

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

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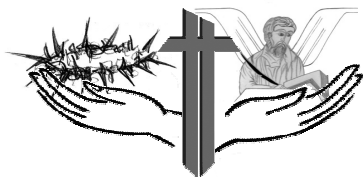
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2nd Sunday of Easter

“Divine Mercy Sunday”

Psalter Week 2 and Seasonal Proper

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

20th – 26th April 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Easter Service of word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	St. Anselm		9.15am
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE Funeral Mass for Joseph Ghadie	10.00am	
Friday	Rosary Easter Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	6.40pm 7.00pm after Mass	
Saturday	Feast of St. Mark		<u>8.45am</u>
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday 3 rd Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am

Reconciliation: NONE SATURDAY MORNING

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)

DIVINE MERCY

This Sunday (the 2nd Sunday of Easter) - is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The day is dedicated to the devotion of the Divine Mercy promoted by St. Faustina. On the 30th April 2000 (2nd Sunday after Easter) St. Faustina was canonized by Pope John Paul II and he designated this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday.

To mark this day there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions at St. Mary's, Eccles beginning at 2pm. At 3pm there will be the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Holy Cross on a Friday evening after Mass.

This will begin on this Friday. The Chaplet will be offered for the priesthood and vocations for the priesthood. We shall see how it goes on Friday evenings then review it.

SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2009: This takes place between Friday 31st July and Friday 7th August 2009. Travel has been organised by coach and plane. For further details and for booking forms please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office – 0161 794 2825 or visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Saturday 2nd May. The coach leaves St Matthew's at 6.45am and returns between 10 – 10.30pm. See Les Doherty after Mass at St Matthew's. The cost is £15 adult £8 for children – please pay when booking.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Jonhonnott; 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; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Don McCorrison; Maxine Dixon; Kath Goring; Nora Barlow and Frank Gilligan. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Aidan O'Reilly.



ANNIVERSARIES: Vera Slater; Winifred Knight; Frances McVey and Michael Holcroft.

LATELY DEAD:

Joseph Ghadie

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
£426.23 (Palm Sunday)	£535.54 (Easter Sunday)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – this Tues 21st April – 7.00pm in Parish Hall
- **Confirmations** – next Saturday 25th April 10.30am at Holy Cross.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2nd May.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August.
- **Quiz Night** – 9th October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.

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 on Tuesday. See notice board for further details.

EASTER IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“My brothers, never grow tired of doing what is right.” 2 Thessalonians 3:13.

Yes it is hard at times to do the right thing – sin is very powerful and we find ourselves doing what is wrong. The death and resurrection of the Lord proclaims that the power of sin has been defeated – God is more powerful. With God on our side and filled with His graces then we can always do the right thing and never tire of it.

SVP: Next meeting is this Monday - 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. The April's SVP collection is this weekend.

BAPTISM COURSE: Next course is the Thursday 7th May – 7.00pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael beforehand if you wish to attend.

THE AMALGAMATION

Please look at the map of the new parish boundaries. The amalgamation of Holy Cross, St. Matthew's and St. Gilbert's will take place soon. Fr. McCann will continue to look after the St. Gilbert's part of the new parish. I will become the new and first Parish Priest. Please keep myself, Fr. McCann and all the 3 parishes in your prayers at this beginning of a new era. I will keep you informed of developments.

PRO-LIFE CHAIN: A pro-life chain is being organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) in Eccles next Saturday (25th) April from 11am – 1pm, situated at Eccles Old Rd, nr Hope Hospital. The chain is a peaceful and silent kerbside vigil. Please join the chain and show your support. More information from Pat Dale on 789 6227.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The Good Friday retiring collection was for the Shrines of the Holy Land. It raised £193.99. Many thanks.

EASTER BINGO: Many thanks to all who organised our Bingo last Monday. It was good to see so many present. An extremely enjoyable evening was had. Fr. Michael nearly won £25!!!! £336.95 was raised and £57.10 at the bar.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Fr Michael would like to change the date of the next Finance Committee from Thursday 30th April to Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm at Holy Cross – apologies for the change.

CONFIRMATIONS

The confirmation of the children from Holy Cross and St. Matthew's takes place this Saturday at 10.30 am at Holy Cross. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers.

N.B. Due to the Confirmation, Saturday Mass will be at 8.45am and there will be no confessions or Exposition.

Please come along to the service and support our children.

Fr. Michael would like the catechists to come to sit with the children help the smooth flowing of the service.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY: On Sunday 3rd May we will give special honour to Mary, the Mother of God. **At Holy Cross** we are asking that as many children as possible to come to the 11.30am Mass with flowers. At the end of Mass we will place all these flowers around Mary's statue. **At St Matthew's** we will have a special May devotion at 2.30pm. Again we would like as many children as possible to come with flowers. During the service they will be placed at the statue of Mary.

PARISH TRIP: At the moment we are in the process of planning a parish summer trip. This will hopefully take place on Thursday 6th August - so keep this date free. More details soon.

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP

Our next meeting is this Tuesday (21st April)
in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross at 7pm. Hope to see some new faces.

READERS ROTA - ST. MATTHEW: Now available in St. Matthew's sacristy.

FR. CASIMIR: An Easter letter from Fr. Casimir can be found on the notice board at Holy Cross.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON: To celebrate St. George's Day at Irwell House, Barton Brook Care Home – from 2pm – 4pm. All welcome.

CHAPLAINCY TEAM AT HOPE HOSPITAL: Are looking for voluntary helpers to assist them in their work in visiting people on the wards and in other duties. Can you spare 2 or 3 hours each week? There is an evening course for would be volunteers. The initial "Taste and See" meeting is on Monday 11th May – 7.30pm in the chapel at Hope Hospital. Meetings for those who are interested will continue on Monday evenings till 13th July. See notice board for further information.

RED MISSION BOXES - ST. MATTHEW'S: Please bring in your boxes next Sunday.