

HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT and ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON

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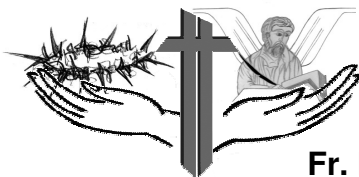
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week 3

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES 8th – 14th September 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Funeral Mass for Mary Smith	12noon	
Wednesday	Feast of St. Ambrose Barlow Funeral Mass for Ann Rogozinski	9.45am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass	9.10am at Holy Cross School	
Friday	<i>Rosary</i> Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	<i>Benediction</i> St. John Chrysostom <i>and devotions</i>		11.50am 12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday The Triumph of the Cross <i>Parish Feast of Holy Cross</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	Triumph of the Cross	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday 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 Social & Pastoral meeting** – this Wed 10th Sept 7pm in 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.
- **Filipino Community Mass** – Sun 9th November at 3pm at Holy Cross.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14th November at the Conservative Club.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sun 14th Dec - 6pm in Parish Hall.
- **Christmas Musical Evening** – Sunday 4th Jan at St. Matthew's Church.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2nd May 2009.

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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Our final meeting is on *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.**

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; 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; Margaret Norton and Chris McHugh. Please remember also the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Canon Denis Clinch; Fr. Jack Rigby; Fr. Pat Keane; Fr. Richard O'Connor; Fr. Patrick McMahon; Fr. Joseph Corcoran and Fr Michael Hartley.



ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Noonan, David Doherty, Cecilia Oates.

LATELY DEAD:

Ann Rogozinski, Mary Smith, Frank Russell, James Murphy, Peter Prior,
Peter Davies and John McMillan
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
£311.68	£368.24

SEPTEMBER IS SVP AWARENESS MONTH.

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Society is celebrating its 175th anniversary internationally. The Society in England and Wales has 10,000 members who, last year, made over 600,000 visits to those in need. Finding, loving and serving God in our neighbour is fundamental to the Society's work. The SVP is always in need of new members to carry out his work. If you wish to find out more please contact our parish SVP President Bob Hampton on 288 1498.

Next parish SVP meeting is *Monday (15th September)* at Holy Cross at 7pm.

Monthly retiring collection takes place this weekend.

SUMMER BINGO: Raised £357.10 and from the bar £45.30. Many thanks.

SVP CONCERT: A charity concert featuring The Greater Manchester & Paderborn Police Male Voice Choirs takes place at Holy Cross Church on Friday 19th September. Starts 7.45pm. Tickets £5 adults; £3 concessions - on sale after Mass.

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

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

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

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

"For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength".

1 Corinthians 1:25

BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism course is on *Thursday 2nd October* at 7pm. See Fr. Michael if you wish to attend.

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

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 see Fr Michael as soon as possible.

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.

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

KNITTING GROUP: Meets every other Thursday. If interested phone Christine Devlin on 789 1820.

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 at the school.

PARISH SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP

Our next meeting is **this Wednesday** (10th September)
at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

We hope to make a decision about St. Matthew's Christmas Fayre at
this meeting.

ST PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL Well done to St. Patrick's High School. They achieved fantastic results this year, 100% achieved 5 or more higher grade passes, 70% with maths and 80% with English. We should be very proud of our local Catholic secondary school.

HOLY CROSS BELL Now fully working again (hopefully) it will call people to Mass on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. A new lower mount had to be made since the original concrete mounting could no longer hold the weight of the bell.

PARISH FEAST DAYS Next Sunday is the Parish Feast of Holy Cross and the Sunday following the Parish Feast of St. Matthew's.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT It is hoped a "Bereavement Support Drop-in" based at Holy Cross, Patricroft will begin in the New Year. Volunteers are needed to be part of the support team. If you can spare 2 or 3 hours a month why not think about volunteering. Please contact Fr. Michael Ryan on 789 4424. Once there are enough volunteers some training sessions will take place in the period up to Christmas.

AWAY FROM THE PULPIT September edition now available. Please take one home and then pass on to a neighbour. They will also be distributed through the school.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS This weekend 4 new Vincentian volunteers will be moving into St. Matthew's presbytery. They are Regina from Zambia, Tania from Indonesia, Emily from Devon and Sini – she is Indian by culture but grew up in Saudi Arabia. Sr. Barbara Quitty who is running the scheme this year will be with us at the 9am Mass at St. Matthew's next Sunday

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