

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

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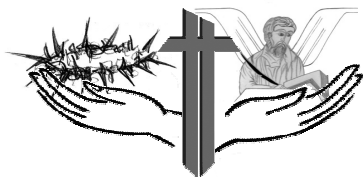
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Psalter Week 3 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

27<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Tuesday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Easter Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	6.40pm 7.00pm after Mass	
Saturday	Benediction St. Athanasius Devotions to the Perpetual Succour St.		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Easter Mass of Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 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)**

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Holy Cross on a Friday evening after Mass.  
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 31<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk).

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

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

**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 11<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm in the chapel at Hope Hospital. Meetings for those who are interested will continue on Monday evenings till 13<sup>th</sup> July. See notice board for further information.

### 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; 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:** Mary Farrell & Mary Goldsmith.

### LATELY DEAD:

Stephen Barlow, Alicia O'Brien, Mary Elliott & Alice Sutton.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

<b>HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>ST MATTHEW'S</b>
<b>£585.59 (Easter Sunday)</b>	<b>£367.40</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- **May devotions** – next Sunday – 11.30am at Holy Cross and 2.30pm at St. Matthew's.
- **Parish ramble** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – meet at Monton Green for 11.00am.
- **Holy Cross First Holy Communion** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – at St. Matthew's.
- **St. Matthew's First Holy Communion** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.
- **Irish Night** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July in Parish Hall – 7.30pm – 11.00pm.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Quiz Night** – 9<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – at Patricroft Conservative Club.

**SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP:** The next Pastoral and Social Group meeting is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Tuesday. Some new initiatives have resulted from the meeting.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Congratulations to all our children from both churches who were confirmed yesterday. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they now make final preparations for their First Holy Communion.

### EASTER IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

**"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength and who judged me faithful enough to call me into His service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown to me because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because of His inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in Him to come to eternal life." I Timothy 1:12-16.**

A series of 4 talks on St. Paul will take place at St. Gabriel's RC High School – second one on Tuesday. See notice board for further details.

**SVP:** Next meeting is this Monday - 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next Finance Committee is **this Wednesday**.  
Due to another commitment it had to be moved from the Thursday.  
Apologies for the change.

**NARROW BOAT TRIP:** A Narrow Boat trip for 30 people has been booked for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Beginning at Worsley Basin and costs £13 which includes a hot pot supper and a quiz. 10 places will be available after each Mass **next weekend**. Sorry, no places can be reserved. Please book with Michael Denton at Holy Cross and Fr Michael at St Matthew's.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham is **next Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations to *Kevin Kakur* and *Millie-Jae Moynihan* who were baptised last weekend. We welcome them into the family of the Church. **The next baptism course is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 7.00pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael beforehand if you wish to attend.**

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

### MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Next Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> May), the first Sunday of May, we will give special honour in both Churches to Mary, the Mother of God.

**At Holy Cross** we would like as many children as possible to come to the 11.30am Mass with flowers. Towards 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 hope as many children as possible will come with flowers. During the service they will be placed at the statue of Mary. Afterwards there will be refreshments for everybody.

**If you can bring some a plate of sandwiches or cake please sign at the back of Church.**

The statues of Mary will be crowned at the first Mass in May that takes place in each church.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** There is a meeting for all catechists on the Sacramental Programme on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May - 7pm in the Presbytery.

**PARISH RAMBLE:** Our first ramble will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Bank holiday). We will meet on Monton Green for 11am. A walk of 4-6 miles is planned. This is just hopefully the first of many- some will be further away. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS FUNDRAISER:** One of our parishioners Clair Regan is holding a coffee morning in aid of MS week this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. From 10.30am – 12.30pm at 183 Barton Lane. Eccles. All welcome.

**CAFOD:** On 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm CAFOD partner James Galgallo who is working with pastoralists in Kenya will be visiting Our Lady of Dolours parish in Kersal. James will be sharing with us the difficulties faced by the people he is working with due to the changing climate. It will be an opportunity to meet CAFOD staff and hear about the Climate Justice campaign action that we are hoping parishes will engage in during the run-up to the UN leaders meeting in Copenhagen in December. Everyone is welcome.

