

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

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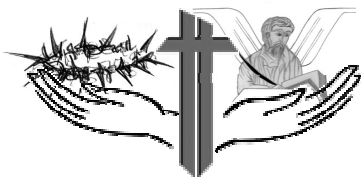
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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)**  
**Psalter Week 3 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS TIMES**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Bank Holiday Easter Weekday Mass	10.30am	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am at St. Gilbert's School
Friday	Rosary Easter Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Easter Weekday Mass Novena to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> MASS OF PENTECOST	6.30pm	
Sunday	PENTECOST	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 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**

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

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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **May devotions** – Today (Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May) – 11.30am at Holy Cross and 2.30pm at St. Matthew's.
- **New Mayor's Civic Mass** – 11.30am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Holy Cross
- **Mass with Bishop Draine**y – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Salford Cathedral.
- **S.V.P. Charity Concert** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30pm at Holy Cross
- **Quiz Night** – 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Conservative Club.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** Could all those who volunteered to help with the children's liturgy at St. Matthew's please see Fr. Michael to pick up a C.R.B. form. This is part of the child protection procedures.

**CATHOLIC PAPERS:** If anyone wishes to start receiving a Catholic paper at either Church then please place your order at its piety shop.

**SVP:** The next meeting is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at St. Matthew's at 7pm. New members always welcome. The monthly retiring collection takes place this weekend.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Meets every Tuesday at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church. All are welcome.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**SICK:** Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Adlam; Maureen Lundy; Martin Fleming; Winnie Roddy; Josie Brennan; Edith Tyldesley; Joe Cawley; Winifred Johnson; Anne Curley; Frank Russell; Kevin Hesketh; baby Oliver Williams; Mary Hutley; Anne Rourke; Mary Smith; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Jack Byrne; Gordon Ramsden and Pat Cooke. Please remember also the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Mgr. Michael Quinlan; Fr. Anthony Grimshaw; Fr. Michael Hartley; Fr. Andrew Frazer OFM Conv; Fr. Alf Smith and Fr. Pat Keane.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Joyce McDonald, Martin Mullins, Leonard Gwinnutt and Mary Kelly.

**LATELY DEAD:**

Michael Holcroft whose funeral is at Peel Green Crematorium on Thursday at 11.40am

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

<b>HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>ST MATTHEW'S</b>
<b>£330.14</b>	<b>£322.48</b>

**PARISH PASTORAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS:** It was decided that we would continue to meet jointly and our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** A meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – 7.30pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

### MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

*Throughout May our statues of Mary will be crowned. This symbolises the special honour we give to Mary during the month of May. Let us reflect during this month on the great example she gave to us of someone whose whole life was a "yes" to God. Her total yes and openness to God meant she was declared "full of grace". May we too open ourselves totally to God and say "yes" to Him. Then we too will be full of grace.*

**At Holy Cross** Today (Sunday) at our 11.30am Mass children will bring flowers to the statue of Mary.

**At St Matthew's** Today there will be a special May devotion at 2.30pm. Children will come with flowers and during the service will place them at the statue of Mary. Afterwards there will be refreshments for everybody.

**PARISH TRIP:** Hopefully to the Lake District on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August, so keep this date free. Price and more details later.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Coach leaves St Matthew's at 6.40am returns 10-10.30pm. Cost £15.00 per person. This needs to be paid when booking which starts after Mass on 27<sup>th</sup> April. See Des Doherty or Pat Dale.

**HALL CLEANING:** There is a need to establish a cleaning rota for the Parish Hall. The hall belongs to both communities. If you are prepared to go on a rota please see Fr Michael or Marie Mackie. Hopefully the rota will mean that you may only have to clean every few weeks.

**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** The amount raised so far for Ecclesiastical Education Fund is £218.43. The fund will remain open for a one more week for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

### PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

We would like to establish a Parish Hall committee. This would enable us to manage the running of the parish hall better. If you are prepared to join please see Fr Michael, Mike Denton or Anne Marie Horrocks.

**TESCO VOUCHERS:** There is a box at Holy Cross for Holy Cross School.

**BAPTISM:** Michael Weightman-Glynn will be baptised during the 9am Mass next Sunday.

**PLANT SALE:** Will be on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Cross. If you can donate some plants we would be very grateful. See Fr Michael or Maureen Denton.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL:** The Pope has declared June 2008–June 2009 a Year of St. Paul in celebration of the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. It is reckoned St. Paul was born between 6–10 AD. The diocese has organized a series of talks by 4 eminent scholars on St. Paul. These 4 talks promise to make St. Paul accessible to everyone. The talks will help us look more closely at St. Paul and his writings and help us all experience his life and times. If you wish to attend please see poster on the notice board and take a registration form from the back of Church and return it with payment to the address given. The talks take place at Holy Cross Sixth form College, Manchester Road, Bury.

**CURRICULUM EVENING:** Loreto 6<sup>th</sup> Form College's Curriculum Evening organised for students enrolling in Sept. will be held this Thursday (8<sup>th</sup> May) from 5.30 – 6.30 pm. Further information from the main office at Loreto College on 0161 226 5156.

**MAYOR OF SALFORD:** The soon to be new Mayor of Salford is Margaret Morris. She has asked for a Mass at Holy Cross to begin her year as Mayor. This will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at the 11.30 Mass.

**CHURCH GROUNDS:** Now that spring has arrived we are looking for volunteers to keep the flower beds at St. Matthew's and Holy Cross looking tidy. The gardens at Holy Cross in front of the Church and in the presbytery garden are beginning to look untidy. The more volunteers we have the better. It is important to keep the grounds of our Church looking tidy.

**KNITTING GROUP:** The Parish knitting group met for the first time on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. It was decided that the group would meet once a fortnight on a Thursday afternoon and would concentrate their efforts towards making children's clothes and baby clothes. It was also decided that a sale of goods and coffee morning would be held in the church hall in December in order to sell all that the group have made and raise badly needed funds for the church. Anyone interested in joining please contact Christine Devlin on 789-1820.

**200 CLUB:** 248 - M. Denton - £100, 144 – T .Rose - £30,  
228 — W. Churnside - £20, 103 – H. Ratcliffe - £10.

**PUBLIC MEETING:** David Alton, Jim Dobbin and others will be speaking about the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill. The Bill reaches the House of Commons on 12<sup>th</sup> May. The Public Meeting is this Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at Salford Cathedral.

**Today is World Communications Day.**

**We are asked to pray especially today for the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN). The CNN provides support to our bishops' in promoting the Gospel in the media. Envelopes are at the back of Church if you wish to make a donation.**