

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)  
Psalter Week 4 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS TIMES  
14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Funeral Mass for William Dixon	<u>9.30am</u>	
Friday	Rosary Easter Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Easter Weekday Mass Novena to the Perpetual Succour		12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Easter Mass of Sunday (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

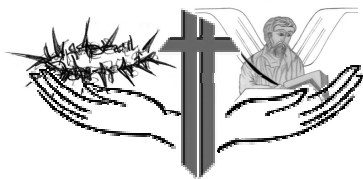
**Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am**

**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 – this Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **New Mayor's Civic Mass** – 11.30am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Holy Cross
- **Mass with Bishop Draine**y – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Salford Cathedral.
- **S.V.P. Charity Concert** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30pm at Holy Cross
- **Quiz Night** – 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Conservative Club.

### 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; Anne Rourke and Mary Smith. 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:** Frances McVey, Thomas Walsh, Pauline Rhodes

### LATELY DEAD:

Zoe Paul, Harold Rudder, Frederick Finney, Mary Tracey, Owen Callaghan.  
*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>£293.75</b>	<b>£195.63</b>

**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:** Many thanks to all who, last week, baked and sold cakes for parish funds at Holy Cross. They all went very quickly. The final amount will be given next week.

**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 all Masses this weekend. Please support this worthy cause.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is *this Tuesday* (15<sup>th</sup> 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 LIVERPOOL ROAD**

by Bernard Crowley

**This Friday (18<sup>th</sup> April)**

in the Parish Hall.

Starts 7.30pm

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.

**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 Melissa Collinge who was baptized last Sunday. We welcome her into the family of the Church. The next baptism course is *Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April* at 7pm at the Presbytery. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

**SVP:** The next meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at St. Matthew's at 7pm. New members always welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS**

**This Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

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

**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](mailto:justyouth@tesco.net)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** A meeting has been planned for all who are going on the pilgrimage. It will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – 7.30pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Final payments need to be in by 4<sup>th</sup> August. Please make cheques payable to *Mancunia Ltd.*

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** 24<sup>th</sup> May. Details on noticeboard

**200 CLUB WINNERS MARCH DRAW:** £100 127 M Johonnett, £30 174 J Coopey, £20 106 P Jackson, £10 243 V Kerr.

**KNITTING CIRCLE:**

If there are any ladies in the parish who would be interested in forming a Knitting Circle please contact Christine on 789 1820.



**MAY THE MONTH OF MARY:** On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May we will give special honour in both Churches to Mary, the Mother of God. **At Holy Cross** I am asking as many children as possible to come to the 11.30am Mass with flowers. At 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 I would like as many children as possible to come with flowers. During the service they will be placed at the statue of Mary.

**READERS:** The new reading rota for St Matthew's is now available from the sacristy.

**THANKYOU:** Joyce Utratney would like to say thank you for all your prayers and good wishes for her recovery whilst in hospital.

**PARISH TRIP:** At the moment we are in the process of planning a parish summer trip to the Lake District which will include a meal and boat trip. This will hopefully take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August, so keep this date free. Price and more details later.

**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. Also if you have any items that you wish to be added please contact the parish office.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Today is a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As a parish community we need to be conscious of our role in helping our young people to discern their life vocation. We need to be aware of the possibility that a call to the priesthood or consecrated life might come to one of our own. Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund. The money raised is used to pay for the education and training of our future priests.