

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

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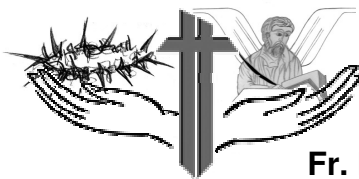
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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Psalter week 4**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
21st – 27th July 2008**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	St. Mary Magdalene		9.15am
Wednesday	Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Feast of St. James	<u>N.B.</u> 9.15am	
Saturday	Benediction Ss. Joachim and Ann Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday (17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 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

- **Parish Summer Day Trip to the Lake District** – Thursday 7th August.
- **Summer Bingo** – Monday 25th August 6pm at the Parish Hall.
- **Annual Holy Cross car park tidy up** – Saturday morning – 6th Sept.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell** – Sat 6th Sept beginning at 2pm.
- **S.V.P. Charity Concert** – Friday 19th September – 7.30pm at Holy Cross
- **Quiz Night** – 3rd October.
- **Fr. McIntyre Bring and Buy** – at Pat Dale's – 7th October.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14th November at the Conservative Club.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sunday 14th December 6pm at the Parish Hall.

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.

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.

SVP: The next SVP meeting is this Monday (21st July) at Holy Cross at 7pm. New members are always welcome. This month's retiring collection came to £152.02.

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; Frank Russell; baby Oliver Williams; Mary Smith; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Gordon Ramsden; Joe Collins; Teresa Gavin; Maureen Britton and Marie Thompson. 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: John Martin, Winifred Woodall & James Mould

LATELY DEAD:

Catherine Williams & Marie Giovanazzi.

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
£360.51	£388.11

ST. MATTHEW'S CHILDRENS LITURGY: Could all CRB forms be returned as soon as possible to be checked by Pat Jackson our Parish Safeguard Rep. 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.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Grace Earl* who was baptized last weekend. We welcome her into the family of the Church.
The next baptism course is on Tuesday 29th July at the presbytery at 7pm.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2008/9: A meeting for all catechists from Holy Cross and St. Mathew's including our new volunteers will take place on 4th September in 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.

ST. GILBERT'S SCHOOL FAYRE: Amount raised will be in next week's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who supported both school fayres. Many thanks to the ladies who ran a parish stall at both school fayres – it raised a total of £122.96.

FR. MCINTYRE

This week Fr. McIntyre is visiting the area for a private holiday. This weekend we would like to raise some money for his mission in Equador. Today (Sunday) there is a cake sale at St. Matthew's and there will be a retiring collection in both Churches.

HOLY CROSS BELL: Holy Cross will soon be back up and ringing once more, hopefully by the end of this month. It's going to cost approximately £9,500 – so any donations and fundraising will be gratefully received.

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.

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!!!**

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

To mark 2000 years since the birth of St. Paul the Pope has declared 29th June 2008 – 29th June 2009 as the Year of St Paul.

Throughout this year a quote from one of Paul's letters will be in the newsletter.

"It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:7-8

Some prayer books have been purchased that help to reflect on the life and words of St. Paul. They would be a great help for those who would like to deepen their devotion, during this year, to this great convert, apostle, theologian and martyr.

*On sale in both piety shops
Price has been reduced to £3.50*

CHILD PROTECTION: As from the beginning of this month all Parish Protection Reps are now called Parish Safeguard Reps. At the moment we have Pat Jackson as ours. We hope to have at least one more by the end of the year.

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

BARTON BROOK NURSING HOME: Their summer fayre is this Friday 25th 2 -4pm. We have quite a few parishioners who live there.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Many thanks to all who helped organise the cheese and wine. Yet again it was a great success and everyone had an enjoyable time. A huge thank you to everyone for their continued help and support.

MISSION APPEAL: Fr Alphonsus from the Holy Ghost Fathers thanks us for our hospitality last weekend. The amount collected will be in given in next week's newsletter.

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

- £54.55 – St Matthew's crib offerings sent to the Rainbow trust.
- £13.37 – donated from World Communication's Day.
- £410.00 – White Fathers.
- £329.89 – Rainbow Trust Fund – from box at the back of Holy Cross.
- £227.34 – Fr Casimir – from box at the back of Holy Cross.
- £50.00 – Cornerstone - from money collected in poor box at Holy Cross.
- £50.00 – Revive – from poor box.
- £50.00 – Fr McIntyre – from poor box
- £529.84 – CAFOD