

Mass Intention			
Saturday Vigil	22nd August	5.30pm	Gerard Miller RIP
Sunday Mass	23rd August	9.15am	Parishioners
Monday	24th August	9.30am	Word & Communion
Weds	26th August	10am	Peter Milham
Thurs	27th August	10am	Father Tomasz 50th Birthday
Friday	28th August	9.30am	Word & Communion
Saturday Vigil	29th August	5.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	30th August	9.15am	Ian Underwood RIP
Confession: Sat 5-5:20pm / Sun 8:45-9:10 when Fr Barry is here / 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 for August: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.			

Preparation, Responsibilities & Mass Ministers	
Cleaning: 23/08 Sarah, Jeanette & Kerry	Tea/Coffee: Break in August for Summer Hols
Banking: Collette J	Flowers: Eleanor C

	Vigil 22nd August	Sunday 23rd August	Vigil 29th August	Sunday 30th August
Priest	Fr Barry	Fr Barry	Fr Barry	Fr Barry
Euch. Min	Frank H & Judith J	Jill A & Richard C	Chris S & Jacqui F	Sheila B & Pauline H
Readers	Judith J	Catherine	Chris S	John H
Welcomers	Becky & Peter S	Needed	Needed	John & Pauline H
Sacristan	Fr Barry	Alan H	Fr Barry	Judith J
Piety	Closed	Judith	Closed	Chris S
PowerPoint	August Break	August Break	August Break	August Break

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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

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. Paul's Church



Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Peter the Rock

This Scripture passage is well known in Catholic circles as the time when Jesus clearly designated Peter as the rock, on which solid foundation the Church would be built. But we must not forget the words which lead up to this as Jesus asks Peter, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Peter's response makes it clear that his heart is open to Jesus as the one who embodies the Kingdom of God. And as his heart is open to Jesus, the power of the Kingdom flows into him in a special way.

It is clear that Jesus' promise to Peter is not about any privilege which Peter will have, but a duty to perform. It is to be a sign, a symbol of unity of all people who recognise that in Christ, God has come to the heart of our world and our lives. Bringing hope, forgiveness and life eternal. We are invited to make the response to the question Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"

Thought for the week

There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

Parish Team Away Day: A Shared Vision for Our Future

Father Barry and the team will provide parishioners with an update on the meeting that was earlier on Saturday 22nd August in due course.

Wishing Father Tomasz a very happy 50th birthday for this coming Thursday.
May God continue to bless and protect him.

John Molloy wishes to thank parishioners for the kind birthday wishes. John celebrated his birthday with family and friends and was touched by the expressions of love.

SAFEGUARDING - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL

All volunteers who do not require a DBS check must complete a simple contact form to ensure church safety and insurance compliance. This applies to church cleaners, welcomers, choir members, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, flower arrangers, piety team, sacristans, musicians, and keyholders.  **What You Need to Do:**

1. **Collect form** from the envelope on the **bottom left corner of the porch noticeboard**.
2. **Take the leaflet** titled "Concerned about a child or adult at risk?" and read it. **(This constitutes your Level 1 Safeguarding training).**
3. **Return completed form** to Fr. Barry for countersigning, this will be sent to the Diocese.

Note: If you already hold a parish DBS, you do not need to fill out this form, but you are highly encouraged to read the safeguarding leaflet. This is a routine exercise to ensure we are a safe, fully insured parish community. **Speak to Chris Starkie if you have any questions.**

All Hallows Students Celebrate Excellent GCSE and BTEC Results: On Thursday another year group received an impressive set of GCSE and BTEC results, reflecting years of hard work, determination and resilience. Principal Tim Beesley said: "Today is first and foremost about celebrating the achievements of our young people. These results reflect the commitment, perseverance and character that this year group has shown throughout their time at All Hallows. We are proud not only of the grades they have achieved, but also of the way they have supported one another and embraced opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. We look forward to welcoming many of them into our Sixth Form in September as they begin the next stage of their journey." **Well done to the students, families and staff!**

Piety Stall: will order new stock in early September - *do you have any suggestions for specific items, books/cards which you'd like us to stock?* Please discuss this with the team on duty.

Can you spare 15 minutes after Sunday Mass less than once a month? If so, speak to a team member, Fr. Barry / the parish office to find out how you can assist our friendly piety team.

 **Oppose Assisted Suicide:** The Bill faces a crucial vote on Fri 11th Sept. See Bishop Mark's letter/scan QR code on poster. Resources via: www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

St. Albans: Fr. Febin Thomas, joins St Alban's 15th Oct

Diocesan Vacancies: Youth Mission Team Prog. Coordinator & a Team Member (Stockport) & Accounts Assistant (Curial Office, Prenton). CV to Pauline McCulloch: recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org by 18th Sept. Full details: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers

Summer Break: PowerPoint, Monthly Refreshments team and other Church volunteers are on holiday during August. We ask you 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 to 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.

Your MP could be one of the 12 MPs needed to switch for the assisted suicide Bill to be defeated on 11th September. A face-to-face meeting can make a real difference to how your MP votes. Right To Life UK's simple tool lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds and gives you all you need to prepare, including a short video guide. Please ask your MP for a meeting and urge them to vote NO to assisted suicide <https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp>

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially: Fr Chris McCurry, Peter O'Neill, Judith Naisaga, Hilary Jarvis, Ronnie Ryder, Anne Chapman, Mary & Bob Mellor, Eileen O'Donnell, Dave Uden, Ian Loutit, Pat Broadbent, 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.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries: Irene Wroe, Kathleen Bowers, Alan Greene, Edward McDonald, Philip Niven, Kath Brown, Margaret Rochford, Enos Warburton, Ann Walker, Tessa Stubbs, Ester Hodgson, Michael "Jim" Murphy, Monica Brennan & Emily Miles.

Mass in our Missals	Sunday
Entrance Antiphon	120
Introductory Rites	7-9
Readings & Gospel	120-121
Profession of Faith	11
Preface	66-8
Communion	122
Antiphon	



SOMETIMES I FORGOT TO WITNESS TO PEOPLE ... NOW I'M COVERED

