

**HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT
and
ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON**

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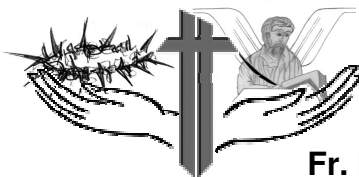
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Psalter week 3

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
14th – 20th July 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	St. Bonaventure Year 6 Leaver's Mass		9.15am at St. Gilbert's School
Wednesday	SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL <i>Principal Patron of the Diocese</i>	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Year 6 Leaver's Mass Rosary Weekday Mass	9.15 at Holy Cross School 6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction St. John Plessington and devotions		11.50am 12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday (16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday, 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:
Saturday 11am – 11.50am at St. Matthew's**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Parish Summer Day Trip to the Lake District** – Thursday 7th August.
- **Summer Bingo** – Monday 25th August 6pm at the Parish Hall.
- **Annual Holy Cross car park tidy up** – Saturday morning – 6th Sept.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell** – Sat 6th Sept beginning at 2pm.
- **S.V.P. Charity Concert** – Friday 19th September – 7.30pm at Holy Cross
- **Quiz Night** – 3rd October.
- **Fr. McIntyre Bring and Buy** – at Pat Dale's – 7th October.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14th November at the Conservative Club.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sunday 14th December 6pm at the Parish Hall.

ABC FAITH GROUP: The ABC faith group will begin again in September. 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 over the coming months if you are interested.

PARISH SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th July - 7pm at St. Matthew's Church. I know it is the start of the summer holidays but there are a few issues we need to finalise sooner rather than later.

DISPLAY: Work from Year 5 at St. Gilbert's school can be found at the back of St. Matthew's Church. The theme is Moses. We hope to make this a regular feature.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Martin Fleming; Winnie Roddy; Josie Brennan; Joe Cawley; Winifred Johnson; Frank Russell; baby Oliver Williams; Mary Smith; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Gordon Ramsden; Joe Collins; Teresa Gavin; Maureen Britton; Catherine Williams and Marie Thompson. Please remember also the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Canon Denis Clinch; Fr. Jack Rigby; Fr. Simon Firth; Fr. Pat Keane; Fr. Richard O'Connor; Fr. Patrick McMahon; Fr. Joseph Corcoran; Fr Michael Hartley and Fr. Alf Smith.



ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Cusack, Brian Slater

LATELY DEAD:

*Wynifrede Wolstencroft, Teresa McLoughlin (Fr. Mullin's sister),
Baby Mary Brady
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

HOLY CROSS	ST MATTHEW'S
£469.96	£315.57

ST. MATTHEW'S CHILDRENS LITURGY: Could all CRB forms be returned as soon as possible to be checked by Pat Jackson our parish child protection officer. The children's liturgy cannot begin until all forms have been sent to the diocese. Any difficulties in filling them in please see Pat Jackson or Fr. Michael. Hopefully by September we will be in a position to start – let's make that the deadline.

BISHOP DRAINEY Former Parish Priest of Holy Cross has sent his ordination cards for you all to read. They can be found at the back of church.

SVP LUNCH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Volunteers are still needed to provide lifts for the social at the Brown Cow. If you can help contact Bob Hampton on 288 1498.

The next SVP meeting is Monday 21st July at Holy Cross at 7pm.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Paige Prendergast* and *Alfie Main-Quinn* who were baptized last Sunday. We welcome them into the family of the Church.

MISSION APPEAL

We welcome Fr Alphonsus Azenda Ikyegh C.S.S.P. from Nigeria who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers, also known as the Spiritans.

There will be a retiring collection.

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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Final payments need to be made by August 4th at the latest. You can pay direct to Mancunia or via Fr Michael. A final meeting has been arranged for *Wednesday September 17th* at 7pm at St Mary's Parish Hall.

ABORTION ACT Proposals to amend the abortion act come before the House of Commons tomorrow (July 14th). These amendments would strip away much of the little protection that is left in law for unborn children. We are asked to contact our MP's ASAP to urge them to oppose all pro-abortion amendments. MP's can be telephoned at the House of Commons number 020 7219 3000. Details of amendments can be found on the notice board along with a letter sent to MP's by Cardinal O'Brien, Archbishop of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2008/9 A meeting for all catechists from Holy Cross and St. Mathew's including our new volunteers will take place on 4th September at the presbytery at 7pm. This is to finalise details for the Sacramental Programme beginning in late September.

PETER'S PENCE £142.16 was raised for Peter's Pence this year. Many thanks.

DONATIONS Thank you for 2 separate donations to Holy Cross, one for £500 – towards repair of bell and one for £1000.

LEAVER'S MASSES Our 2 Year 6 Leaver's Masses take place this week. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please keep the Year 6 children in your prayers during this time of great change for them. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass at St. Gilbert's School on Tuesday.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL FAYRE Amount raised was £1429.00, we will have St. Gilbert's amount next week. Thank you to everyone who supported both school fayres.

200 CLUB 188 M Pennington £100
165 J Faulkner £30
162 B Mayberry £20
109 A Woodcock £10

FR. MCINTYRE Fr. McIntyre will be visiting the area for a private holiday from 21st July. It is planned to raise money for his mission in Ecuador at both Churches. Next Sunday there will be a cake sale at St. Matthew's and also a retiring collection in both Churches.

HOLY CROSS BELL It is hoped the bell at Holy Cross will soon be back up and ringing once more, hopefully by the end of September. It's going to cost approximately £9,500 – so any donations and fundraising will be gratefully received.

SUMMERTIME During the school summer holidays Fr. Michael will hopefully have a bit more time to do some home visiting. If Fr. Michael has not yet visited you and you would like him to visit then please sign the form found at the back of the Church. He will do his best to visit as many as possible.

SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Many people have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers do not have the quality of life on board that every human has the right to.

Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. The Apostleship of the Sea reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. Please keep the AOS in your prayers. If you wish to contribute to the work of the AOS you can use the envelopes found at the back of the Church.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

To mark 2000 years since the birth of St. Paul the Pope has declared 29th June 2008 – 29th June 2009 as the Year of St Paul. Throughout this year a quote from one of Paul's letters will be in the newsletter.

"God has no favourites." Romans 2:11