

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

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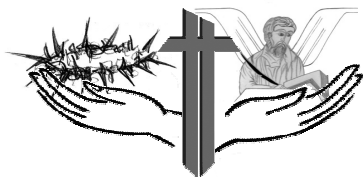
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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Psalter Week 1 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Lent Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Lenten Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Lent Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Lent Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Funeral Mass for Margaret (Peggy) Walker Rosary Lent Weekday Mass (Taize)	12noon 6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Lent Weekday Mass and devotions		11.50am 12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	
Sunday	Lent Mass Stations of the Cross	11.30am	9am 3pm

**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: Sat 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:** Many thanks to all those who came along on Thursday night. Next meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The next meeting with Sr Rita is this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
10.15am in the parish hall.

**AGM MEETING:** Many thanks to those who gave their apologies or came to the A.G.M. on Tuesday. It was good to see so many. The accounts for both parishes can be found on the notice board.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** This Tuesday 7.00pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. Why not come along for Lent?

**KNOCK:** Knock Shrine has recently opened its first shop in the UK at 101 Deansgate in Manchester opposite Forsyth's music shop. They sell a range of religious books, gifts and souvenirs. Open 10am – 5.30pm Mon – Sat.

**ON SALE:** Stations of the Cross by Dominic Allain. £2.50 in the piety shop.

**WOMEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This Friday (6<sup>th</sup> March) 7.30pm at Worsley Road, Methodist Church, Swinton.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** Next baptism is **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - 7pm at Holy

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**SICK:** Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; Oliver Williams; Peter Mark Carey; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Catherine Ashton; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Don McCorriston; Annie Nugent and Maxine Dixon. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Mgr. Paul Smith; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Aidan O'Reilly.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Austin Farrell, Fr. Aloysius, Patrick Devlin, Anna Franck.

**LATELY DEAD:**

Michael Hanlon, Ann Carrol, Paul Townsend, Bishop Hugh Lindsay (retired Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle), Peggy Walker.

*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>£371.88</b>	<b>£350.45</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – 7.00pm in Parish Hall.
- **Lenten Cluster Reconciliation Service** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Holy Cross.
- **Easter Bingo** – Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Holy Cross Day of Prayer for Vocations** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Confirmations** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am at Holy Cross.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Quiz Night** – 9<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.

**KNITTING GROUP – CHANGE OF DATE:** The Knitting Group now meets **every other Monday**. If interested in joining or would like to learn how to knit you tele: Marie 288 9389 or Christine 789 1820 for further details.

### LENT 2009 IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

**“In your minds you must be the same as Christ.”  
Philippians 2:5.**

*This quote from St. Paul's letter to the Christians of Philippi reminds us what we are called to do not just in Lent but throughout our lives. In Lent we refocus ourselves - we recognise those areas of our lives that are unlike Christ.*

*We repent and commit ourselves to become more faithful to the Gospel.*

*We need to ask ourselves – do others recognise Christ in me?*

*Am I a sign of Christ to others?*

*St. Paul in his letters is constantly telling us the signs and qualities shown by someone who is Christ-like – who is full of the Holy Spirit.*

*May this year's Lenten journey enable all of us to become more Christ-like – not just in deed but in thought and motivation as well.*

#### **To aid you spiritually in this time of Lent:**

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Sunday during Lent at 3pm.

**Lenten Taize Mass** - During Lent our Friday evening Mass will have Taize music to aid our Lenten prayer.

**Lenten Reconciliation Service (Cluster event)** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Holy Cross.

**SVP:** Next meeting is this Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. This month's retiring collection is this weekend.

**ABC FAITH GROUP:** This Wednesday at 7.15pm at the Presbytery. Cross. See Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

### **TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS AND TOAST**

**are available every Sunday**

**after the 11.30am Mass in the Parish Hall.**

**Why not pop in for a quick drink and chat after Mass?**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM:** Takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. St Charles, Moorside are organizing a bus to take and bring people back. If you would like to go please ring Vin Condron on 793 3612. The cost of the coach is £15 for adults £8.00 16 years and under. See notice board for details.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Sunday afternoon during Lent at 3pm.  
This week at Holy Cross.

The Church will be open from 2.30pm for quiet prayer.

**FRIDAY EVENING MASS:** During Lent our Friday evening Mass will have Taize music to aid our prayer. Church will be open from 6.20 for quiet prayer.

**CAFOD FAST DAY**

This Friday (6<sup>th</sup> March) is CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Please take an envelope and return it next week by placing it  
in the collection basket.

If you pay income tax please complete the form on the back of the envelope.

**EASTER TRIDIUM:** The Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil will be at Holy Cross. I have not yet decided about Good Friday – it will depend on whether the parishes have been amalgamated by then and whether Worsley Road has been re-opened. A final decision will be made in the next few weeks.

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

**WELCOME** To Rev. Ian Hall, the new vicar of St. Mary Magdalene's in Winton. On Tuesday he will be licensed by the Bishop of Beverley.

**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL** – A series of 4 talks on St. Paul will take place at St. Gabriel's RC High School – First one 21<sup>st</sup> April. See notice board for further details.

**200 CLUB** - February Draw - £100 133 T. Rose, £30 105 A. McCarthy  
£20 205 C. Russell, £10 152 V. Simpson.

**THANKYOU** For a donation of £100.00 to Holy Cross.

**TWENTYSOMETHINGS** Are you a twentysomethings Catholic? The twentysomethings is an organization that runs spiritual and social activities for Catholics of this age. This Lent they are running a day retreat on February 28<sup>th</sup> in Stockport, a weekend Monastic Experience, a pilgrimage walk to Santiago, a trip to Malta following the footsteps of St. Paul and then Easter Triduum retreat near Glasgow. Contact Jenny at [www.twentysomethings.eu](http://www.twentysomethings.eu) / [jenny@twentysomethings.eu](mailto:jenny@twentysomethings.eu) for further information and to join.

