

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

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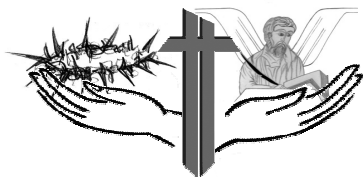
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**3rd Sunday of Lent
Psalter Week 3 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
16th – 22nd March 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Lent Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Feast of St. Patrick <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	<i>Lent Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Thursday	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
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 "Laetare" Sunday	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass Stations of the Cross	11.30am	9am 3pm

Morning Prayer: 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**

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.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Rebecca Darby* who was baptised last Sunday. We welcome her into the family of the Church.

EASTER TRIDIUM

As already announced the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil will be at Holy Cross.

Fr. Michael has decided with Worsley Road now open and the amalgamation of the parishes imminent that the Good Friday Liturgy will also take place at Holy Cross.

This will also ease some of the pressure off Fr. Michael.

As a result of this change the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning will be at St. Matthew's.

SVP: Next meeting is this Monday - 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. This month's SVP collection came to £162.15.

TALKS: At Our Lady of the Rosary, Davyhulme, 4 talks on the Eucharistic Prayer. The 2nd talk is this Monday at 7.30pm – see notice board.

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 McCorriston 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: Basil Raynor and Joan Ridgeway

LATELY DEAD:

William Brown whose funeral is at Peel Green Crematorium on Monday at 2.20pm, Isabella Melling and Alice Robinson.

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
£344.00	£765.71

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.

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

LENT 2009 IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“You must live your whole life according to the Christ you have received – Jesus the Lord; you must be rooted in Him and built on Him and held firm by the faith you have been taught and full of thanksgiving.

Make sure that no one traps you and deprives you of the freedom by some second hand, empty, rational philosophy based on the principles of this world instead of on Christ.” Colossians 2:6-8

*Our psalm this Sunday declares that the Law of the Lord is perfect –
God’s precepts gladden the heart.*

True happiness and peace can only be found in God.

In Lent we once more direct our lives to God. Lent reminds us that we need to embrace the Ten Commandments and the 8 Beatitudes preached by Christ at the Sermon on the Mount – see St. Matthew 5: 1-12.

We must not allow ourselves to be falsely led by what the world thinks as important or its version of morality.

Let us truly turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

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

ABC FAITH GROUP: None this week.

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.

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.

AWAY FROM THE PULPIT: The March edition is now ready, please take one home. When you have read it pass it onto a neighbour. Any articles for the June edition can be placed in the red box at the back of Church.

LIVING FAITH: April-June edition now on sale – 70p.

ECCLES CLUSTER
LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday (24th March) at Holy Cross
7.30pm

This is a good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.
Fr. Michael and Fr. Livesey.

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.

WHISKEY BOTTLE

We are now collecting for a credence table for Holy Cross.

The cost is £340.62.

We also now have a whiskey bottle for St. Matthew's Church – the first thing we need
to collect for is a new green vestment.

Any loose change will be gratefully received in either bottle.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your new Offertory Envelopes from the back of the church. They begin in April.

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. 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 Holy Cross.

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

CAFOD FAST DAY: Please return your Fast Day envelopes by placing them in the collection baskets.

THIS WEEK: Fr. Michael will be away until Friday. Please contact Fr. Livesey on 789 3236 for any emergencies.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The next Catechist meeting is this Thursday 7pm in the Presbytery.

MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Coffee morning – every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. – See notice board for further details.