

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	16 th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	17 th	10:00am	O'Neill Family deceased members
Monday	18 th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	19 th	9.30am	Word & Communion
		7.30pm	Penitential Service
Weds	20 th	9.30am	Dennis Slaney
Thursday	21 st	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	22 nd	9.30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	23 rd	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	24 th	10:00am	O'Neill Family deceased members

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 23rd & 24th December 2017

Church cleaning	S. Kalnins & E. Tildsley
Flowers	Flower Team
Piety 6.30 pm	M. Rhodes
10.00 am	K. Doyle
Counting	Rod Wearden
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 23rd 6.30pm Frank Halligan & Mary Scanlon
	Sun 24th 10:00am Micky Frazer, Ros & Hugh Stuart-Buttle
Readers	Sat 23rd 6.30pm Patrick Moore
	Sun 24th 10:00am John Brogan
Altar Servers	Sat 23rd 6.30pm James Pimblett & Reuben Beck
	Sun 24th 10:00am 10am Server Req'd. (5pm: Kalnins, 8pm: Peter R)
Sacristan	Sat 23rd 6.30pm Frank Halligan
	Sun 24th 10:00am Cath Hoper
Little Church	Sun 24th 10:00am Christmas Break
Musicians	Sun 24th 10:00am No Music
Welcomers	Sat 23rd 6.30pm Fiona Carpenter & Janet Oldham
	Sun 24th 10:00am Ronnie Ryder & Cath Hooper
PowerPoint	Sat 23rd 6.30pm Martin Wilson
	Sun 24th 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
	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Wed	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Fri	9.30am	Word & Communion
Sat	5.30pm	Confession
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10.00am	Sunday Mass



The Third Sunday of Advent 16th & 17th 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, the Lord invites us to recognise His presence. 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. The Lord calls 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. We need to be open to the assurance of His presence, speaking His Word of forgiveness to our hearts. Our prayer for today is that we can be open to the closeness of the Lord's presence. We light the pink candle on our Advent wreath expressing our joy as we prepare to welcome the Lord once again into the heart of our lives, and be open to His help, His healing and His forgiveness.

Thought for the week

Those with a lively sense of curiosity
learn something new every day of their lives.

We welcome Fr Flavian & Fr McGrath who will be celebrating our masses this weekend.

Thank you for your generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £375.57.

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

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. 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. Our focus word this week, which you will see displayed in the church window is "Joy". We may want to pray for those who feel sad this Advent and think about how we can spread the joy Christ brings into the world.

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

Calling all Yorkshire Tea drinkers: This scheme is ending shortly, please hand in any bar codes you have before Christmas. Many thanks for your support.

Thank you!! A BIG THANK YOU to all the parishioners who represented St Paul's recently at Poynton High School RE lessons. Your contribution was much appreciated.

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 APPEAL: support needed: No experience required, duties are 3-4 times a year. Please put your name on the list at the back of church / ring the office.

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. 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 or can be downloaded through the app store on your phone/tablet. **Diocesan Yearbooks** available £5 each, at the back of church

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 13th 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, J. Singleton & Linda Downes.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries: Frederick Wolfenden, David Smethan, Lilian Jukka, Margaret Doherty, Delsoldato, Fr. Hurley, Mary Coles, Peter Palmer, Doreen Clayton, Eileen Roughton, Nora Coakley, Dennis Slaney, Bernard Testell & Harold Minshall.

Please remember in your prayers Rose Walsh who passed away last week, and her family deeply saddened by their loss.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

Entrance Antiphon/Readings	101/104
Gospel	105
Preface	41
Communion Antiphon	109

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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I THINK YOUR LIGHTS MIGHT BE TOO BRIGHT THIS YEAR

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