

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

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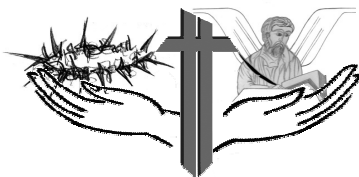
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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Psalter week 4**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
20th - 26th July 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Weekday Mass Reception into Church of Bridget Marcella McHugh	<u>N.B. 12noon</u> 7.30pm	
Tuesday	Funeral Mass for Bridget Marcella McHugh	10.00am	
Wednesday	St. Mary Magdalene <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Thursday	Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden Funeral Mass for Joan Barlow		9.45am
Friday	Rosary Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	6.40pm 7.00pm after Mass	
Saturday	Benediction Feast of St. James and devotions		11.50am 12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9.00am

Morning Prayer: 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**

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

IRISH NIGHT: A big thank you to all who helped organise the Irish Night we had on Friday. It was a huge success.

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 PILGRIMAGES

The next Oberammergau payment of £350 per person. needs to be made by 31st July. Please pay direct to Mancunia or via Fr. Michael.

A meeting for all those going on the Rome pilgrimage will take place on Wednesday 26th August – 7pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall.

St. GILBERT'S SCHOOL FAYRE: The amount raised was £1,172 – many thanks to everyone who supported the fayre.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Olivia* and *Joseph Murphy* who were baptised last Sunday. We welcome them into the family of the Church. The next baptism course is **this Thursday** (23rd July) – 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. Please see Fr. Michael first if you would like to attend.

KNITTING GROUP: The Knitting Group will not be meeting this week. The next meeting will be Monday 3rd August. – 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. The Knitting Group meets every other Monday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; Oliver Williams; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Kath Goring; Nora Barlow; Frank Gilligan; Delia Royle; Ann Murphy; Janey Doherty and Kitty Smith. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Peter Gooden; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Terry McCann.



ANNIVERSARIES: Brain Slater and Patricia Roddy

LATELY DEAD

Marcella McHugh; Joan Barlow and Tony Barlow
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
£325.52	£208.60

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August.
- **Parish Summer Trip to Conway and Llandudno** – Thursday 6th August.
- **August Bank Holiday Bingo** – Monday 31st August – 6pm in Parish Hall.
- **Pastoral & Social Group meeting** – Wed 2nd Sept – 7pm in Parish Hall.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell** – Sat 5th September – begins 2pm.
- **Annual Holy Cross car-park clear up** – Saturday 26th September.
- **Quiz Night** – 9th October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Local history Talk by Bernard Crowley** – Friday 23rd October – 7.30pm.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13th – at Patricroft Conservative Club.
- **United Service for Christian Unity Week** – Sun 24th Jan 2010 at St. Matthew's – 7pm.

SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP: Next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd September – 7pm in the Parish Hall. Minutes of last meeting on notice board.

“YEAR FOR PRIESTS”

The 4th August is the Feast of St. John Vianney. He died in 1859 and this year marks the 150th anniversary of his death. He was a remarkable and holy Parish Priest and for this reason he is the Patron Saint of all Parish Priests. During this “*Year for Priests*” which has been declared because of this special anniversary, the Holy Father will declare him Patron Saint of all priests.

I would like to mark the “*Year for Priests*” with all day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on 4th August at Holy Cross – beginning after the 9.15am Mass and ending with Benediction at 7.30pm.

I am asking people to pray on this day especially for our priests and vocations to the priesthood.

For this day to work we need at least 2 people in church all the time and so there is a list at the back of both churches – I am asking people to sign up to spend half an hour in the church during the time of exposition. *Fr. Michael*

PARISH SUMMER DAY TRIP: Fully booked.

RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

The relics of St. Therese of Lisieux will be visiting England and Wales from 16th September - 15th October. During this month they will be visiting numerous churches and cathedrals a list of which can be found on the notice board.

The relics will be at Salford Cathedral from Friday evening 25th September until Sunday evening 27th September.

SVP: The next meeting is Monday 27th July at St. Matthew's Presbytery at 7pm. This month's retiring collection was £68.45.

PLAY GROUP: Every Monday in the Parish Hall - 9.30am – 11.30am. See notice-board for further details.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Next meeting is on Tuesday 1st September.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2009/10: A meeting for all catechists from Holy Cross; St. Matthew's and St. Gilbert's, including any new volunteers, will take place on 8th September at the Presbytery at 7pm. This is to finalise details for the Sacramental Programme beginning in late September.

SCHOOLS: We wish everyone at our 2 primary schools and High School a relaxing summer break and hope they come back to us refreshed. We thank them for all their hard and dedicated work since last September. Let us keep them in our prayers.

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. **DON'T BE SHY!!!**

HOLIDAY TIME: To all who are going away over the next few weeks have an enjoyable time and come back safe and rested.

MONIES SENT

Recently monies collected over the past 6 months from Holy Cross and St Matthew's have been sent to the following:

£530.00 –	White Fathers.
£455.72 –	Rainbow Trust Fund – from box at the back of Holy Cross.
£303.78 –	Fr Casimir – from box at the back of Holy Cross.
£1067.07 –	CAFOD – some of this is from the Lenten Fast Day.
£50.00 –	Cornerstone - from money collected in poor box at Holy Cross.
£50.00 –	Salford Loaves and Fishes – from poor box.
£50.00 –	Fr McIntyre – from poor box

EVERY BLESSING: Every blessing to Christopher Robertson who leaves us on Tuesday. We wish him all the best for the future. He will continue his studies for the priesthood at Louvain University in Belgium. Please keep him in your prayers and we hope he will come back from time to time to visit us.

HALL COMMITTEE: A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 29th July in the Parish Hall at 7pm. It has been a long time since the Hall committee met and it is hoped those already on the committee will be able to attend plus anyone else who is interested. Items to be discussed include rota for the bar; stocking the bar; keeping the hall and bar clean; booking conditions and rates. It would be helpful if you will be coming to the meeting to let Mike Denton know beforehand – you can ring him on 794-1364.

HOLY CROSS READER'S ROTA: Now available at the back of Church.

Dear parishioners, I would like to thank you all for the congratulations, the beautiful flowers and cards I received last Friday. I was truly overwhelmed. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions. *Marie Mackie*