017**, you can register on the day from 9.30am or in advance at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bollington-fun-run-2017-tickets-37447420242?ref=estw. There's no entry fee but we hope you might give a donation and/or get your family and friends to sponsor you. You can make your donation through Just Giving follow: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington2017>.

Piety Rota: New rota Jan-Jun 18 is available for collection from the piety stall for those involved.

Upper Room: Available as an overflow area for Christmas masses for **ADULTS (not children).**

Shrewsbury Online Liturgical Calendar: Those of you who are *Universalis* users or are interested in an online/mobile app of the Divine Office and Mass Readings and prayers, the Shrewsbury Calendar is available via www.universalis.com or can be downloaded through the app store on your phone/tablet. **Diocesan Yearbooks** available **£5** each, at the back of church

XCell Youth Group: Games Night **Friday 19th January, 7-9pm**, St Alban's Parish Centre, opposite the church. Come and join the fun! 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. We'll also be collecting money in Jan (approx.£11) for trampolining at Energi, in February, because we have to book & pay in advance. Anna & Greg Hughes 01625 614406, xcellyouthgroup@gmail.com

Diocese of Shrewsbury: is looking for suitably qualified practising Catholics to sit as voluntary Foundation Directors on the seven Multi Academy Trusts within the Diocese. Potential Directors should be practising Catholics with a commitment to Catholic education and a background in a relevant discipline including education, business, law, finance & human resources. More info available on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/academies/multi-academy-trust.

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 Jamieson, Joseph Martin, Doris Lear, Bobbie Drakeford, John Traynor, Irene Walker, Mon. O'Neill, Veronica Nolan, Gail Lloyd, Jeanette Dutton, Karen Siddall, Joseph Singleton, Linda Downes & Hilary Jamieson.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries: George Hogarth, Carlo Capaldi, Sheila Murphy, Jane Shields, Catherine Edwards, Bishop Gasar, Agnes Carberry, Monica Davis, Elizabeth Cockcroft, Mary Tierney, Mary Meaghey, Kathleen Street, Mary Barlow, Catherine Sharples

Sunday Mass in our Missals

Entrance Antiphon/Readings	110/113
Gospel	114
Preface	41
Communion Antiphon	118

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

Let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia.

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Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005
AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME