

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

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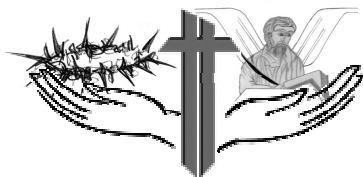
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**2nd Sunday of Easter (A)
Psalter Week 2 and Seasonal Proper**

MASS TIMES

31st March – 6th April 2008

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Transferred from 25 th March)	<u>7.30pm</u>	
Tuesday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Easter Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Easter Weekday Mass		<u>N.B.</u> 9.00am
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday (3 rd Sunday of Easter)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9am

**Reconciliation: NONE THIS SATURDAY AT ST. MATTHEW'S
Saturday 5.45pm – 6.10pm at Holy Cross**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
NONE THIS SATURDAY**

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Confirmations** – with the bishop *this Saturday* (5th April) at 10.30am at St. Mary's.
- **Talk about Liverpool Road by Bernard Crowley** – Friday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **New Mayor's Civic Mass** – 11.30am on Sunday 1st June at Holy Cross
- **Mass with Bishop Draine**y – Friday 13th June at Salford Cathedral.
- **Quiz Night** – 3rd October.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14th November at the Conservative Club.

PARISH PASTORAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS: The meeting in April will be a joint one between Holy Cross and St. Matthew's. This will be on Thursday 10th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Next instalment of **£200 per person today (30th March)**. Final payments need to be in by 4th August.

BAPTISM: Next baptism course is **Tuesday 22nd April** at 7pm at the Presbytery. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

EASTER BINGO: Many thanks to all who organised our Bingo last Monday. It was good to see so many present from both communities. A very enjoyable evening was had. The amount raised will be in next week's newsletter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Adlam; Maureen Lundy; Martin Fleming; Winnie Roddy; Josie Brennan; Patricia Collinge; Edith Tyldesley; Joe Cawley; Francis Muller; Winifred Johnson; Anne Curley; Michael Holcroft; John Corbett; Frank Russell; Kevin Hesketh; Linda McCann; baby Oliver Williams; Mary Tracey and Mary Hutley. Please remember also the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Mgr. Michael Quinlan; Mgr. Tom Mulheran; Fr. Anthony Grimshaw; Fr Michael Hartley; Fr Denis Dwyer; Fr. Andrew Frazer OFM Conv and Fr Peter Kitchen.



ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Duffy, Winifred Knight and Winifred Hampton.

LATELY DEAD:

Winifred Carroll, Francis Cale, Fr. Patrick Bourke, Walter Anderson and Tom Eccleshall.

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
£337.44 (Palm Sunday)	£547.64 (Easter Sunday)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: New boxes begin next weekend.

SVP: The next meeting is this Monday (31st March) at Holy Cross Presbytery at 7pm. Monthly collection next weekend. New members always welcome.

HALL BAR

A meeting to discuss the running of the Parish Hall bar will be held
this Thursday 3rd April at the Presbytery at 7.15pm.

ROAD BLOCK: Please allow a little more time travelling to Church if you live at the other side of the blockade. There are two ways to get through – via the motorway or via Green Lane. While this situation lasts it is important to keep supporting our two Churches. It is still passable if you are on foot.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: 6 people have volunteered to begin the children's liturgy at the 9am Mass at St. Matthew's. We now need to begin sorting out the child protection issues – these will take a while but once dealt with we can begin. If you would still like to volunteer please see Fr Michael.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today (Sunday 30th March) at St. Mary's, Eccles

At 2pm there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession. At 3pm there is the Chaplet of Devine Mercy followed by Mass and blessing of the relic of St Faustina.

Leaflets about St Faustina and the Divine Mercy Novena can be found at the back of church.

CAKE SALE: Will take place at Holy Cross next weekend. This is to help raise funds for the parish. We are looking for volunteers to bake cakes. If you are willing please sign your name on the sheets at the back of Holy Cross.

SALFORD DIOCESE FAITH AND JUSTICE COMMISION: To celebrate the anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's murder a justice and peace celebration will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Burnley this Saturday 5th April 3-5pm. See notice board for details.

SPONSORED PILGRIM WALK: Michael Clark manager of the SVP furniture store is taking part in a sponsored pilgrim walk in aid of the Oznam holiday centre situated in Wales. The centre provides holidays for poor families. Forms for donations will be at the back of church next weekend. SVP members will collect donations after Mass the weekend of 12th & 13th April. Please support this worthy cause.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION The Good Friday retiring collection was for the Shrines of the Holy Land. It raised £94.59.

BARTON BROOK NURSING HOME: Tea afternoon to be held on 9th April at 2.00 pm at Monton House at Barton Brook Nursing Home. This is a special afternoon aimed to give pensioners and the elderly some company for the afternoon.

CONFIRMATIONS The confirmation of the children from Holy Cross and St. Matthew's takes place this Saturday at 10.30 am at St. Mary's. This year the Bishop will be confirming. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers.

N.B Due to the Confirmation, Saturday Mass will be at 9.00 am and there will be no confessions or Exposition.

SHANNON ROOM A skip will be arriving soon to clear some of the rubbish in the Shannon Room. We will be cleaning the room out on Saturday 12th April. Any help will be appreciated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Next meeting 15th April at the Presbytery at 7.30 pm.

WHISKY BOTTLE Now collecting for a table – we need about £350.00.

HOLY WATER Holy Cross now have a new Holy water jar. Please help yourself to Holy water whenever you need some.

CONGRATULATIONS To Diane Connelly who was received into the Catholic Church last weekend.

MISSION BOXES The Mission boxes for St. Matthew's now need emptying. The amount raised in the last collection was £148.00.

EASTER 2008

Over the last few days I have been reflecting on this year's Lent, Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations. I feel I need to let you know some of my thoughts. For me personally I found this year's celebrations very spiritual - this was helped by seeing so many people embracing the spirit of the whole period. We had a great turn out for our Friday night Masses and also a good number came early to pray the rosary - I pray this continues. On Holy Wednesday evening I spent twice as long as planned in the confessional - it was good to see so many of you coming to that sacrament. The Easter Vigil was a great sign of our unity - blessed by the fact we welcomed Diane Connolly into the Church. Our 2 Masses on Easter Sunday morning were truly wonderful - full of life and great faith.

They proclaimed a faith that is still very much alive and a parish community that promises great things for the future. I pray all the graces we have received since Ash Wednesday will continue to pour down upon Holy Cross and St. Matthew's. It is a great honour to be your Parish Priest and I thank you for your support. Together let us continue to deepen our witness to the Christian faith in our part of the diocese.

Fr. Michael