

St. Paul's Newsletter

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USUAL Weekly Service Times

Mon 9:30am Word & Communion
Weds 9:30am Mass
 Fri 9:30am Word & Communion
Sat 6:30pm Monthly Vigil 2nd Saturday's
Sun 10:00am Mass
 (Hand Sanitiser Available on Entry / Exit)

Woman,
great is
your
faith.



Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Sunday 20th August 2023

Going to the dogs

Today's Gospel story is one that seems difficult at first reading. Yet the wry humour and the great faith of the Canaanite woman is important for all of us. As Matthew wrote the Gospel, the early Christian community did not see they had a mission to the Gentiles. Nobody went to the, "dogs", as the Gentiles were called. The meeting that Jesus had with the Canaanite woman came after he had been challenged by the Jewish leaders of the time for not observing the traditions of the elders, when he seemed to be encouraging his disciples to break with the laws about the clean and the unclean. He leaves the area only to come face to face with the same question in a larger form. The woman symbolised all who were regarded as unclean by Jesus own people. Jesus meets her request with a rebuff, reflecting the attitudes of the time, but she is not put off, her faith, her native wit makes her prayer insistent, as she kneels at his feet. Jesus has the grace to answer her prayer. Let us be insistent in our prayer, and respond to the prayers too, of those whom we might consider as less than worthy of our attention.

Thought for the week

The past should be a springboard,
not a hammock.

Mass Intention			
Sunday Mass	20 th Aug	10:00am	Greg Rutherford RIP & Patrick Moore RIP
Weds Mass Funeral Service	23 rd Aug	9:30am 11:30am	Vanda Isherwood RIP & Parishioners Funeral Service of Vanda Isherwood RIP
Sunday Mass	27 th Aug	10:00am	Ian Underwood RIP & Margaret Stenson RIP
Weds Mass	30 th Sept	9:30am	Parishioners
Confession: 5:30pm (before the Sat. Vigil), in the church Sacristy OR by personal appointment: Tel. St Paul's: 01625 872606 / St. Albans: 01625 423446; leave name & contact no.			
Mass on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Poynton-198491870726932/			
Mass Intentions Ring: 07783 235145 (Mon-Fri: 9:30-12:30) / email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com			
Popes Frances' Prayer Intentions for August for World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.			

Preparation, Responsibilities & Mass Priest / Ministers		
Cleaning: 27/8 Anne & Kevin M	Piety: 27/8 Ronnie R	Flowers: Eleanor C
Tea/Coffee: 10/9 Teresa K		Banking: Marie P
Sunday 27th August 10am		
Priest	Fr Chris McCurry	
Euch. Min's	Debbie C	
Readers	Julie J	
Welcomers	Ronnie R & Margaret B	
Sacristan	Richard C	
PowerPoint	Break	

Parish Newsletter
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Parish Cheques to be written out to: ST PAUL POYNTON St. Paul's Primary School website: www.stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk St. Paul's Pre-school website: www.stpauls-pre-school.co.uk
Safeguarding: Our Parish Safeguarding representative Christina Starkie. Contact through the Parish Office: 07783 235145. Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator Andrew O'Brien Tel: 0151 652 9855
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St. Alban's Contact Details: Fr Peter Burke / Fr Paschal Ihesiaba, Tel: 01625 423446

We warmly welcome Father Tony Myers to celebrate our Mass this weekend.

Notices: Mass will take place this Wednesday 23rd August at 9:30am & the late Vanda Isherwood funeral service also take place on Wednesday 23rd August at 11:30am.

Next Vigil Mass Sat. 9th Sept & Family Mass, Little Church & refreshments Sun. 10th Sept.

Summer Break: PowerPoint, Little Church volunteers and other volunteers are on holiday during August. We ask you to continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

Prayer for Volunteers: We pray Lord that Your shield of power and love would be over their every moment leading up and during their volunteer service.

We pray that You let no weapon formed against to prevail. Go before them in all areas of their lives and keep them safely set apart for the service You have prepared for them. Amen.

St Paul's Annual Meeting: provisional date Sunday 29th Oct after 10am Mass (date subject to approval at the next liturgy group meeting - Sat 9th Sept).

Fr. Peter would like parishioners to add the provisional date to your diaries.

If you have any ideas or topics you wish to be raised, or questions to be put forward, please let the parish office team know. This way we can make the parish discussion as organised, relevant and worthwhile as possible. Call 07783 235145 or e-mail: stpaulspoynton@gogglemail.com

All parishioners are encouraged to contribute and attend.

Are you interested in making a difference by hosting a family fleeing the war in Ukraine?

If so, please take home an SJOG Hospitaller Services flyer from the church porch. Or scan the QR code on the poster on our noticeboard.

Love the Stranger and the Illegal Migration Act:

In response to the passing of the Illegal Migration Bill in Parliament in July Bishop Paul McAleenan, lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, stated 'This legislation stands at odds with the teaching of the church on welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating refugees'. The Love the Stranger publication from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales provides a Catholic response to migrants and refugees (copy in the church porch) & online at <https://tinyurl.com/CSAN2023> is a Call to Action document from the national Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). CSAN member is supporting diocesan study and action in response to Love the Stranger and the Call to Action. **Can you speak about this issue?** Tel. 0151 6521281 / Mob. 07824 329344; Email: ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk Links to documents: <https://tinyurl.com/CSAN2023>

Offertory Donations Welcomes Your Donations. There are many ways to donate:

Offertory Baskets: Cash, Cheques & Offertory Envelopes (Cheques to: ST PAUL POYNTON)

Standing Order Form: Copy available in the church porch / Also available on our website.

New Online Giving Link: <https://app.investmycommunity.com/st-paul-poynton-diocese-of-shrewsbury>

If donating online you will need to USE THE NEW LINK!

Our church receives no outside funding, we rely solely on your generosity.

Perhaps you'd consider remembering St. Paul's in your will.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No. 234025

Parish Secretary/Admin Vacancy: Our Lady & the Apostles, SK3 8BQ 16hrs p/wk/£13 p/h. Closing date 11 Sept. Email CV to Fr Onuoha Email: stockport3parishes@gmail.com (details: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>)

CAFOD is recruiting! Community Participation Coordinator required. Details: <https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us> Closes: 13 Aug Email. John Woods jwoods@cafod.org.uk

Maryvale Institute, Birmingham-Study part-time, by distance learning for a Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) or a Licence in Divinity. The Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS) is the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world. **The Ecclesiastical BDiv** five-year part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian. **The Licence in Divinity:** Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is another qualification of the Holy See, distinct from an STL, it is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics/other positions of responsibility. Contact: Deacon Dr Harry Schnitker at: researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 8th-15th Feb 24. See brochure on noticeboard / Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>

THE WELLSRING welcome donations of: tinned meats/fish, soup, vegetables, shampoo/shower gel, roll on deodorant, toothpaste & brushes. Items can be left in the box in our porch.

Piety: Cards & gifts are on display at the back of the Church. If the Piety room is closed / no one is on duty, please place payment in the 'wall box' marked PIETY in the porch.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick especially: Eileen O'Donnell, Dave Uden, Gerard Miller, Mary Rosevere, Margaret Morris, Ian Loutit, Alice Arrowsmith, Mary Scanlon, Cath Slaney, Henry Gardner, Fr Jim McGrath, Gerrard Trainor, Margaret Loughrey, Linda Williams, Doris Lear, Betty Rice, Ethel Ranson, Margaret Haddock, Carla McKenzie, Mr & Mrs Armstrong, John Williams, Sheila Butler, Julie Balston, Harry Neely, Veronica Nolan, Jeanette Dutton & Hilary Jamieson.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries: Delores Reavey, Geoff Scholes, Martin Whitesmith, John Rosevere, John Seville, Edward Gledhill, Louise Barlow, Lilliane Johnstone, Simon Cookson, Elizabeth Barber, Desmond Burke, Claire Hopkinson, Ellia Clayton Jnr, Jeanette Routon, Patrick Illott, Ann Black, Ann Shuker & Frances Quinn

We pray for the repose of: Greg Rutherford, Vanda Isherwood, James Kelly and Patrick Moore, may they rest in peace. We pray too for their family and friends at this time.

Mass in our Missals	Sun
Entrance Antiphon	114
Introductory Rites	7
Readings & Gospel	114-116
Profession of Faith	11
Communion Antiphon	116



Thanks to Geir J. Neland (See Matthew 17:20) 07-19-2001
USE YOUR FAITH TO MOVE THOSE MOUNTAINS BACK RIGHT THIS MINUTE