

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

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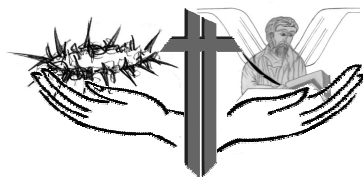
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**Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul  
Psalter Week 3**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES  
26<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Ss. Timothy and Titus <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	St. Thomas Aquinas	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass	9.10am at Holy Cross School	
Friday	Funeral Mass for Michael Ward	N.B. 10.00am	
Saturday	Benediction St. John Bosco Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	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)**

**SVP:** Next meeting is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.45pm at Holy Cross. This month's retiring collection came to £121.47. Many thanks.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** For all members of the finance committee the next meeting is *this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January* at 7.30pm at the presbytery.

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

**ABC FAITH GROUP:** This Wednesday – 7.15pm at the Presbytery.

**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.

**ST GILBERT'S:** This year St Gilbert's celebrates its Golden Jubilee. A Jubilee meal takes place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. It comes 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. Details on notice board.

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

**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:** Kathleen Brehony, Cecilia Cawley, Arthur Barron, Bridget Pollitt, Bob Lundy, Mary Dewett, Stephen Glynn, Edward Davenport.

**LATELY DEAD:**

Nora Perkins, Michael Ward, Ernest Jackson, Owen McCarthy,  
Anthony Sheppard – whose funeral is at 11.40 am on Tuesday 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:**

<b>HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>ST MATTHEW'S</b>
<b>£412.76</b>	<b>£241.14</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Quiz Night** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Annual Missions Appeal (White Fathers)** - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> February.
- **Joint AGM for Holy Cross and St. Matthew's** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> February 7pm at St. Matthew's.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### SOME THANKS, A HOPE AND A GOODBYE

Many thanks for the very supportive response after last weekend's Masses. I hope we can create a list of people I can turn to when various issues or problems arise and that we can set up a maintenance team for both sites. Please sign at the back of Church if you can help and see me if you are prepared to join a maintenance team.

Also a huge thank you to all who came to the Unity Service at Holy Cross last Sunday – it was good and uplifting to see so many of you there.

Finally we have to say a sad farewell to Brian and Judith Wood who are moving to pastures new. They have been part of the fabric of St. Matthew's for many many years. They will be sorely missed – we hope they come back to see us from time to time. On behalf of all at St. Matthew's a huge thank you to them for all they have done over the years. I would personally like to thank them for their support and encouragement since I took responsibility for St. Matthew's. May the Lord bless them in the days, months and years to come.

Fr. Michael

**KNITTING GROUP:** The Knitting Group meets every other Thursday. If interested in joining or would like to learn how to knit you would be made most welcome. Tele: Marie 288 9389 or Christine 789 1820 for further details.

### THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“ Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ unless you crucify all self indulgent passions and desires”. *Galatians 5:16-24.*

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The next celebrations of the Sacramental Programme are next Sunday at both morning Masses. The theme is "*Celebrating God's Word*". At Mass we need to give our children a good example. We should ask ourselves, "Is it obvious that the readings are important to us?" .Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** Raised £170.08 for SPUC – many thanks.

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – STARTS 7.30PM**  
**IN THE PARISH HALL**

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to *Anna Rosemary Houega Fall* and *Alliyah Santiago* who were baptised last weekend. We welcome them into the family of the Church.

**GIFT AID**

**N.B. If you took a Gift Aid Form last weekend please bring it back as soon as possible.**

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.

**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.