

**HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT
ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON
ST. GILBERT'S, BROOKHOUSE**



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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Psalter week 1**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
27th July – 2nd August 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	St. Martha	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Rosary St. Ignatius Divine Mercy Chaplet	6.40pm 7.00pm after Mass	
Saturday	Benediction St. Alphonsus de'Liguori Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9.00am

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)**

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

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 this Friday (31st July). Please pay direct to Mancunia **or if via Fr. Michael can he please have all monies in by Tuesday evening – he will be going on Wednesday to the Mancunia office.**

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

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Leo Fox* who was baptised last Sunday. We welcome him into the family of the Church.

ST. GILBERT'S NEEDLEWORK: The annual needlework subscription is now due. Please pay your subscriptions to May Prendergast.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: On Friday pilgrims from all over the Diocese of Salford, led by the Bishop, will be setting off on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers – they will be keeping us in theirs.

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; Delia Royle; Ann Murphy; Kitty Smith and Joe Fitzpatrick. 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: Thomas Roddy, William Morris, Marie Payne and Edward Kelly.

LATELY DEAD

Phyllis Livesey (Fr. Livesey's mother), Norman Turner and Mary Talbot whose funeral is on Wednesday at 11.40am at Agecroft.

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
£357.21	£274.69

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.

KNITTING GROUP: Every other Monday the knitting group will meet in Holy Cross Presbytery at 7pm. Next get together is this Monday 3rd August. All are welcome.

“YEAR FOR PRIESTS”

The 4th August is the Feast of St. John Vianney – also known as the Cure of Ars. 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.

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

He is 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 – Fr. Michael is asking people to sign up to spend at least half an hour in the church during the time of exposition.

There are still plenty of time slots that have not been filled.

Please support this day.

SVP: The next meeting is this Monday at St. Matthew's Presbytery at 7pm.

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.

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.

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

CHRISTOPHER ROBERTSON: On behalf of Holy Cross and St. Matthew's Fr. Michael gave Christopher Robertson a cheque for £150. Let us keep him in our prayers.

HALL COMMITTEE

A meeting has been arranged for **this Wednesday** (29th July) in the Parish Hall. 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. 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.

DAY FOR LIFE 2009

This a day dedicated by the Bishops to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. *Day for Life 2009* is focussing on suicide. It aims to highlight why the Church believes that every life is worth living even when a person has lost all hope and feels suicidal. It looks at the reasons why people contemplate suicide, including acute mental illness and the possible spiritual factors involved. It also points towards the support that professional services can bring and hopefully help to reduce the stigma too often associated with mental illness and depression.

Please take a leaflet home with you and if you wish to make a donation to the Linacre Catholic Centre for Healthcare Ethics and other life-related activities supported by the Church please use the envelopes found at church.

SUMMERTIME: Now that the school summer holidays Fr. Michael is hoping he will have a bit more time to do some home visiting. If he 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.

A WELCOME, A NEED FOR PRAYER AND A PLEA

This weekend sees the final Sunday Mass at St. Gilbert's till further notice. This is a very difficult time for many people including myself. We all need to pray and keep our selves united and focussed around Christ our Good Shepherd. We need to show respect to each other – between parishioners and between parishioners and their priest. Lack of respect and not united around Christ will only lead to discord and disunity. Christ will lead us through the times that lie ahead if we are prepared to trust Him and follow Him.

To those of you from St. Gilbert's please be assured of my support as your future Parish Priest. I am always available – just ring me or call at the Presbytery.

To those of you from Holy Cross and St. Matthew's please be welcoming. It is important that we share jobs and ministries with those from St. Gilbert's as much as possible.

This will be the last week for Eucharistic Services at St. Gilbert's – from next week there will be one Mass during the week at St. Gilbert's till the end of August. It is important that we all unite around the celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Michael