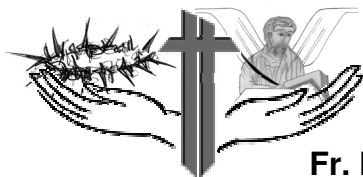


**HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT
and
ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON**

Clustered with
St Gilberts
&
St Mary's



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Psalter week 3

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
11th – 17th August 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	St. Clare <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	St. Maximilian Kolbe		9.15am
Friday	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holyday of Obligation)	11.00am 7.00pm	9.30am
Saturday	Benediction Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday (20 th 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**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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 at Parish Hall
- **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: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th September at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

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; Maura O'Sullivan; Catherine Ashton and Josephine Myles. 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: Desmond Wills, Ellen & George Jones & Pauline Fitzgerald.

LATELY DEAD:

Joan Novakaukas whose funeral was on Wednesday. David Collinge whose funeral is at Wardley on Friday at 1pm and Michael Power.

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
£357.38	£391.80

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

SVP: The next SVP meeting is Monday 18th August at Holy Cross at 7pm. New members welcome.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: 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 if you are interested.

The meetings will be on Wednesday. We will begin on Wednesday 24th September at the presbytery. All welcome. It is hoped we can meet at the same time every week during the school term until Easter.

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 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.

ADOPT A FLOWER BED!

Would you or your family like to adopt a flower bed to look after at St. Matthew's or Holy Cross? The flower beds at both churches are starting to look grubby. 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.

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

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

SVP CONCERT: A charity concert featuring The Greater Manchester & Paderborn Police Male Voice Choir will take place at Holy Cross Church on Friday 19th September. Starting at 7.45pm tickets £5 adults £3 concessions. Pay on the door or ring 281 6558. See notice board for details.

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.

“If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved.”

Romans 10:9-10

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.

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

PARISH SUMMER TRIP: A great day was had by all and God was truly smiling on us with the weather.

TRIP TO LICHFIELD: St Gilbert's parish and the Church of England parish of St Michaels have arranged a trip to Lichfield for Saturday 6th September. After Lichfield they will be calling in a church for Catholic Mass. The coach leaves St Michael's at 8.45am. Price £9.00 per adult £4.50 per child. There are only 7 places available. Contact Rev Lamb 789 3751.

BAPTISM COURSE: Next baptism course is on Thursday 28th August at 7pm in the presbytery. See Fr Michael first if you wish to attend.

CAR PARK & GARDEN CLEAN UP: This annual event takes place at Holy Cross on Saturday 6th September at 9.30am. It is important to keep these areas as clean and tidy as we can. The more volunteers the better.

A LEVEL RESULTS: Please keep in your prayers all those waiting to receive their A level results on Thursday. We wish them well.

JOINT PARISH SOCIAL: A meeting takes place on Tuesday at 7pm in the presbytery to discuss the joint parish social.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL: This year is the 150th anniversary of Holy Cross (All Saints) School. In Oct/Nov the school is going to have a "history week". The school would like the parish to be involved. They are hoping to have an open afternoon/evening when parishioners and ex pupils can visit. The school would be delighted to receive any of the following **eg:** photos, old uniforms, other memorabilia, books or personal accounts they would like to share for this special week. The school promises to take care of anything lent to it. Please see Fr Michael if you think you may have anything useful. Clare Huston (deputy head) would like to start planning the week when the school reopens in September.

LADYWELL: The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place on Sat 6th Sept. Procession begins at 2pm from St Mary's Fernyhalgh Lane.