

# Telling our Parish Ministry Story

## WORSHIP

At the 2024 Synod parishes from across our Diocese were asked to tell the Parish Ministry Story of our diocese by each completing worksheets on five different areas of ministry and how that ministry unfolded in their parish context over the past month.

Over the two days of Synod these stories were collected in five different areas of the Conference Room to gather together the ministry of our whole diocese together in five spaces.

What was collected was a wonderful narrative of who we are as the people of God over the diverse landscape of our Diocese.

## WORSHIP

1. The month at TRINITY OTTAWA SOUTH we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Sundays  
10 A.M. Traditional Service  
4 P.M. CONNECT - contemporary music  
All Souls Day - Choral Evensong  
Residential  
CORONER BY Senior Service  
ALTAR GUILD CONTRIBUTES TO EACH SERVICES  
ASSIGNED + SPONTANEOUS READERS  
CHOIR

in person + live streamed

1. The month at St. Bartholomew's we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

15 services; 4 meditations  
- 1 altar guild meeting  
- 4 meditation  
- 9 choir practices  
- choir sang at 5 services.  
- 1 funeral.

## WORSHIP

1. The month at St John the Evangelist we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

8 Sunday services  
1 Children's Sunday service  
1 Funeral - Sara Whitehead  
8 Home Communion/Hospital  
8 Altar Guild set up times  
8 Choir Rehearsals  
24 servers  
10 Scriptures 4 English 4 French + 2 Ind + 2 G  
25 Parish Council

## WORSHIP

1. The month at St. James deitum we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Training of New Volunteer for  
Altar guild.

Started a choir  
new readers to participate  
new patioshionners in church.

Two new PATIOSHIONNERS were  
engaged with them  
First Communion



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1. The month at Julian of Norwich we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 12 Eucharist services (Sun/Thurs)
- 1 Funeral
- 5 Eucharist services at retirement/long-term care homes
- 24 lay readers.
- Weekly prayer sessions at 30 minutes with approx. 8 lay people.
- Weekly meditation sessions in person
- 1 meditation session online, with 7-8 lay people involved
- Volunteer musicians

## WORSHIP

1. The month at Parish of South Carleton we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- Sunday Service
- monthly Wednesday service.
- funeral
- Baptism
- altar guild weekly
- readers.
- Weekly evening prayer
- Coffee hour + fellowship.



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1. The month at St. Stephen's - Ottawa we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 5 Services in church & fellowship after service
- 5 off-site (nursing homes & retirement homes)
- 2 Funerals
- 7 services - altar guild
- 1 Children's eucharistic service
- 5 rehearsals & services
- 8 services with readers/servers.
- many phone visits by parishioners to elderly

## WORSHIP

1. The month at Christ Church Cathedral we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Sundays - 8:30 & 10:30 & 4:00pm  $\Rightarrow$  10 services  
 Wednesday - 10:05  $\Rightarrow$  4 service  
 Thursday - 12:05  $\Rightarrow$  4  
 1 Funeral  
 Choirs - Boys, Girls, Lay Clerics, Voc  $\Rightarrow$  18 services  
 Servers  $\Rightarrow$  28 servers  
 Altar Guild = Flowers & Decorating 5  
 chalice Bear 8  
 - Open Service for Seniors  
 > Commissioning of the Choirs


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 1. The month at St. John's (Smiths Falls) we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

12 Eucharistic Services (@ St. John's) (2 per Sunday)  
 1 Memorial Service (All Saints) (1 per week)  
 2 Care home Services  
 Altar Guild (6 Members) - Twice/Wk. = 8  
 Readers/Intercessors - 12  
 Lay visitors (Reserved Communion) - 4  
 Servers - 6+  
 Choir - 6 (1 service/wk.)  
 Band - 8 (1 service/mo. + special services)  
 Greeters - 12




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1. The month at St Aidan's we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 4 Sunday services (BAS, choral)
- 4 Wednesday services (BCP)
- Blessing of the Animals  • 2x month prayer group
- 1 Funeral • Healing ministry
- 8 choir members, on Sundays (4 parts)
- 3 servers, many 4 Readers, 4 Intercessors
- 1 Theology Student • 1 Lay Reader ♥
- Many sidespeople, greeters
- Continual Altar Guild by 10 members


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1. The month at West Carleton - March ~~Wesley~~ we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- <sup>quadruple next letter</sup> 8 services (Eucharist)
- 1 funeral
- Altar guild set up for services
- Servers (Eucharist) for services
- Preparations for Advent Carol choir service
- ~ A dozen readers/intercessors
- 6 members virtual choir / 4 chanting psalms
- Flower ministry 
- Blessing of the Animals service 
- Open Discussions During Liturgy (stump the priest) 
- sidespeople

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1. The month at St. Pauls Renew we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 4 service Sunday 
- 3 off-site services
- 4 altar guild Ben, Mary, Barry
- readers/servers Larry, Heather, Mary
- 8 after service refreshments several
- 4 choir practice
- 2 servers Larry, Heather



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1. The month at Parish of the Valley we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

month - 30 services - Sunday Services, Weds. Services, funerals, Morning Prayer



1. The month at EMMANUEL ARNPRIOR we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

4 SERVICES (SUNDAY) with Coffee.  
3. THURSDAY SERVICES  
2 OFFSITE SERVICES  
6 CHOIR MEMBERS (WEEKLY PRACTICE)  
MONTHLY HYMN SELECTION MTR.  
4 SERVERS.  
1 CRUCIFER.

1. The month at Anna Parish of St. Lawrence we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

### SERVICES

Sundays - 12 services (3 churches x 4)

Wednesdays - 4

1 Tuesday - 1 service outside in the Labyrinth (St. John's)

Graveside services - 1

Funerals - 2

Nursing homes - 4

LIVE STREAM - 4 services

### OTHER WAYS

ACW - 1

Long reader - 1

Congregational/Paid meetings - 4

Choir practices - 7

ALTAR GUILDS - 20

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1. The month at St Thomas, Jiffsville we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- Sunday Services
- Wednesday Morning Prayer
- 4 Funerals
- 4 separate seniors homes services
- 2 separate choirs
- ready team, ACW, Garage Sale
- Clothing Sale (for Food Bank)
- Open Table (Community Dinner)
- Pastoral Care meetings
- Parish Council
- Altar Guild Decorations (seasonal)



1. The month at North Dundas (St. Clare's) we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 4 - Sunday Services
  - 1 - Service at Gordon Villa Retirement Home in Chesterville
  - 1 - Service at Dundas Manor in Winchester
- 4 - occasions that the Altar Guild set up for Sunday Services
- 4 - Sunday Services in which Readers, Musicians, Chalice Bearers & Prayers of the People were involved
- 4 - Re-introduce Sunday Bulletin
- New parishioners



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1. The month at Parish of Leno we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- Sunday Services - 10
- off site - 8
- Funerals - 5
- Altar Guild - 10
- Retirement Homes - 4
- Planning events happening in the various churches.



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1. The month at All Saints Greeley we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

4 Sunday Eucharist Service  
1 Funeral in church service + burial

Set up for services

+ funeral - changing colour of hangings

1. The month at St. Barnabas Ottawa we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- high mass x 4
- low mass x 16.
- funeral x 1
- daily office x 12 (public).
- choral evensong x 1
- choir practice x 8.
- altar guild work each week.

1. The month at ST PAUL'S we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 12 regular services
- a few funerals (15 in the last year)
- ~~many~~ Sunday volunteers: altar guild, sides persons, intercessors, readers, Eucharistic ministers, coffee hosts, childrens ministry, choir, praise team

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1. The month at Mississippi Lake we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

5 x 4 = 20 Sunday morning  
1 Evensong

3 Seniors' Residences  
1 Chapel service

at St James Franktown  
St James Carleton Place 1 wedding too!  
St George's Clayton  
Christ Church Ashton

St Bede's Chapel, Nolan's Corners  
Choral service every Sunday  
St James Carleton Place - Fall setup +  
Cobweb crawl

Altar guild at all Parishes

1000+ SINGERS - CHRIST CHURCH ASHTON



## WORSHIP

1. The month at Christ Church Bells Corners we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

ALL STS & ALL Souls Day

Sunday 8 services

Community Service 7pm

Cemetery Service

4 Services on line

Senior & Junior Choir

- At each service we have 10 or more people supporting service
- Decorating the Church for Thanksgiving

on line Compline 3 Times per week

★ Sunday School  
Readers

# of services  
3 churches

St. Georges Waba 2

St. Marks Pakenham 2

St. John's Antrim 2

Altar guild at each service (before + after)  
Readers + servers @ each service

Lay leaders ~~do~~ do service when no  
cover off / incumbent available.



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1. The month at Parish of Pakenham we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)



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1. The month at <sup>October</sup> Parish of Huntley we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 9 services on Sunday
- 6 Wednesday services
- 5 Conting prayer services
- 1 carp commons service
- 1 funeral
- 3 burials
- Readers for all services
- Greeters for all services
- 2 coffee hours (joint)
- Regular altar guild work
- Birthday party service and celebration for all 3 churches



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1. The month at St. John's Kanata North we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

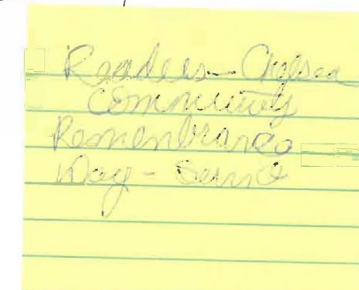
- 4 services (10:30AM on Sunday)
- Altar Guild decorated altar for Thanksgiving (and gave food to food cupboard afterwards)
- Choir practiced every Thursday night and sang at Sunday services
- 2 readers at each service
- 1 chalice bearer at each service
- 1 ~~intercessor~~ intercessor at each service
- Streamed services on YouTube
- PWRDF service with guest speaker



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1. The month at Chelsea-Lascelles-Wakefield we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- Services - 8 (2 per Sunday) <sup>live + zoom</sup>
- 1 funeral
- Altar Guild: Decorate for Thanksgiving
- 4 preparations for services (x3)
- training of new Altar Guild member
- 4 x 2 Readers + Prayer Leaders
- Healing Service - Nov 3 Sunday



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1. The month at St. Barnabas Deep River we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 4 Sunday morning services
- 4 Wednesday mid day services
- 4 Wednesday evening choir practices
- 1 music selection meeting
- 1 service in Mattawa
- 1 Messy Church evening
- 2 funerals



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1. The month at Holy Trinity & St. Mary's we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)



Holy Trinity

- 4 Services - ~~off-site~~, on - 1 service per week.
- 1 Funeral
- ACW

St. Mary's

- Bible 4 services
- Choir for Thanksgiving Service
- altar guild decorated for Thanksgiving

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1. The month at Epiphany we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 8 Sunday services - SERVERS at each
- 1 Laurier Manor
- 2 funerals
- 8 altar guild works
- 8:30 service 3 readers x 4
- 10:30 " 3 readers x 4
- 1 Cantor x 4
- 1 Choir x 4
- WASITIP BAND

2 BAPTISMS

1 BLESSING OF A NEW BORN BABY  
COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS





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1. The month at St. Matthew we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

4 Thurs. eucharist

2 Sunday services / week - 1 was a family service

Tues. am pastoral Eucharist for America

- Choir - rehearse 1x/week, sing 1-2x/Sunday

- 1 evening service

- 1 funeral

- hospital visitation (administration of holy oil &c)

- many, many readers & servers



## WORSHIP

1. The month at St Paul's Almonte we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)



2 morning services 8.30 + 10.30 AM

"Be still my soul" contemplative music service

John Emig's funeral coming up.

Harry Poole - funeral

Michael Dunn - funeral

nursing home services. F.M, C.H.

Indigenous wedding

Decorating for Thanksgiving (2 ♀)

readers 2 per service

wearing red for all saint centering prayer

"music team" for 10.30.

prayers of people.

Bishop's visit

youtube channel for worship on line

coffee "minute" not hour

## WORSHIP

1. The month at PARISH OF MABERLY-LANARK we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

4 SERVICES (SUNDAY)

↳ 2 ST. PAUL'S LANARK - 1 LAY LED SERVICE

↳ 1 ST. STEPHEN'S BROOKE

↳ 1 ST. ALBAN'S MABERLY

- READERS

↳ 3 (ONE FOR 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Psalm)

- ALTAR GUILD

- change colours

- Set up for communion

- wash vessels and linen



## WORSHIP

1. The month at Saint-Bernard-de-Clairville we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- prière de l'été tous les jeudis par Zoom
- l'eucharistie le dimanche à midi
- planification de la musique



## WORSHIP

1. The month at St. Mark's we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 2 services (8 & 10) each Sunday
- 5-6 funerals in past 2 months
- altar guild work every week
- Viewmont Residents Serv each 2 mos.
- choir practice every week, for participation in 10am Sunday service

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1. The month at Christ Church Rydal we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Altar Guild work - 12  
Readers 4  
Servers 4  
Choir - 8  
Music - 3





## WORSHIP

1. The month at St Columba we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Sunday services at 10:00 am.

Funerals when someone is called Det to God.

Vibrant altar guild and others help when necessary.

have a full roster of

lay administrators and

some who pull double

ty.

Fellowship  
after services



1. The month at Parish of South Dundas we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 6 Sunday eucharists

- Cursillo send-off

- 2 community eucharists  
(sr. housing + retirement res.)

- Every <sup>regular</sup> service involves readers, lay assistants, musicians, counters, greeters, live stream + sound board, coffee hour prep + servers



## WORSHIP

1. The month at St James Manotick we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)



11 SERVICES (including LT care facilities)  
Decorating for harvest + services + 2x every Sunday. = 16.

lectors + servers every service. = 3 lectors. ~~and~~ (separate individuals for each.

4 rehearsals, 4 services, 2 anthems  
20 members of choir.

Sidespeople at 10 h eucharist.

Service for National Truth + Reconciliation  
in Healing Garden. ★



## WORSHIP

1. The month at ALL SAINTS WESTBORO we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Sung Vespers musicians

Jazz Vespers

8am Eucharists readers liturgical ministers

3 senior residents

9<sup>30</sup> Sung Eucharist - readers, choir servers.



Zoom weekly service

1 Baptism  
2 Funerals  
2 Weddings

Blessing of the Animals w First United and outside in community

## WORSHIP

1. The month at COMMUNITY MINISTRIES we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

4/ GOOD-BYE SERVICES

8 PRAYER CIRCLES / COMMUNION

## WORSHIP

1. <sup>This</sup> The month at <sup>Alta Vista</sup> St. Thomas the Apostle we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

2 services on Sun. - 1 hour (20+) lay assistants servers, readers, intercessors  
Healing service Wednesday  
Induction (Evening prayer) Altar Guild  
St. Pat's Home LTC service Sidespeople  
Funeral

Remembrance / All Souls - legacy givers  
Lectio Divina / Gospel encounter

[Fellowship hour after - not worship, doesn't fit elsewhere]

Parish Breakfast





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OCTOBER

1. The month at St. James, Perth we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 8 Sunday services, one of which was a special youth service
- 1 Retirement Home Service
- 18 Daily Prayer Services.
- 1 Funeral
- 1 Corporate Communion for Altar Guild & decorating church for thanksgiving
- 4 Choir practices
- 1 Even song
- 1 Blessing of the animals



1. The month at ST. MARGARET'S we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Eucharist x 8 (9:30 + 11:30)  
English Inuktitut  
Parish Council - prayer + silence



### WORSHIP

1. The month at St. John's Richmond we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

Sundays @ 11 AM  
Choir Thursday  
harp & flute Vespers  
working & readers & lay readers  
- 2 students  
evening prayer weekly Wednesday  
instruments  
weekly online service



## WORSHIP

1. The month at St Helen's we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

8 Sunday Eucharists (half with music)  
1 Healing  
1 service of interment  
16 Readers  
16 Altar Guilds  
4 Intercessors  
4 music ministry practices  
16 communion assistances  
4 Sunday schools


## WORSHIP

1. The month at Ascension we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

4 Sunday Services (Eucharist)  
4 Compline   
5 Lectio divina and Eucharist  
2 Thursday evening Services  
1 All Souls Service  
1 wedding  19 total  
Altar Guild, readers/servers, musicians were involved in all of these services.  
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1. The month at Oct. Parish W. Quebec we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

3 churches - 12 services. Chapel service.  
Funerals - 2  
Choir - weekly. (4)  
Congregation mtg. (1)  
Lay Reader mtg X 3  
Altar Guild. - 12  
Readers - 12.  
Greetings - 12.  
Servers - 5  
LTC, St Josephs Manor, CAP. services  
online service weekly. 

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1. The month at St. Albans we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)



4 Sunday Services. (streamed & in person. supported by volunteer readers, servers)

prayer team available for individual prayer during service.

prayers of remembrance

Care team available during service.



## WORSHIP

1. The month at ST MARY'S NAPAN we worshipped in these ways (include numbers of services and where on Sundays and throughout the week, off-site services, funerals, altar guild work, readers/servers, choir, etc.)

- 4 Sunday morning services at St Mary's Church
- 2 funerals → lay participation - Prayers of people

Weekly Sunday morning Sunday School → after service - Lay Readers. - sides people coffee + conversation every Sunday

→ Priest lead homily discussions on monthly topic of "Service"