

Mass Intention			
Saturday Vigil	25th Apr	5:30pm	Philip James Murphy RIP
Sunday Mass	26th Apr	9:15am	Parishioners
Weds Mass	29th Apr	10am	Baby James Deignan RIP
Thurs Mass	30th Apr	10am	Leonard Brankin RIP
Saturday Vigil	2nd May	5:30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	3rd May	9:15am	Peter Robinson (Snr) RIP
Confession: Sat 5-5:20pm / Sun 8:45-9:10 when Fr Barry is here or by appointment call 07730 899978			
Mass on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Poynton-198491870726932/			
Mass Intentions Ring: 07783 235145 (Mon-Fri: 9:30-12:30) email: stpaulspoynton@outlook.com			
Vatican Prayer Intention for April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.			

Preparation, Responsibilities & Mass Ministers

Cleaning: 03/05 Sarah B, Kerry D & Jeanette R	Tea/Coffee: 10/05 Pauline & John H
Banking: Collette J	Flowers: Eleanor C

	Vigil 25th April	Sun 26th April	Vigil 2nd May	Sunday 3rd May
Priest	Fr Barry	Fr Barry	Fr Barry	Fr Barry
Euch. Min	Sarah B & Frank H	Ros & Hugh S-B	Jill A & Elizabeth A	Richard C & Sheila B
Readers	Chris S	John B	Chris S	Catherine C
Welcomers		Margaret B & Trish O'N		Teresa K & Claire W
Sacristan	Fr Barry	Judith J locking up	Fr Barry	Kath C
Piety		Judith J		Kathryn D
PowerPoint	Catherine L	John I	Brendan H	John I

To add an item to the newsletter email: stpaulspoynton@gmail.com or Tel: 07783 235145.
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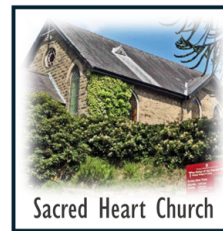
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Bank Transfer: Account Name: St Paul - Sort Code: 30-15-52 - Account No: 54525660
Cheques payable to: ST PAUL POYNTON (*alternative donation methods are preferred*)
St. Paul's Primary website: www.stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk / Pre-school: www.stpauls-pre-school.co.uk

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St. Paul's Catholic Church

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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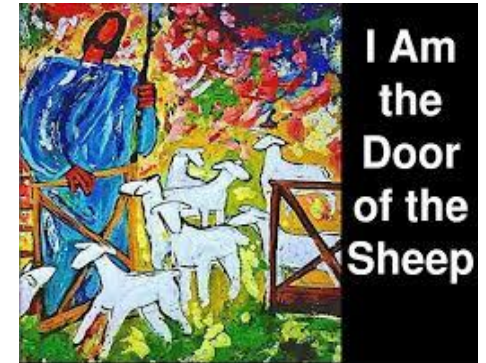
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St. Paul's Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Sunday 26th April 2026

This Sunday is given the name of Good Shepherd Sunday as the Gospels we read on this day invite us to see the Lord as the Shepherd who looks after his sheep. The picture invites us to recognise that each one of us is known and loved; in Jesus we discover how much the Father loves us. Also involved in that relationship is the Lord's call to each one of us, to be true to ourselves and to him. The traditional expression for that call is that we each have a vocation.

While recognising that each of us has a calling from God, our own vocation, we keep today as a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the religious life. It's no secret that the number of men and women who have responded to God's call has shrunk, as has the number of priests working in our Diocese, and it does mean that the way parishes operate has had to change. **Please pray for those whom God calls to serve him as priests, deacons and for those called upon to take a more active role in the life of our community.**

Thought for the week

Where self exists, God is not;
Where God exists, there is no self.

Bishop Mark has written a Pastoral Letter which will be read at Masses this weekend.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo calls young people across the world to “listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life.”

The Holy Father urges the young to seek something more than self-knowledge, for, he insists it is in “the beauty of the Divine light” they will find their vocation by “the interior encounter with Christ in prayer.” Pope Leo encourages them to do this by spending generous time in Eucharistic Adoration, meditating on the Word of God and frequenting the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

Spare copies at the back of church, should you wish to take home a copy.

RED BOX 2025: THANK YOU! In 2025 St. Paul's Parish raised £550 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries. Our missionary community at St. Paul's is part of a world-wide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish.

Visit missio.org.uk to find out more. See poster at the back of church.

Date Change: Our Parish Meeting has been postponed to Weds 13th May at 7:30pm
Please accept our apologies and ensure you save the new date in your diary.

We welcome parishioners and visitors. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Barry after Mass. TO REGISTER with our parish, complete and return the green GDPR form, (available from church porch). If you provide an email address, you will receive a weekly copy of our parish newsletter, to help keep you up-to-date with parish news.

NEXT WEEKEND - JOINT PARISH WALK

Please join us next Sat, 2nd of May, 10a.m at St Paul's for the joint Parishes walk. If you can't make the walk, you are most welcome to join us for tea & cake at 12 noon. Link for walk:- <https://explore.osmaps.com/route/31607074/st-pauls-parish-walk-474m>

Contact Ailish Fountain if you require more details on 07920886264

Piety: There are Holy Communion & Confirmation cards on the carousel in church as well as in the piety room. If the piety room is not open, please put your money into the wall box under the noticeboard in the porch. If anyone is interested in helping out with the piety, please talk to one of the team. It is not onerous and we could do with some additional volunteers.

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team Vacancies: Programme Coordinator & Youth Mission Team Member. Full details online: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Donation Methods:- Online: <https://www.goodhub.com/go/st-paul-poynton-diocese-of-shrewsbury>

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or Direct Debit/ Standing Order: Forms are in our church porch. **Gift Aid:** are you a UK taxpayer, if so, Gift Aid donations add 25% to your gift at no extra cost.

**Our church receives no outside funding; we rely on your generosity.
Perhaps you'd consider remembering St. Paul's in your will.**

Celebrate your vocation to marriage at our Diocesan Marriage Mass 13th June 12 noon. Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary or married within the last year can apply for an invitation from Bishop Mark. Applications need to be made via Fr Barry or our parish office. Details required: couples name, address and the anniversary being celebrated. Takes place at St. Columba's Church, Plas Newton Ln, CH2 1SA. See Poster in porch.

We celebrate the Feast of St. Mark, this Saturday; the Evangelist, the author of the second Gospel. Mark was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians, where St. Peter sought refuge after having been freed from prison. He was baptised and instructed by St. Peter. He accompanied St. Paul and his own cousin St. Barnabas in the evangelisation of Cyprus before he became the companion and secretary of St. Peter in Rome about the year 42 A.D. He wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. Courtesy of Catholic Culture.

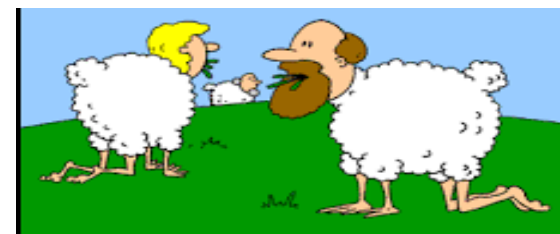
Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially: Fr Chris McCurry, Frances Molloy, Peter O'Neill, Judith Naisaga, Hilary Jarvis, Stephen Groot, Ronnie Ryder, Anne Chapman, Mary & Bob Mellor, Eileen O'Donnell, Dave Uden, Gerard Miller, Ian Loutit, Alice Arrowsmith, Mary Scanlon, Henry Gardner, Fr Jim McGrath, Gerrard Trainor, Margaret Loughrey, Linda Williams, Doris Lear, Ethel Ranson, Margaret Haddock, Carla McKenzie, Mr & Mrs Armstrong, John Williams, Julie Balston, Harry Neely, Veronica Nolan, Jeanette Dutton & Hilary Jamieson. (Please contact the parish office to add / remove a name).

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries: Michael Mullany, Patricia Marley, May Wilson, Denis Clarke, Philip Derbyshire, Peggy Jarvis, Geogina Burns, Baby James Deignan, Theresa Hansen & Nora Jones

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monica Blears who sadly passed away this week. Monica's funeral will be here at St. Paul's on Tuesday 12th May at 11am.

Mass in our Missals

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BEFORE A SHEPHERD CAN ACHIEVE 'GOOD SHEPHERD' STATUS HE MUST FIRST ATTEND A SHEEP AWARENESS SEMINAR