

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

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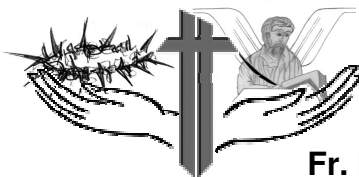
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Psalter week 2

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
4th – 10th August 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	St. John Vianney <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major		9.15am
Wednesday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass	<u>N.B. 8.20am</u>	
Friday	Rosary St. Dominic	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday (18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and 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**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Parish Summer Day Trip to the Lake District** – this Thurs 7th August.
- **Summer Bingo** – Monday 25th August 6pm at the Parish Hall.
- **Annual Holy Cross car park and garden tidy up** – Saturday – 6th Sept.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell** – Sat 6th Sept beginning at 2pm.
- **Parish Social & Pastoral meeting** – Wed 10th Sept 7pm at Parish Hall.
- **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.

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.

PARISH SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP: Lovely to see so many present – considering so many are away on holiday. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th September at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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

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; baby Peter Mark Carey, 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: Harold Yates, Edward McNally, Christopher Murray, Agnes Murray, Marie Payne and Emily Slater.

LATELY DEAD:

Louis Boggiano and William Morris whose funeral is at Agecroft on Wednesday at 12.20pm

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
£334.30	£198.60

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

SVP: The next SVP meeting is this Monday (4th August) at St. Matthew's at 7pm. The monthly retiring collection is this weekend. New members welcome.

PARISH SUMMER TRIP

Coach leaves Holy Cross at **9am prompt** this Thursday.

Due to the road block it will not be calling at St. Matthew's.
We will travel to Bowness on Windermere - departing at 3pm
for Grange over Sands.

We depart from there for Holy Cross at 6pm
Mass on Thursday will be at 8.20am at Holy Cross - good way
to start our day.

There is one place available - see Fr. Michael if interested

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.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Charlotte Wilson who was baptized last Sunday. We welcome her into the family of the Church.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Final payments need to be made by **tomorrow (August 4th)**.

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.

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.

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.

SACRED HEART: If you have not got your picture of the Sacred Heart 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 requested Fr. Michael will happily bless your home.**

SUMMER BINGO: Our annual Summer Bingo will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

CHURCH GROUNDS: At the Parish Pastoral and Social Group meeting on Wednesday the state of the grounds at St Matthew's was raised. It was felt they need a good tidying up. The tidying of the flower beds is too much for one person so it was suggested that maybe someone or family could adopt a flower bed and be responsible for it.

Likewise the flowerbeds in front of Holy Cross are beginning to look untidy. We really can't afford to pay a gardener. We already pay quite a bit to have the grass cut.

See Fr Michael if you are interested in helping.

LADYEWELL: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell near Preston is on Saturday September 6th. A coach will be going from St Mary's at 12.30pm after their midday Mass. The cost is £7 and on the way home they will be stopping at Cleveleys for a Mass. If interested contact Fr Livesey on 789 3236 or Jean Fahy on 789 3868.

200 CLUB: The winners of the July Draw are as follows: £100 153 Heather Allen, £30 136 Joan Gunton, £20 159 R McClernon and £10 152 V Simpson.

CHORISTER FOR A DAY: If interested and aged between 7-10years see Church notice board.

LOAVES AND FISHES: This is a drop in centre in Salford Precinct. They are always glad of donations of food and toiletries but not clothes or shoes. There is a box for donated items at the back of both Churches.

ROSARY CRUSADE: The 35th Annual Rosary Crusade is on Saturday 13th September at Platt Fields Park 2.30 – 4.30pm. See notice board.

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.

"The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means ..." Romans 8: 26- 27b

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