

**PARISH OF HOLY CROSS,  
ST MATTHEW AND ST. GILBERT  
ECCLES**



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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Psalter week 4**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES  
14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	SOLEMNITY OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS (Parish Feast Day) <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Our Lady of Sorrows <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Thursday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	6.40pm 7.00pm after Mass	
Saturday	Benediction Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9.00am

**Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9am**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 11.15am – 11.45am at St. Matthew's  
Saturday 5.45pm – 6.10pm at Holy Cross**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat 11am – 11.50am at St. Matthew's**

**Baptisms: By appointment - 2 months notice to be given**

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Every Tuesday at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.

**RACE NIGHT**

This will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- in the Parish Hall. First race will be at 7.30pm.

The money raised will pay for the exterior painting of the Hall.

Please collect as many sponsors of horses (£2) or races (£20) as possible – the more the merrier. Bring the sponsor forms and the money back to church as soon as possible.

**CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION:** The Sacramental Programme will soon begin again. If you have a child in Year 4 or above who has not yet be confirmed or celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion or is at a non-Catholic School and is entering Year 3 please see Fr Michael as soon as possible.

**HELLO FROM ROME - THE ETERNAL CITY**

Today (Sunday) I will be celebrating Mass for you all in the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls. This is the church built over the burial place of St. Paul. At the tomb of Paul we will remember you in our prayers. It is a truly wonderful to be able to follow in the footsteps of countless pilgrims who over the centuries have come to this holy place on pilgrimage. We come just after the whole Church has celebrated the Year of St. Paul.

We will pray for you also at the tomb of St. Peter and at the tombs of Ss. Francis and Clare in Assisi. I will be back mid Friday afternoon. I plan to have Mass that evening as usual - unless of course the flight is delayed. **Fr. Michael**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**SICK:** Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; Oliver Williams; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Josie Brennan; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Kath Goring; Nora Barlow; Kitty Smith; Joe Fitzpatrick; Paula McLernon; Lily O'Reilly; Peter Corcoran; Mary Land; Eileen Rogers; Tom Ward; Cecilia Bunting; Pat and Dot Jordan; John O'Brien; Joan Wilson; Kathleen Kirwin; Kath Byrne; Ellen Banfield and Adam Repton. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Terry McCann.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anne Maloney, David Poulson, Mr Quiligotti, Rose Mitchell, James Hosty and Peter Paterson.

**LATELY DEAD**

Margaret Power

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

£754.43

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Coffee Morning** – Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – 10am–12noon - St. Gilbert's Church
- **Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux** – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September till Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Salford Cathedral.
- **Fr. McIntyre/APF Bring and Buy** – at Pat Dale's – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – all day.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Pastoral & Social Group meeting** – Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – 7pm in Parish Hall.
- **Mass for the Sick** – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October - St. Mathew's at 12noon.
- **Race Night** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – in Parish Hall.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – at Patricroft Conservative Club.
- **Mass with Filipino community** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - 3pm at Holy Cross.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - 6pm in Parish Hall.
- **United Service for Christian Unity Week** – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 at St. Matthew's – 7pm.

**ABC FAITH GROUP:** The ABC faith group will begin again soon. If you wish to explore your Catholic faith or are thinking about becoming a Catholic or are just curious about the faith why not come along. See Fr. Michael if you are interested. **The meetings will be on Wednesday. We will begin on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the presbytery. All welcome.** It is hoped we can meet at the same time every week during the school term until Easter.

**AWAY FROM THE PULPIT:** September edition now available. Please take one home and then pass on to a neighbour.

**PARISH FEAST DAYS:** This Monday is the Parish Feast of Holy Cross and the Monday following is the Parish Feast of St. Matthew's.

### "YEAR FOR PRIESTS"

"The priest is a minister of God. As an envoy and a minister, his faculties and powers came to him from the Lord, in whose name he speaks. He is lent the strength necessary to allow him to fulfil his mission, for that purpose and for none other. He must not distort the divine message, he cannot relax in the fulfilment of his duty however many and however great the obstacles in his way. He must never give way in the face of human pressure or compromise with falsehood, deceit, error or evil, neither may he dilute the teaching received through revelation".

*Taken from "About Being a Priest" by Federico Suarez*

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** No definite decision was made the last *Pastoral and Social Group* meeting regarding the Parish Christmas Fayre. Therefore, a meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall at 7pm which will make the final decision whether to go ahead or not. Please come along or let someone know you will help – otherwise there will be no fayre. This is now a Holy Cross, St. Matthew and St. Gilbert Parish fayre.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** Today the church celebrates *Racial Justice Sunday*. Let us remember in our prayers the "Catholic Association for Racial Justice" (CARJ).

**SEPTEMBER IS SVP AWARENESS MONTH.**

Thank you to the SVP for the great work they do within our parish.

Please remember to keep the SVP in your prayers.

If you wish to find out more about their work or wish to talk about joining our parish SVP please contact our parish SVP Presidents Bob Hampton and Phil Cusack.

**Next Holy Cross and St. Matthew's SVP meeting is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September at St. Matthew's Presbytery at 6.45pm. New members welcome**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next baptism course is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October– 7.00pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael beforehand if you wish to attend.

**RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX**

The relics of St. Therese of Lisieux will be at Salford Cathedral from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Visits to the reliquary from 7pm onwards on the Friday and through the night to Sunday evening.

**There will be Masses; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Confessions and various Offices of the Church throughout the time the relics are at the Cathedral. See notice board for timetable of events.**

**ANNUAL CAR PARK & GARDEN CLEAN UP:** At the Pastoral and Social Group meeting it was decided that we do not need our usual day cleaning up the grounds and car park at Holy Cross as they are looking in very good condition. This is all down to Jimmy Fahy who has worked tirelessly over the last few months keeping the grounds tidy. Many thanks to Jimmy – your hard work is appreciated.

**VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS**

Welcome to our 4 new Vincentian volunteers who have now moved into St. Matthew's Presbytery. They are Manar from Syria; Stella from Indonesia; Christopher from Liverpool and Amanda from the USA.

**BRING AND BUY:** Pat Dale is holding her annual Bring and Buy for the APF/Mill Hill (Red Boxes) and Fr. McIntyre on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. It takes place at 170A Worsley Road, Winton. From 10am and lasts all day. There will be lunches, jams, bric a brac etc. Everybody welcome.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

The very popular Quiz Night returns on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. No ticket required - just turn up and pay on the night - £1 per contestant. No more than 5 on a team.

**COFFEE MORNING:** There will be a coffee morning with a raffle and mini market sale at St. Gilbert's Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10am – 12noon. There will be a special warm welcome to all those from Holy Cross and St. Matthew's. Why not meet old friends and make new ones.

**SUMMER BINGO:** The amount raised was £314.63. Many thanks.