

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

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**3rd Sunday of Easter (A)
Psalter Week 3 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS TIMES
7th – 13th April 2008**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	St. John Baptiste de la Salle <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.10am at Holy Cross School	
Friday	Rosary St. Stanislaus	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Easter Weekday Mass		12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday (4 th Sunday of Easter)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

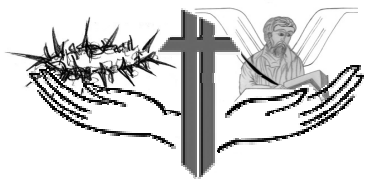
Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am

**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)**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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.

CHANGE OF DATE
PARISH PASTORAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS

Due to the funeral of Fr Kitchen the next meeting has been moved a week to Thursday (17th April) at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

This is a joint meeting between Holy Cross and St. Matthew's.
This is an important meeting as we have quite a lot to discuss. Hope to see you there!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: 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: The amount raised was £369.00 – plus £51.20 at the bar. Once again many thanks to all who made it such an enjoyable evening.

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 Hutley; Rita Richardson and Anne Rourke.



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 and Fr. Andrew Frazer OFM Conv.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Doyle, Julia Mannion, Fr. George Dalston, Pope John Paul II, Canon Charles Hollywood.

LATELY DEAD:

William Craeg whose funeral was at Peel Green Crematorium on Friday,
John Worrall, Mary Tracey and Fr. Peter Kitchen.

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
£467.37 (Easter Sunday)	£875.65

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: New boxes begin this weekend.

SVP: The next meeting is Monday 14th April at Holy Cross Presbytery at 7pm. Monthly collection next weekend. New members always welcome.

HALL BAR: Many thanks to those who met to discuss the parish hall bar. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated by all in Holy Cross and St. Matthew's.

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.

CAKE SALE

Takes place at Holy Cross after Mass this weekend. This is to help raise funds for the parish. Thank you to every one who has organised the stall and baked cakes.

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 next weekend (12th & 13th April). Please support this worthy cause.

BARTON BROOK NURSING HOME: Tea afternoon to be held this Wednesday (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: Congratulations to all our children who were confirmed by the Bishop yesterday (Saturday) at St. Mary's. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they now make final preparations for their First Holy Communion.

SHANNON ROOM

*Clear out next Saturday - beginning at 9.30am.
If you can spare some time please come along and help.*

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

WHISKY BOTTLE AT HOLY CROSS: Now collecting for a credence table – we need about £350.00.

HISTORY TALK: On Liverpool Road by Bernard Crowley - Friday, 18th April in the Parish Hall. These talks are always very popular and interesting.

CATHOLIC PAPERS: If anyone wishes to start receiving a Catholic paper at either Church then please place your order at its piety shop.

ECCLES BOROUGH BAND: Eccles Borough Band will be playing at St. Mary's RC Parish Hall next Saturday (12th April) at 7.30pm. Tickets: £4 for adults £2 for children – includes refreshments. See notice board for details.

LOAVES AND FISHES: This is a drop in centre in Salford Precinct. They are always glad for donations of food and toiletries – a box for donations can be found at the back of both Churches.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Neo and Alanya Connolly who were baptized last weekend. We welcome them into the family of the Church.

WEBSITE: Please note that this newsletter, previous newsletters and most of the editions of "Away from the Pulpit" can be found on the website. If you inform the parish secretary the newsletter can be sent electronically to you via email every week. The website also contains many bits of information, including Cluster Parish Mass times.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Meets every Tuesday at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church. All are welcome.

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

FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN BURNLEY: Invite you to Mass next Sunday (13th April) at St. John's RC Church Burnley at 3pm. Further details on the notice board.

CAFOD: On Sunday 13th April the annual sponsored "Walk in the Park" event takes place in Heaton Park Manchester at 1pm, start point just below the "Farm". CAFOD Salford will be delighted to welcome those who wish to take part in the 2km walk or the 5km run. The monies raised by registration £5 or sponsorship will be directed to Humanitarian Relief in Africa. You are welcome to share a picnic with us after the run, families, young folk and old are very welcome to join the fun. So pack your picnic and walking/running shoes and come along. Any enquiries to the CAFOD Salford office: 0161 705 0605.

RED BOXES: The red boxes at Holy Cross are now due in. Please bring them to Church to be emptied – last year Holy Cross raised £1237.93.

JUST YOUTH: Gap year 2008-2009, Are you leaving school, college, university or want to change what you are doing? Aged 18+? Want to do something FANTASTIC? Make a difference? Then how about a year as a volunteer working and living with other young people in the diocese of Salford, Manchester? Information sheet at the back of the Church.
Contact: Just Youth at: justyouth@tesco.net