

## Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	9th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	10th	10:00am	McGuire Family deceased members
Monday	11th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	12th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Weds	13th	9.30am	Parrott Family deceased members
Thursday	14th	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	15th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	16th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	17th	10:00am	O'Neill Family deceased members

## Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Church cleaning	Caroline Robinson		
Flowers	Advent – No flowers		
Piety 6.30 pm	M Rhodes		
10.00 am	Katherine Doyle		
Counting	Ann Atkinson		
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 16th	6.30pm	Emelia Cole & Anne Marley
	Sun 17th	10:00am	Jean Halligan, Julie Johnson & Richard Cantillon
Readers	Sat 16th	6.30pm	Cole Family
	Sun 17th	10:00am	Aidan Feely
Altar Servers	Sat 16th	6.30pm	James Pimblett
	Sun 17th	10:00am	Emily Waddington & the Fountains
Sacristan	Sat 16th	6.30pm	Janet Oldham
	Sun 17th	10:00am	Leo Turnbull
Little Church	Sun 9th	10:00am	Ann Doherty & Frances Burnett
Musicians	Sun 9th	10:00am	Ros & Hugh Stuart Buttle
Welcomers	Sat 16th	6.30pm	Sarah Pimblett & Nita Redman
	Sun 17th	10:00am	Sheila Beaumont & Moira Moore
PowerPoint	Sat 16th	6.30pm	Peter Milham
	Sun 17th	10:00am	Duncan Grant

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. Thank you for your support!



Our Parish website: [www.stpaulspoynton.org.uk](http://www.stpaulspoynton.org.uk)  
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)

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# St. Paul's Newsletter

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## Weekly Service Times:

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



## The Second Sunday of Advent 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Prepare the way of the Lord.....

The voice cries in the wilderness....and at times, even in the midst of everything that is going on around us, the hustle and bustle of so many people about their normal daily routines, we can seem to be in the wilderness – somewhat lost on our journey in life, or aspects of our lives that are not as neat and tidy and in place as we would like them to be...and it is there that the Lord speaks to us, calling us to open ourselves to his loving, healing presence. For every one of us there are parts of our lives that need to feel God's loving presence, and assurances of his help, his healing and his forgiveness. Advent is a time when the Lord comes to us, speaking His Word of Forgiveness to our hearts. That we can be open to the closeness of the Lord's presence today, let that be our prayer.

## Thought for the week

If you tell the truth  
you don't have to remember anything

**We welcome Fr Peter Burke who will be celebrating our masses this weekend.**

Thank you for your generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £376.45.

### 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.

#### Would you like to light the Advent candles at the start of Mass?

Please put your details on the Sign-up sheet in the porch, for families or individuals.

**Little Church, Advent Angels and You:** Week by week and inspired by the Gospel we continue to hang paper angels on our tree. On our angels we are writing and drawing 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 **"Hope"**. We may want to pray that we grow in hope and ask God to help us bring light and hope to others as we journey through Advent.

**Pyx Notice:** Please could eucharistic ministers return these when they are finished with them for use the following weekend.

**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

**Walkers:** The next walk will be on **Weds 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.

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

**Frances Molloy** would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, thoughts, prayers and cards. Frances has arranged for a mass of thanks for you this coming January.

**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](http://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. Suggested/ optional donation are: £7.50 per adult, £12.50 family, £3.50 for under 16s. Since 2011 runners and walkers of all ages and abilities have raised over £28,000 for CAFOD! You can make your donation through Just Giving follow: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington2017>.

**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](http://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

**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](mailto: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, J. Singleton & Linda Downes.

**We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries:** Elizabeth Lambert, Bridie Young, Harry Draper, Josephine Hardy, Catherine Sharples, Eileen Heahan, John Oakley, Frances Crosley, Margaret Roylance, Jim Treacy, Ethel Gibsen, Doug Roberts and Valerie Day.

<u>Sunday Mass in our Missals</u>	
Entrance Antiphon/Readings	90/94
Gospel	96
Preface	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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