

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

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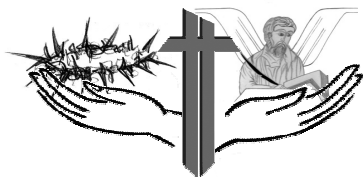
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**2nd Sunday of Lent
Psalter Week 2 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
9th – 15th March 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Lent Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	<i>Lent Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	Funeral Mass for Frederick Unsworth	10.00am	
Thursday	Lent Weekday Mass Funeral Mass for Joan Gunton	9.15am at Holy Cross School <u>10.45am</u>	
Friday	Rosary Lent Weekday Mass (Taize)	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Lent Weekday Mass and devotions		11.50am 12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday 3 rd Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	
Sunday	Lent Mass Stations of the Cross	11.30am	9am 3pm

Morning Prayer: Monday and Tuesday 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**

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP: Next meeting is on Tuesday 21st April.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: It is hoped that the Support group will be opening its doors by June or July.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: This Tuesday 7.00pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. Why not come along for Lent?

ON SALE: Stations of the Cross by Dominic Allain. £2.50 in the piety shop.

BAPTISM: Next course is **this Thursday (12th March)** - 7pm at Holy

CAFOD FAST DAY: Please put your Cafod Fast Day envelopes in the collection baskets. If you did not receive an envelope last weekend or have lost one there are plenty still available in the sacristy.

EASTER TRIDIUM: The Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil will be at Holy Cross. A decision about Good Friday will be made soon.

SVP: Next meeting is Monday 16th March - 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. This month's retiring collection is this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; 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 and Maxine Dixon. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Mgr. Paul Smith; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Aidan O'Reilly.



ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Banks, Edward Hosey, Marie Gornall, Christopher Singleton, Peggy Hall, Jane Reardon and Sheila Cusack.

LATELY DEAD:

Eveleyn Stevenson, Annie Nugent, Frederick Unsworth, Joan Gunton, Gerard Nicolls, Ava Powell, Winifred Jones whose funeral Mass is at Wardley Cemetery on Friday at 10.30am, William Brown whose funeral is on Monday 16 March 2.20pm 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:

HOLY CROSS	ST MATTHEW'S
£317.77	£384.95

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- **Lenten Cluster Reconciliation Service** – Tuesday 24th March 7.30pm at Holy Cross.
- **Easter Bingo** – Easter Monday 13th April – 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Holy Cross Day of Prayer for Vocations** – Friday 17th April.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Tuesday 21st April – 7.00pm in Parish Hall
- **Confirmations** – 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.

KNITTING GROUP – CHANGE OF DATE: The Knitting Group now meets **every other Monday**. If interested in joining or would like to learn how to knit you tele: Marie 288 9389 or Christine 789 1820 for further details.

LENT 2009 IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.”

Philippians 4:8.

In Lent we empty ourselves of pride and all that is not God directed. Having emptied ourselves we then fill our whole being with the grace of God.

We do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Also by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

May the words of St. Paul inspire us on our journey through Lent.

ABC FAITH GROUP: This Wednesday at 7.15pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. See Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS AND TOAST

are available every Sunday after the 11.30am Mass in the Parish Hall.

Why not pop in for a quick drink and chat after Mass?

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM: Takes place on Saturday 2nd May. St Charles, Moorside, are organizing a bus to take and bring people back. If you would like to go please ring Vin Condon on 793 3612. The cost is £15 for adults, £8.00 16 years and under. See notice board for details.

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 21st April. See notice board for further details.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE (CLUSTER EVENT) – ADVANCE NOTICE: This will take place on Tuesday 24th March 7.30pm at Holy Cross.

FRIDAY EVENING MASS: During Lent our Friday evening Mass will have Taize music to aid our prayer. Church will be open from 6.20 for quiet prayer.

COMMUNION WEAR: Selection of new and second hand Holy Communion wear on sale at The Talbot Catholic Club this afternoon (8th March) from 2pm - see notice board for more information.

TALKS: At Our Lady of the Rosary, Davyhulme, 4 talks on the Eucharistic Prayer. Starts this Monday 7.30pm – see notice board.

MISSION BOXES: The total for Jan/Feb for St Matthew's is £114.

200 CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW: £100 133 T Rose, £30 105 A McCarthy, £20 205 C Russell, £10 152 V Simpson

WHISKEY BOTTLE: We are now collecting for a credence table for Holy Cross. The cost is £340.62

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your new Offertory Envelopes. They begin in April.

EASTER TOMBOLA: Easter Bingo takes place on Easter Monday. We are now looking for gifts for the Tombola and Bingo. Please bring them to Church or see Shirley Parkes.

FR MCINTYRE: There is a letter on the notice board from Fr McIntyre – thanking us for the money sent to him at Christmas to buy sweets and chocolates for the children of his parish in Quito, Ecuador.

COFFEE MORNING: At St Gilbert's Church, this Thursday, 12 March 10am – 12noon.

SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2009: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Brain, will take place between Friday 31st July and Friday 7th August 2009. This year we are celebrating the seventy seventh anniversary of the annual pilgrimage and it is hoped that people from all over the Salford Diocese will travel with the bishop and priests to Our Lady's shrine at Lourdes in France. Travel has been organised by coach and plane. A group is being organised locally to travel as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. For further details about all aspects of the pilgrimage and for booking forms please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office – 0161 794 2825 or visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday afternoon during Lent at 3pm.

This week at St. Matthew's.

The Church will be open from 2.30pm for quiet prayer.