

**PARISH OF
HOLY CROSS, ST MATTHEW
AND ST. GILBERT, ECCLES**



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

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
7th – 13th September 2009

| | | Holy Cross | St Matthew's |
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| Monday | <i>Service of Word and Communion</i> | 9.15am | |
| Tuesday | Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | 9.15am |
| Wednesday | Weekday Mass | 9.15am | |
| Thursday | Feast of St. Ambrose Barlow | 9.15am at Holy Cross School | |
| Friday | NO MASS OR SERVICES IN PARISH <i>(12 noon Mass at St. Mary's, Eccles)</i> | | |
| Saturday | <i>Service of Word and Communion</i> Devotions to the Perpetual Succour | | 12noon after Mass |
| Saturday (Vigil) | 1 st Mass of Sunday <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 6.30pm | |
| Sunday | Mass | 11.30am | 9.00am |

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am

Reconciliation: NONE THIS WEEK

**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)**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2009/10

A meeting for all catechists from Holy Cross; St. Matthew's and St. Gilbert's, including any new volunteers, will take place **this Tuesday (8th September) at the Presbytery at 7pm.** It is to finalise details,

ROSARY CRUSADE: The 35th Annual Rosary Crusade is this Saturday (12th September) at Platt Fields Park 2.30 – 4.30pm. See notice board.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: No scripture group this week.

COFFEE MORNING: There will be a coffee morning with a raffle and mini market sale at St. Gilbert's Church on Thursday 24th September from 10am – 12noon. There will be a special warm welcome to all those from Holy Cross and St. Matthew's. Why not meet old friends and make new ones.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to *Zack James Devine-Kenny* who was baptised last Sunday. We welcome him into the family of the Church.

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.

ST PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL: Well done to St. Patrick's High School. Yet again they achieved fantastic exam results - 100% of pupils passed at least 5 subjects A* - C. 70% passed 5 at higher grade including English and maths. They also had great success with their first cohort of "AS Level" ICT, everyone passed, the majority at grades A or B. We should be rightly very proud of our local Catholic secondary school.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; Oliver Williams; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Josie Brennan; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Kath Goring; Nora Barlow; Kitty Smith; Joe Fitzpatrick; Paula McLernon; Lily O'Reilly; Peter Corcoran; Mary Land; Eileen Rogers; Tom Ward; Cecilia Bunting; Pat and Dot Jordan; John O'Brien; Joan Wilson; Kathleen Kirwin; Margaret Power; Kath Byrne; Ellen Banfield and Adam Repton. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Terry McCann.



ANNIVERSARIES: Cecilia Oates, Bill Trace, John Bunting, Catherine Noonan, David Doherty and Martin Fleming.

LATELY DEAD

Philip Bright whose funeral is on Tuesday 10.20 at Peel Green Crematorium.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

£686.41

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Coffee Morning** – Thurs 24th Sept – 10am–12noon - St. Gilbert's Church
- **Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux** – Friday 25th September till Sunday 27th September - Salford Cathedral.
- **Annual Holy Cross car-park clear up** – Sat morning 26th September.
- **Fr. McIntyre / APF Bring and Buy** – at Pat Dale's – 6th Oct – all day.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 9th October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Pastoral & Social Group meeting** – Tues 20th Oct – 7pm in Parish Hall.
- **Race Night** – Friday 23rd October – in Parish Hall.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13th – at Patricroft Conservative Club.
- **Mass with Filipino community** – Sunday 15th Nov - 3pm at Holy Cross.
- **Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw** – Sun 13th Dec - 6pm in Parish Hall.
- **United Service for Christian Unity Week** – Sun 24th Jan 2010 at St. Matthew's – 7pm.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Lee and Victoria Johnstone who were married yesterday at Holy Cross. We wish them every blessing and happiness.

“YEAR FOR PRIESTS”

“We ask the eternal Father that the memory of St. John Vianney may help to stir up our zeal in His service. We beseech the Holy Spirit to call to the Church's service many priests of the calibre and holiness of John Vianney: in our age the Church has so great a need for them and she is no less capable of bringing such vocations to full flower. And we entrust our Priesthood to the Virgin Mary, the Mother of priests, to whom John Vianney ceaselessly had recourse with tender affection and total confidence.

Pope John Paul II - Taken from a Letter to all the Priests of the Church for Maundy Thursday 1986

PARISH SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP: Thank you to all those who came to the meeting on Wednesday. No definite decision was made regarding the Parish Christmas Fayre. A meeting will be held on 6th October in the Parish Hall at 7pm which will make the final decision whether to go ahead or not. Please come along to the meeting or let someone know you will help – otherwise there will be no fayre this year. Please note this is now a Holy Cross, St. Matthew and St. Gilbert Parish fayre. Next Parish and Social Group meeting is Tuesday 20th October – all meetings will now be in the Parish Hall.

SEPTEMBER IS SVP AWARENESS MONTH.

The core work of the SVP Society is to visit and befriend people in need, providing practical and moral support through one to one contact. In 2008 around 10,000 members carried out over 600,000 visits to those in need. Visits were made to people in various situations including residential homes, hospitals and prisons. As well as personal contact material assistance was also given to those in need on more than 100,000 occasions. Although the SVP is a Christian charity, help is given to anyone in need. The SVP is always in need of new members to carry out his work. If you wish to find out more please contact Bob Hampton or Phil Cusack – Presidents of our 2 parish SVP Conferences – or see Fr. Michael.

Next Holy Cross and St. Matthew's SVP meeting is this Monday at Holy Cross at 7pm. The monthly retiring is this weekend.

200 CLUB JULY DRAW: £100 119 A Preston, £30 122 Geoff Knowles, £20 132 Lorraine Fellows, £10 128 Marie Prescott.

RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

The relics of St. Therese of Lisieux will be at Salford Cathedral from Friday 25th September until Sunday 27th September. Visits to the reliquary from 7pm onwards on the Friday and through the night to Sunday evening.

There will be Masses; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Confessions and various Offices of the Church throughout the time the relics are at the Cathedral. See notice board for timetable of events.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS Over the coming week 4 new Vincentian volunteers will be moving into St. Matthew's presbytery. **Amanda Cafaro** from the USA; **Manar Naffouj** from Syria; **Stella Retta** from Indonesia and **Christopher Riley** from Liverpool. Fr. Michael is sure you will make them feel very welcome. Do call at St. Matthew's to introduce yourselves to them.

ROME PILGRIMAGE

On Friday 22 of us depart on pilgrimage to Rome - the Eternal City.

Please be assured that you will all be remembered in our prayers and at the Masses at the various holy sites we visit - especially at the tomb of St. Peter and at the tomb of St. Paul - whose special year ended in June - a year that marked 2000 years since his birth.

We will also remember you at Assisi - when we visit the tombs of St. Francis and St. Clare. Next Sunday we will be celebrating Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls - the Church built over the tomb of St. Paul. That Mass for you all.

Next weekend Fr. Vincent Naylor will be with you for Mass.

For the pilgrims - don't be late for the coach - it leaves Holy Cross at 4.15am but please be there by 4am at the latest. The coach will then call at St Mary's. N.B. The checked in baggage allowance is 22kg and 10kg for hand luggage

CREATION AND EVOLUTION: There will be an *AUTUMN DAY* hosted by *OUR LADIES CATECHISTS* in St. Mary's Hall, Eccles on Saturday 26th September. 10.30am - 3.30pm including Mass. The speaker will be Fr. Harry Curtis Med. His theme is "*Creation and Evolution.*" Cost is £3 - includes tea and coffee. Bring a packed lunch. All welcome.

NEW PARISH

As I announced last weekend the Bishop has formally ended the parishes of Holy Cross, St. Matthew's and St. Gilbert's and has established a new parish.

Our new parish is to be known as

"Holy Cross, St. Matthew and St. Gilbert".

The names of the churches do not change - they keep their dedications.

I am the now the first Parish Priest of this new parish.

The process of merging accounts can now begin but for practical reasons will not be fully in place till the 1st January. Only one collection amount will now be given. Please continue to use your gift aid envelopes - till new ones are issued next April.

May Christ continue to lead us in the days, months and years to come.

Fr. Michael