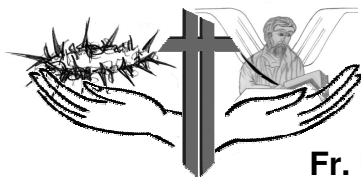


HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT and ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON

Clustered with
St Gilbert's
&
St Mary's



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week 2

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES 1st – 7th September 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Feast of St. Edmund Arrowsmith <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	St. Gregory the Great	9.15am	
Thursday	St. Cuthbert		9.15am
Friday	<i>Rosary</i> Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	<i>Benediction</i> Weekday Mass <i>Devotions to the Perpetual Succour</i>		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday (23 rd 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**

**Baptisms: By appointment
(2 months notice to be given)**

**Marriages: By appointment
(6 months notice to be given)**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Annual Holy Cross car park & garden tidy up** – this Saturday 6th Sept.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell** – this 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
- **Fr. McIntyre Bring and Buy** – at Pat Dale's – 30th September.
- **Quiz Night** – 3rd October at Parish Hall – 7.30pm.
- **Young at Heart** – Thursday 9th Oct in the Parish Hall – 1.30pm – 4pm.
- **Mass with anointing of the sick** – Sat. 8th Nov -12noon St. Matthew's.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14th November at the Conservative Club.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sun 14th Dec - 6pm in Parish Hall.

PARISH SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th September at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We hope to make a decision about St. Matthew's Christmas Fayre at this meeting.

ABC FAITH GROUP: 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 to our ABC Faith Group. See Fr. Michael if you are interested. **We will begin on Wednesday 24th September 7.15pm at the presbytery.** We plan to meet at the same time every week during the school term until Easter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Martin Fleming; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; Winifred Johnson; Frank Russell; baby Oliver Williams; baby Peter Mark Carey; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Gordon Ramsden; Maureen Britton; Marie Thompson; Maura O'Sullivan; Catherine Ashton; Josephine Myles; Lily Prescott and Margaret Norton. 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: Frank Rodgers, Gilbert Bailey, Fr Joseph Coulthard, Fr Philip Reynolds, Fr William Jones

LATELY DEAD:

Rose Grime whose funeral is at Peel Green on Friday at 1.30pm, Patrick Fitzpatrick whose funeral is at Peel Green Crematorium on Wednesday 10.20am. Mary Martin, Br Anselm Keogh FSC, Albert Edwards, Philomena McVeigh, Pauline Colligan, Joyce Sheering

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
£327.06	£245.64

SVP

September is SVP awareness month.

Please keep the SVP and especially our own parish SVP in your prayers. Maybe during this month you could think about becoming a member. More about the SVP in the weeks to come.

Next parish SVP meeting is this *Monday (1st September)* at St. Matthew's at 7pm. Monthly retiring collection next weekend.

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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: A final meeting has been arranged for *Wednesday September 17th* at 7pm at St Mary's Parish Hall. **The cost of the coach to take us to the airport and back again is £8.50 per person. Could you please pay Fr Michael as soon as possible.**

SUMMER BINGO: An enjoyable evening was had by all. Many thanks to those who organised it. The amount raised will be in next week's newsletter.

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 - on sale after Mass.

ADOPT A FLOWER BED! Would you or your family like to adopt a flower bed to look after at either church? If interested please see Fr. Michael.

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

ANNUAL HOLY CROSS CAR PARK & GARDEN CLEAN UP

takes place **this Saturday (6th September)**

starting at 9.30am.

It's important to keep these areas as tidy as we can.

The more volunteers the better.

LADYEWELL: The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place on this *Saturday (6th Sept)*. Procession begins at 2pm from St Mary's Fernyhalgh Lane.

YOUNG AT HEART: Afternoon of childhood games for the 50+ in the Parish Hall on *Thurs 9th October* 1.30 pm – 4pm. Phone 288 9389 for more information.

RECEPTION INTO CHURCH: Please keep Kathleen Clarke in your prayers. She will be received into the Catholic Church on *Sunday 14th September* (Feast of The Holy Cross) at the 11.30 am Mass.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Erin Ward* who was baptised last weekend. We welcome her into the family of the Church. The next baptism course is on *Thursday 2nd October* at 7pm. See Fr. Michael if you wish to attend.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

To mark 2000 years since the birth of St. Paul.
29th June 2008 – 29th June 2009.

“It can only be to God’s glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you.”
Romans 15:7

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 **e.g.** 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 or see Miss Claire Euston when the school reopens on Tuesday. **So far no-one has offered anything! If nothing comes in the school will not be able to have an open afternoon/evening.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CATECHISTS MEETING

A meeting for all catechists including our new volunteers will take place **this Thursday (4th September)** in the Presbytery at 7pm. It is to finalise details for the Programme beginning in late September.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Very soon the Sacramental Programme begins once again. If you have a child in Year 4 or above and has not yet be confirmed or celebrated their 1st Holy Communion or is at a non-Catholic School and is entering Year 3 please see Fr Michael as soon as possible. Any parents of a Catholic child in Year 3 at Holy Cross or St Gilbert’s Schools will be contacted at the start of the new school year.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Holy Cross, St Gilberts and St Patrick’s all re-open this week. Let us keep teachers, children and all the staff in our prayers throughout the coming year. We should be proud of our Catholic schools.

LIVING FAITH: Sept-Dec edition is now available in both piety shops. Cost has risen to 70p.

KNITTING GROUP: Meets every other Thursday. If interested phone Christine Devlin on 789 1802.

ST. MATTHEW’S CHILDRENS LITURGY: When enough people have had their clearance from the diocesan *Safeguarding Commission* we will begin preparing for St. Matthew’s Children’s liturgy.