

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

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Psalter week 2

### MASS AND SERVICE TIMES 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Advent Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Advent Weekday Mass		9.15am at St. Gilbert's School
Wednesday	St. Francis Xavier	9.15am	
Thursday	Advent Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	<i>Rosary</i> Advent Weekday Mass (Taize)	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	<i>Benediction</i> Advent Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Advent Mass of Sunday (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Advent Mass	11.30am	9am

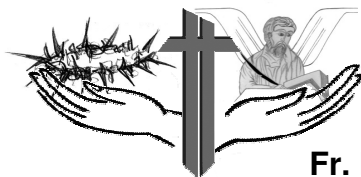
**Morning Prayer: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9am**

**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)**



**SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP:** Next meeting is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7pm in our Parish Hall. See notice board for minutes of last meeting.

**ABC FAITH GROUP:** No meeting this week due to the Scripture evening – continues Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15pm at Holy Cross Presbytery.

**GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW**

At the Christmas Bingo on 14<sup>th</sup> December.  
Please return sold tickets as soon as possible.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to *Logan Hardman* who was baptised last weekend. We welcome him into the family of the church. **The next baptism course is Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm at Holy Cross Presbytery – the last one this year. See Fr. Michael if you would like to come.**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The next meetings for the Sacramental Programme take place this week. ***St. Matthew's meet this Tuesday (2<sup>nd</sup> Dec) at 7pm and Holy Cross meet this Thursday (4<sup>th</sup> Dec) at 7pm.*** The meeting is for both the children and parents. They are important as we will be discussing the children's First Reconciliation (Confession). The celebration of this sacrament will take place next week.

**SVP:** Next SVP meeting is 7pm is Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at Holy Cross Presbytery.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**SICK:** Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; baby Oliver Williams; baby Peter Mark Carey; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Catherine Ashton; Josephine Myles; Lily Prescott; Margaret Norton; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; Philomena Noone; Margaret Ward and John Bosco Whitehead. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Stephen Parkinson; Mgr. Paul Smith; Canon Denis Clinch; Fr. Jack Rigby; Fr. Pat Keane; Fr. Richard O'Connor; Fr. Francis Frost; Fr. John Reynolds; Fr. Stewart Ansbro; Fr. Aidan O'Reilly; Fr. Joseph Corcoran and Fr Michael Hartley.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kathleen Gorman, Esther Knowles, Reg Knowles, Kathleen Lomax, Irene Parker, Ann Ratcliffe.

**LATELY DEAD:**

Josephine Myles, Margaret Miller, Bernadette Canny and Fr. Louis Murphy  
***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>£379.73</b>	<b>£338.91</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Holy Cross School Christmas Fayre** – this Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am – 2pm.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - 6pm in Parish Hall.
- **Christmas Musical Evening** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan at St. Matthew's Church.
- **Parish Social and Pastoral Group** – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan in Parish Hall.
- **Churches together in Eccles "United Service for Christian Unity Week"** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 7.00pm at Holy Cross.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

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

### ADVENT 2008 & THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

**"As His fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received." 2 Corinthians 6:1**

*As we begin Advent let us take to heart these words of St. Paul. We have all received grace from God – grace to become His ambassadors in this world. Grace to be Christ in this world. The grace we need to one day enter into His heavenly kingdom. Sadly we often neglect this grace. This Advent let us revitalise our spiritual life and once more allow the grace of God within us to direct the way we live our lives. This is important not only because the world needs our Christian witness but because, as Jesus in our Advent Gospel reminds us, we need to, "...stay awake, because we never know when the time will come". Let us use the opportunities provided by the parish this Advent to embrace the grace God has given us and celebrate at least once this Advent the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

**To aid you spiritually in this time of preparation:**

**Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church** - every Sunday of Advent - 3.30pm – 4pm. Alternate between both Churches.

**Taize Advent Mass** - every Friday in Advent 7pm at Holy Cross  
**Advent Scripture Reflection (Lectio Divina) (Cluster event)**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 7.15pm in the Parish hall.

**Advent Reconciliation Service (Cluster event)**

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm at St. Mary's, Eccles.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January is the date for the *Parish Christmas Musical Evening*. If you would like to take part in the evening please contact David Glynn-Whitehead on 794 1006. Music, singing and poetry are all welcome.

### ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

**this Wednesday (3<sup>rd</sup> December) 7.15pm in our Parish Hall.**

We will be using the method called Lectio Divina – come along and use this as a part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Please bring a bible with you.

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** This and next weekend there will be a retiring collection for flowers for both churches for Christmas.

## **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**This Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 2pm.**

As usual the Holy Cross parish will be manning a stall.

Many thanks to those who are organizing it.

Fr. Michael hopes both communities will support it.

**SALFORD ALMANAC:** The 2009 edition now on sale in piety shops at £3. There is an up to date list of the parishes and times of Masses etc in them.

**ADVENT TAIZE MASS:** Every Friday evening at 7pm at Holy Cross.

### **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**

On the Sunday's of Advent we shall celebrate "Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church" or as it is also known "Vespers". It begins at 3.30pm. Finishes 4pm.

We will alternate between Churches – **first one today (Sunday) at Holy Cross.**

This is one source of spiritual nourishment for Advent.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2009**

Fr. Livesey and Fr. Michael have given the go ahead for a cluster pilgrimage to Rome. It will be from 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The cost will be approx £700 - only when all flights have been booked can a final price be given. The price is on a B&B basis in a hotel close to St. Peter's. It also includes a day trip to Assisi.

The earlier we book the cheaper the flight will be - so please book as soon as possible. See Fr. Michael for a booking form - the deposit is £180. Please be aware that single rooms cannot be guaranteed - the single supplement is £171.50. Final booking deadline is January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS BINGO AND TOMOBLA:** Our Christmas Bingo is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Hall beginning at 6pm. This is always a great occasion for all members of the family. **If you have any suitable gifts for the tombola please bring them to church or see Shirley Parkes.**

**FR. LOUIS MURPHY R.I.P.** Fr. Murphy was a former Parish Priest of St. Matthew's. He died on Thursday and his funeral took place yesterday (Saturday) at St. Finaghta's Church, Sixmilebridge, in Co. Clare, Ireland. Our 12noon Mass yesterday at St. Matthew's was celebrated for the repose of his soul. There is a Requiem Mass for him at St. Kentigern's, Fallowfield this Thursday at 7.30pm. Unfortunately Fr. Michael cannot attend due to the Sacramental Programme but it would be good if a few from St. Matthew's attended the Mass to represent the parish. May he rest in peace.

**BISHOP'S ADMINISTRATION** – The retiring collection came to £149.43 – many thanks.

**200 Club – October draw** - 216 Mr Crowley £100

234 P.Ellington £30    126 F. Johonnett £20    165 J.Faulkner £10

**CHRISTMAS CAFÉ** – at St Gilbert's RC Primary School this Friday (5<sup>th</sup> Dec) at 2.30pm.

