

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

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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary time
Psalter Week 2**

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

19th – 25th Jan 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	St. Agnes	9.15am	
Thursday	Funeral Mass for Nora Perkins	10.00am	
Friday	Rosary Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction St. Francis de Sales Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul	6.30pm	
Sunday	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul	11.30am	9am

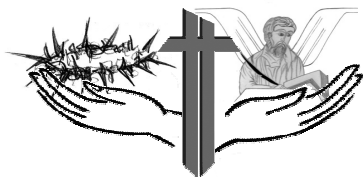
Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am

**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**

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

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



SVP: Next SVP meeting is this Monday (19th January) 7pm at Holy Cross.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: For all members of the finance committee the next meeting is 29/1/09 at 7.30pm at the presbytery.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Sr. Rita from Salford Children's Rescue will be giving the training sessions to those who wish to be part of the Bereavement Support Group that we hope to set up in the parish.

Before it begins she would like to meet the volunteers.

Therefore, a get together has been arranged for **this Tuesday (20th January) at 10.00am in the Parish Hall.**

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP: The next meeting is on 26th February at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.

ABC FAITH GROUP: This Wednesday – 7.15pm at the Presbytery. We have started to look at the 7 sacraments. All welcome.

PEACE SUNDAY

This Sunday is a day of prayer for peace.
Let us pray for this intention and especially PAX CHRISTI – the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; baby Oliver Williams; baby Peter Mark Carey; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Catherine Ashton; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; Philomena Noone; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Don McCorrison and Annie Nugent. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Mgr. Paul Smith; Canon Denis Clinch; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds; Fr. Aidan O'Reilly; Fr. Michael Hoare; Fr. Michael Twomey; Fr. Edmund Willoughby SJ and Fr Michael Hartley.



ANNIVERSARIES: Richard Levy, James Ling, Matthew Cunningham and William Healy

LATELY DEAD:

Jake Kenny and Fr Walter Brazil

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
£421.13	£220.18

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Churches together in Eccles “United Service for Christian Unity Week** – today (Sunday 18th January) – 7.00pm at Holy Cross.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 6th February – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Annual Missions Appeal (White Fathers)** - 7th/8th February.
- **Joint AGM for Holy Cross and St. Matthew’s** – Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thurs 26th February 7pm at St. Matthew’s.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2nd May.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ECCLES SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

TODAY (SUNDAY)

at Holy Cross Church – starts 7pm.

Fr. Michael hopes you will come along and support him as host for this year’s service.

EWTN: There are a few EWTN (Eternal Ward Television Network) programme timetables for January at the back of both Churches.

ANGELUS: The bell at Holy Cross will now ring the Angelus at 12 noon each day except Sunday. It would be good to say the Angelus if you hear the bell or stop for a moment of prayer. This is one way to remind society of God’s presence and the importance of prayer.

KNITTING GROUP: The Knitting Group meets every other Thursday. If anyone is interested in joining us, or if anyone would like to learn how to knit they will be made most welcome. Telephone Marie on 288 9389 or Christine on 789 1820 for further details.

ST GILBERT’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: This year St Gilbert’s celebrates its Golden Jubilee. A Jubilee meal has been organized for Thursday 16th April. It is a 4 course meal with entertainment from the Jimmy Cricket Show and DJ Cliff. The cost of the ticket is £21.50. If you are interested in going see Fr Michael – he has been sent a few tickets to sell. Details on notice board.

KATHERINE HOUSE FCJ: This is at 26 Singleton Road, Salford and run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus. Details of various events that take place there can be found at the back of both Churches.

THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“...but when the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then He has made you heir.”

Galatians 4:4-7.

AGM MEETING: This year we will be having a joint AGM for both parishes. The main reason for this is because in the next few months the two parishes will be officially amalgamated and so it is good to review and plan together. Meeting together also helps reduce some of Fr. Michael's workload.

The AGM meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

This meeting is open to all parishioners and is an opportunity to review the last year, set plans for the future and to discuss any issues raised. The accounts for 2008 will be presented (each parish will have separate accounts) – any questions and queries regarding finance can be asked at the meeting. If anyone wishes to add an item to the agenda please let me know. **Hopefully there will be a good turnout - it's your parish and it is important to support Fr. Michael as best we can. Please put this date in your diary.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The meeting for St. Matthew's children is this Tuesday at 7pm and for the children of Holy Cross the meeting is this Thursday at 7pm. Both meetings are for the children only and start at 7pm in the Parish Hall. This time will be looking at the bible and some of the stories found in the Old and New Testament.

APF MISSION BOXES – ST. MATTHEW'S: Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes next Sunday.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism course is on Tuesday 27th January – 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. See Fr. Michael if you wish to attend.

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

GIFT AID

Many thanks to those who signed gift aid declarations last weekend.

We are in the process of organising the new offertory envelopes which begin in April.

Anyone or whose husband or wife pays income tax could help the parish financially by signing a gift aid declaration.

If you have never signed one and would be prepared to do so then please see Fr. Michael or Sue Woodcock as soon as possible.

Last year Holy Cross received £2,230.28 and St Matthew's received back from the government £2,996.91.

This is only possible if gift aid declarations have been signed.

This is a way of helping the parish financially without having to actually pay anymore.

Also see Fr. Michael or Sue Woodcock as soon as possible if you don't use envelopes for your collection but would like to start using them from April or would like to pay your offertory collection by standing order instead of weekly in the basket.