

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

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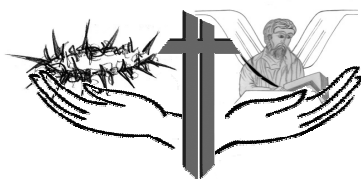
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**6th Sunday of Easter
Psalter Week 2 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
18th – 24th May 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	St. Dunstan		9.15am at St. Gilbert's School
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Easter Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	6.40pm 7.00pm after Mass	
Saturday	Benediction Easter Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour St.		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	6.30pm	
Sunday	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	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: Sat 11am – 11.50am at St. Matthew's

**Baptisms: By appointment
(2 months notice to be given)**

**Marriages: By appointment
(6 months notice to be given)**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Holy Cross on a Friday evening after Mass.
The Chaplet will be offered for the priesthood and vocations for the priesthood.

PARISH RAMBLE: The next ramble is on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May. Meet at Boothstown Marina. We will be walking to Astley Green. Total length of walk is approx 4 miles.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

“Religion, of course, does not bring large profits but only to those who are content with what they have. We brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it; but as long as we have food and clothing, let us be content with that. People who long to be rich are a prey to temptation; they get trapped into all sorts of foolish and dangerous ambitions which eventually plunge them into ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all evils and there are some who, pursuing it, have wandered away from the faith and so given their souls any number of fatal wounds.

But, as a man dedicated to God, you must avoid all that. You must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses.” I Timothy 6:6-12

WHISKY BOTTLES: Now collecting for a purple vestment for Holy Cross and a green vestment for St. Matthew's.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; Oliver Williams; Peter Carey; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Don McCorrison; Maxine Dixon; Kath Goring; Nora Barlow; Frank Gilligan; Delia Royle; Audrey Kelly and Joe O'Neill. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Aidan O'Reilly.



ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McGovern; Maureen Rodgers and Kevin Murray.

LATELY DEAD

Baby Thomas Devlin-Blinkhorn

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
£336.41	£310.04

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Parish Ramble** – Mon 25th May - meet 11.00am at Boothstown Marina.
- **Holy Cross First Holy Communion** – Sunday 14th June at 11.30am.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thursday 18th June – at St. Matthew's.
- **St. Matthew's First Holy Communion** – Saturday 20th June at 10.30am.
- **Narrow Boat Trip on the canal** – Wednesday 24th June – starts 6.30pm.
- **Holy Cross School Summer Fayre** – Sat 4th July – 11.00am – 2.00pm
- **Irish Night** – Friday 17th July in Parish Hall – 7.30pm – 11.00pm.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August.
- **Parish Summer Trip to Conway and Llandudno** – Thursday 6th August.
- **Quiz Night** – 9th October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13th – at Patricroft Conservative Club.

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP: The next Pastoral and Social Group meeting is Thursday 18th June at 7.00pm.

NARROW BOAT TRIP: WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE

Beginning at Worsley Basin and costs £13 which includes a hot pot supper and a quiz. Boat leaves Worsley Basin at 6.30pm

Still places are available.

Book after Mass or at Parish Office.

PARISH SUMMER TRIP: A parish summer trip has been arranged for Thursday 6th August. We will be going to Conway and then Llandudno. We will start taking bookings very soon.

The Ecclesiastical Education Fund will be left open for 1 more week for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: The Bereavement Support Group will now meet every first Tuesday in the month – beginning on 2nd June. The Parish Hall will be open from 10.00am till 12noon for anyone who may wish to pop in for a chat. This is a support group run by volunteers many of whom have suffered bereavements themselves. There will always be Mass beforehand at Holy Cross for those who wish to attend.

IRISH NIGHT - WITH NATHAN CARTER

FRIDAY 17TH JULY IN THE PARISH HALL.

TICKETS £5 – ON SALE SOON.

WATCH THIS SPACE.

SVP: Next meeting is Monday 1st June - 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. New members welcome. The May retiring collection came to £126. 97.

OBERAMMERGAU: Would all those who registered their intent to go to see the Passion play in Oberammergau next summer please pick up a booking form from Fr Michael. A deposit of £200 will also be required. Forms and deposits need to be in by the end of May.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

In this month of Mary may we reflect on the Rosary. Praying the Rosary daily enables us to reflect on some of the main events in the Life Of Christ and Mary. It is good to develop a regular habit of praying the rosary every day. The Rosary is a tremendous source of spiritual nourishment - especially during the difficult times of our lives.

A WALSINGHAM PRAYER BOOK

PRAYER, LITANIES AND HYMNS TO ENCOURAGE DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHURCH PIETY SHOPS

PRICE £4

THANK YOU: Many thanks for the volunteer who swept the back of the church during the week. It looks so much better.

WEBSITE: Please note that this newsletter, previous newsletters and most of the editions of "Away from the Pulpit" can be found on the website. If you inform the parish secretary the newsletter can be sent electronically to you via email every week. The website also contains many bits of information, including Cluster Parish Mass times. Also if you have any items that you wish to be added please contact the parish office.

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

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.

FR. MULLIN

Fr. Mullin former Parish Priest of St. Matthew's celebrates his 50th anniversary as a priest on 31st May. To mark this occasion there will be a retiring collection at St. Matthew's this weekend and next. If anyone else wishes to make a donation please see Fr. Michael. The money raised will be sent to Fr. Mullin with our prayers and best wishes.

A cake sale for Fr. Mullin's Golden Jubilee will take place next Sunday after the 9.00am Mass at St. Matthew's.

Donations of cakes will be welcome.

FUNDRAISING EVENING: In support of Manchester Irish Community Care – next Saturday 23rd May at the TALBOT Catholic Club. Tickets £4.

PLANT SALE

After both Masses at Holy Cross next weekend.

All proceeds go to parish funds.

BAPTISM: The next baptism course is Wednesday 17th June – please see Fr. Michael first if you wish to attend.