

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

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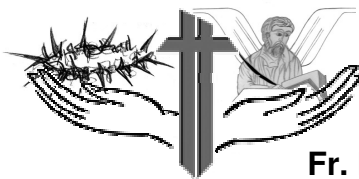
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Psalter week 2

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

7th – 13th July 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Feast of St. Benedict (Mass of Thanksgiving)	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday (15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	6.30pm	
Sunday	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**

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Mass of Thanksgiving for all parishioners followed by cheese and wine** – this Friday 11th July at 7pm at Holy Cross.
- **St. Gilbert's School Summer Fayre** – this Saturday 12th July.
- **Parish Summer Day Trip to the Lake District** – Thursday 7th August.
- **Summer Bingo** – Monday 25th August 6pm at the Parish Hall.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell** – Sat 6th Sept beginning at 2pm.
- **S.V.P. Charity Concert** – Friday 19th September – 7.30pm at Holy Cross
- **Quiz Night** – 3rd 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.

LIVING FAITH: July–Sept now available price 60p. Sold out at Holy Cross.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Neve Pollard* who was baptized last weekend. We welcome her into the family of the Church.

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.

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; Anne Curley; Frank Russell; baby Oliver Williams; Mary Smith; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Gordon Ramsden; Pat Cooke; Joe Collins; Teresa Gavin and Maureen Britton. 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: Winifred Stewart and Bob Lundy.

LATELY DEAD:

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
£329.67	£342.50

ST. MATTHEW'S CHILDRENS LITURGY: Still only one CRB form has gone through to the diocese so far. Could all the rest be returned as soon as possible to be checked by the 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The final celebration St. Matthew's Sacramental Programme takes place today (Sunday). This is a Mass of thanksgiving to God and to pray for the future of our children and their families. At this Mass the children will receive their certificates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

A thank you card to the catechists from this year's children can be found on the notice board at Holy Cross.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to join our group of catechists for next year's Programme. Pat Jackson (our Child Protection Officer) will be contacting those of you who have not had a CRB check by the parish.

THANK YOU MASS

THIS FRIDAY (11th July)

There will be a Mass of thanksgiving at 7pm at Holy Cross for all the help and support given by the parishioners over the past 12 months. Everyone is invited. There will be cheese and wine in the Parish Hall afterwards.

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.

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.

SCHOOL FAYRES

*St Gilberts School Fayre is this Saturday (12th July) 1pm - 4pm.
Please come along and show your support.*

SVP LUNCH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

SVP lunch for senior citizens Tuesday 22nd July 12.30 – 4.00 pm. Transport can be arranged, venue is the Brown Cow, Winton. Cost £5.00. Volunteers are needed to provide lifts for the social at the Brown Cow. If you can help contact Bob Hampton on 288 1498.
***The next meeting is Monday 7th July at St. Matthew's at 7pm.
Monthly collection this weekend.***

FINANCE COMMITTEE: This Wednesday, 9th July at 7.30pm. in the Presbytery.

MISSION APPEAL

At all Masses next week Fr Alphonsus Azenda Ikyegh C.S.S.P. from Nigeria will be making an annual mission appeal on behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers, also known as the Spiritans. There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers

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

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL: We are urged to write to our MPs to support certain pro-life amendments to the bill. Please see more detailed information on the notice board.

ANNUAL DAY FOR LIFE: This year's Day for Life is to help raise awareness of the needs of those affected by mental ill health, their friends, their families and their carers and the support that the parish community and professional service can bring. One in 4 people will be directly affected by mental health difficulties at some stage in their life. Please take a leaflet on the subject home with you and include the prayer found on the back in your prayers. *If you wish to make a donation to the work of the Church's Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics and other life related activities support by the Church please put it in one of the envelopes you will find at the back of Church.*

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS: The 3 Vincentian volunteers who have been living in St Matthew's presbytery have now finished their time with us. We wish them well for the future. They may be around for another week or two till they have sorted out future accommodation. New volunteers will arrive in September.

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.

BEST WISHES: To Rev. David Sutton who is soon to stand down as Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Church of England in Winton. We wish him and his family every blessing for the future.

ST. PAUL

Last weekend the Church began to celebrate the year of St. Paul. St. Paul is reckoned to have been born between 6AD – 10AD. The Pope has called for this special year to mark the 2000 anniversary of his birth. Hopefully we can mark this year in some way. May we reflect on the life of St. Paul – re-read his letters and ask him to pray for us as we continue our journey of faith here on earth.

"For I am not ashamed of the Good News: it is the power of God saving all who have faith." Romans 1:16