

Mass Intention

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| Vigil Mass | 30th | 6.30pm | Parishioners |
| Sunday Mass | 31st | 10:00am | Patrick Black - Special Int'n |
| Monday | 1 st | 10.00am | Word & Communion |
| Tuesday | 2 nd | 9:30am | Word & Communion |
| Weds | 3rd | 9.30am | Catherine Sharples |
| Thursday | 4 th | 7.30pm | Word & Communion |
| Friday | 5 th | 9:30am | Word & Communion |
| Vigil Mass | 6th | 6.30pm | Parishioners |
| Sunday Mass | 7th | 10:00am | Patrick Black - Special Int'n |

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 6th & 7th January 2018

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| Church cleaning | Amanda Baylon & Marie Coughlan | | |
| Flowers | Flower team | | |
| Piety 6.30 pm | M Rhodes | | |
| 10.00 am | A Brogan | | |
| Counting | Ian Johnson | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sat 6th | 6.30pm | Brendan Hickey & Jacqui Feely |
| | Sun 7th | 10:00am | Jean Halligan, Debbie Cox & Sheila Beaumont |
| Readers | Sat 6th | 6.30pm | Frank Halligan |
| | Sun 7th | 10:00am | Hilary Jarvis |
| Altar Servers | Sat 6th | 6.30pm | James Pimblett & Reuben Beck |
| | Sun 7th | 10:00am | Emily Waddington & The Fountains |
| Sacristan | Sat 6th | 6.30pm | Mary & John Scanlon |
| | Sun 7th | 10:00am | Peter Leigh |
| Little Church Musicians | Sun 7th | 10:00am | Christmas Break |
| Welcomers | Sun 7th | 10:00am | Christmas Break |
| PowerPoint | Sat 6th | 6.30pm | Mary & John Scanlon |
| | Sun 7th | 10:00am | Maureen & Peter Leigh |
| | Sat 6th | 6.30pm | Peter Milham |
| | Sun 7th | 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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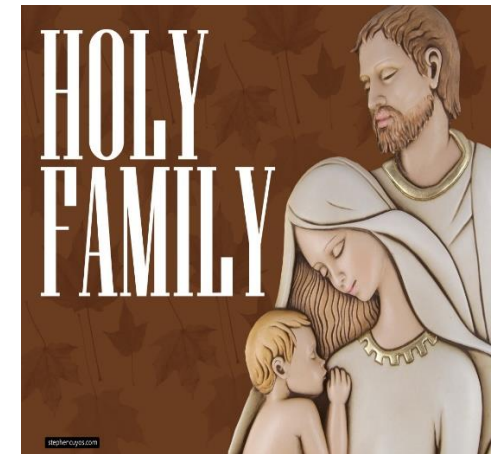
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Fr Peter H Burke

Deacon Gerard Turnbull (Retired)

Weekly Service Times:

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| Mon | 10.00am | 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 |



Christmastide 30th & 31st December 2017

The Holy Family

When this feast was first being celebrated in the life of the Church, the Holy Family included under its umbrella far more than the small nuclear group of Jesus Mary and Joseph. Looking at the way the family was portrayed in the earlier centuries, you would find included, not surprisingly, John the Baptist, cousin and Elizabeth and Zachariah, and then a wider group of cousins, uncles and aunts, those who would be described in the scriptures in the loose sense, as brothers and sisters... but as with the way the world viewed family narrowed, so did the Church's calendar, focussing on the three central figures. Now our world is changing again, focusing more on the individual. We now are part of the "me" or the "I" age, and the notion of family is facing an uphill struggle in today's society. As we come together as a family of faith round the altar, the family table of God our Father, we pray for all our families, each of our members, whether together or alone, that we can discover the closeness of the Lord's love, the Lord's presence on our journey through life.

Thought for the week

Backward looking people use their thoughts to **examine** their lives
 forward looking people use their thoughts to **create** their lives.

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 £400.25.

Father Peter would like parishioners to know that collection Christmas offerings will go into the Parish Account to help pay for Priest Cover. Thank you for your generous offerings of £1408.83.

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.

Father Peter would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked 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!**

Coffee & Cake will be available for all parishioners in the conservatory this **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.

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

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.

Programme of preparation for the sacraments of First Forgiveness and Holy Communion: This programme starts on **Sunday 7th January** with a **session for the children from 09:00-10:00hrs followed by the Mass of Enrolment at 10:00hrs during our Family Mass.** If you have not yet enrolled your child to start this programme please contact the Parish Office on 01625 872606.

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

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).

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.**

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.

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.

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, Jeanette Dutton, Karen Siddall, Joseph Singleton, Linda Downes & Hilary Jamieson.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries: John Lake, Ethel Flint, Frances Healey, Catherine Harrison, Thomas Lloyd, Joseph Cain, Patrick Hunt, George Kay, Jeffrey Cummins, Florence Reid, Bridget Baddeley and Bridgid Jackson.

Please remember in your prayers Gail Lloyd who passed away on Christmas Eve, and her family deeply saddened by their loss.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

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| Entrance Antiphon/Readings | 131/764 |
| Gospel | 134 |
| Preface | 41 |
| Communion Antiphon | 136 |

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

At various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son
Alleluia.

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