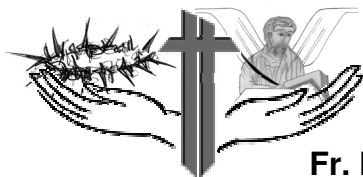


**HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT  
and  
ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON**



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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**Psalter week 1**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**  
**28<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	St. Martha		9.15am
Wednesday	Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	St. Ignatius of Loyola		9.15am
Friday	Rosary St. Alphonsus de' Liguori	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (18 <sup>th</sup> 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**

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

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2008/9:** A meeting for all catechists from Holy Cross and St. Mathew's including our new volunteers will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> September in the presbytery at 7pm. This is to finalise details for the Sacramental Programme beginning in late September.

**PARISH SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP**

Our next meeting is this Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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; Marie Thompson and Maura O'Sullivan. 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 and Fr Michael Hartley.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Simon Walter, Thomas Roddy, Edward Utratny and Edward Kelly.

**LATELY DEAD:**

Ethel Nuttal; Brother Ambrose Gwynne and Fr, Alfred Smith.  
***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>£362.75</b>	<b>£256.74</b>

**SVP:** The next SVP meeting is *Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August* at St. Matthew's at 7pm. The monthly retiring collection next weekend. New members welcome.

**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. 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 *Millie Hogan* who was baptized last Sunday. We welcome her into the family of the Church.  
**Next baptism course is this Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at the presbytery at 7pm.**

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Final payments need to be made by **Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>**.  
You can pay direct to Mancunia or via Fr Michael. A final meeting has been arranged for *Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>* at 7pm at St Mary's Parish Hall.

**ST. GILBERT'S SCHOOL FAYRE:** Amount raised was £1442.00. Many thanks for all who supported our 2 school fayres.

**FR. MCINTYRE:** A total of £286.13 was raised from last week's retiring collection for Fr. McIntyre. The cake sale at St. Matthew's raised a further £220. In total £506.13 was presented to him at the end of Mass on Friday morning. Many thanks to everyone.

**HOLY CROSS BELL:** Due to a technical hitch the bell is not yet working. We are assured it will soon be in full working order.

**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 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!!!**

**GIFT AID:** If you pay income tax and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form please do so. It costs you nothing but the parish benefits greatly with money back from the government, roughly 28% on what you give in offerings. For the year 2007/08 Holy Cross received £2,230.28 – up only £33.00 on last year. St. Matthew's received £2,835.56 – up £132.61 on last year with 3 late claims still to come. For Gift Aid Forms please see Fr. Michael, Sue Woodcock or contact Parish Secretary.

**PARISH TRIP:** Two places have become available for our parish trip to the Lake District on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August. £12 per adult, £7 per child. See Fr. Michael.

### SACRED HEART

If you have not got your picture of the Sacred Heart which was given out last weekend, please take one today. The idea is to put it somewhere in your home as a sign that your home is a holy place. Also take with you the accompanying leaflet.

**If you sign up for a visit from Fr. Michael he will happily bless your house.**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** On Friday pilgrims from all over the Diocese of Salford, led by the Vicar General, Mgr. Mark Davies, left for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year's pilgrimage is particularly significant as Lourdes is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers – they will be keeping us in theirs.

**HOLY GHOST FATHERS APPEAL:** £553.67 was raised – many thanks.

**PIETY SHOP:** New stock now available at Holy Cross Piety Shop. A good selection of cards, statues and rosaries.

**APF RED BOXES (ST. MATTHEW'S):** May & June total is £210.00.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SVP:** Thanks to the volunteers who brought people to the Brown Cow Social. The event was a great success.

### YEAR OF ST. PAUL

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

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

“...for though the will to do what is good is in me, the performance is not, with the result that instead of doing the good things I want to do, I carry out the sinful things I do not want. When I act against my will, it is not my true self doing it but sin which lives in me.

In fact, this seems to be the rule, that every time I want to do good it is something evil that comes to hand. In my inmost self I dearly love God's Law but I can see that my body follows a different law that battles against the law which my reason dictates. This is what makes me a prisoner of that law of sin which lives inside my body.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body doomed to death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Romans 7:18b – 25.

**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*