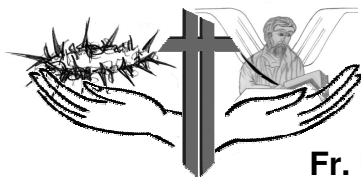


**HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT
and
ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON**

Clustered with
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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Psalter week 2

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

24th – 30th November 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	<i>Rosary</i> Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	<i>Benediction</i> Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Advent Mass of Sunday (1 st Sunday of Advent)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Advent Mass	11.30am	9am

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:
Saturday 11am – 11.50am at St. Matthew's**

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP: Next meeting is Thursday 8th January 2009 at 7pm in our Parish Hall. See notice board for minutes of last meeting.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING: Sunday 4th January is the date for the *Parish Christmas Musical Evening*. If you would like to take part in the evening please contact David Glynn-Whitehead on 794 1006. Music, singing and poetry are all welcome.

ABC FAITH GROUP: Next meeting this Wednesday at 7.15pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. All welcome.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Remember the Holy Souls in yours prayers.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Oliver Williams* who was baptised last weekend. We welcome him into the family of the church.

150th OF HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS SCHOOL: A great celebration was had on Thursday to celebrate 150years of the school. It was good to see parishioners at the Mass on Thursday morning and at the open evening later that day. **Please keep the school in your prayers as they have an OFSTED inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; baby Oliver Williams; baby Peter Mark Carey; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Catherine Ashton; Josephine Myles; Lily Prescott; Margaret Norton; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; Philomena Noone; Margaret Ward and John Bosco Whitehead. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Stephen Parkinson; Mgr. Paul Smith; Canon Denis Clinch; Fr. Jack Rigby; Fr. Pat Keane; Fr. Richard O'Connor; Fr. Francis Frost; Fr. John Reynolds; Fr. Stewart Ansbro; Fr. Aidan O'Reilly; Fr. Joseph Corcoran and Fr Michael Hartley.



ANNIVERSARIES: Jennie Ashton, Eileen and James Fish, Charles Geeney, Thomas McKie, Winifred Martin, Ken Wilins and June Ball (Higham)

LATELY DEAD:

Patricia Wood and Maura O'Sullivan

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
£498.62	£363.41

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **St. Matthew's Christmas Fayre** – this Sat 29th Nov at St. Gilbert's School – 1pm – 4pm.
- **Holy Cross School Christmas Fayre** – Sat 6th December.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sun 14th Dec - 6pm in Parish Hall.
- **Christmas Musical Evening** – Sunday 4th Jan at St. Matthew's Church.
- **Parish Social and Pastoral Group** – Thurs 8th Jan in Parish Hall.
- **Churches together in Eccles "United Service for Christian Unity Week"** – Sunday 18th January – 7.00pm at Holy Cross.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 6th February – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2nd May.

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

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

"We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure, to make it clear that such an overwhelming power comes from God and not from us."
2 Corinthians 4:7.

SVP: Next SVP meeting is 7pm this Monday (24th Nov) at St. Matthew's Presbytery. This month's retiring collection came to £129.21.

HOLY HOUR

For Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion **today (Sunday)**
3pm-4pm at Holy Cross Church. If you cannot come please let Fr. Michael know.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Due to unforeseen circumstances the training required will not begin till after Christmas. Sr. Rita who is to arrange the training cannot see Fr. Michael to discuss it till 23rd December.

ADVENT 2009

To aid you spiritually in this time of preparation:
Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church - every Sunday of Advent - 3.30pm
– 4pm. Alternate between both Churches.
Taize Advent Mass - every Friday in Advent 7pm at Holy Cross
Advent Scripture Reflection (Lectio Divina) (Cluster event)
Wed 3rd Dec at 7.15pm in the Parish hall.
Advent Reconciliation Service (Cluster event)
Thurs 18th Dec at 7.30pm at St. Mary's, Eccles.

FR. McINTYRE: A retiring collection to buy chocolates for the children of Fr. McIntyre's parish in Equador will take place this weekend at Holy Cross.

CATECHISTS MEETING: The next meeting for the catechists on the Sacramental Programme is **this Tuesday (25th Nov)** in the Presbytery at 7pm.

SPC: The next meeting will be this Wednesday 26 November 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This coming Saturday (29th November)

at St. Gilbert's Primary School 1pm – 4pm

All stall donations can be left at St. Matthew's or at St. Gilbert's School.
We also need help on the day – if you can help please add your name to the list at the back of St. Matthew's.

N.B. Meeting for final arrangements after today's 9.00am Mass.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 6th December 11am – 2pm at the school.

Please support both fayres no matter what community you come from

PARISH SOCIAL: A big thank you to all who helped organized our Parish Social. It was a great success and lovely to see people form both communities coming together, we had about 160! Thank you especially to Bernard Crowley. We will certainly do it again. We made an unexpected profit of £361. This will be split between both parishes.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: Solemn Evening prayer of the Church will take place from 3.30 – 4.00pm. Next Sunday it will be at Holy cross. This is one spiritual source of nourishment for Advent.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: This will take place on Wednesday 3rd December 7.15pm in our Parish Hall. We will be using the method called Lectio Divina – come along and use this as a part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas. Please bring a bible with you.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Today is also known as Youth Sunday – a day of special prayer for our young people. Let us today remember them especially in our prayers.

DONATION: Thank you for £100 and a £80 donation to Holy Cross

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

**At the Christmas Bingo on 14th December. Please sell as many as you can.
If you would like to donate a prize for the Grand Draw please see form
at back of church.**

RETIRING COLLECTION: Next weekend and the following there will be a retiring collection for flowers for both churches for Christmas.

ADVENT-WALK WITH ME: Some of you may find the booklet "Walk with Me – A Journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmastide 2008" a source of spiritual support for the season Advent which begins next Sunday. There is a scripture reading and prayer for every day until the end of the Christmas Season. Booklets are at the back of Church priced £1 – please pay at the Piety Shop or see Fr Michael. **For the children there is a free Advent Calendar to take home.**