

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

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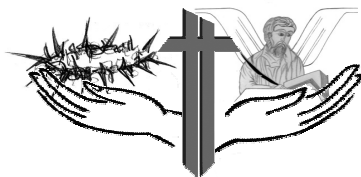
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**4th Sunday of Easter
Psalter Week 4 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
4th – 10th May 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	The English Martyrs	10.00am	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Easter Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet	6.40pm 7.00pm after Mass	
Saturday	Benediction Easter Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour St.		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday 4 th Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: Monday at 9.45am
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**

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: There is a meeting for all catechists on the Sacramental Programme **this Wednesday** - 7pm in the Presbytery.

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

PARISH RAMBLE

Our first ramble will be this Monday (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.

BAPTISM: Congratulations *Charles Harold* who was baptised last Sunday. We welcome him into the family of the Church. **The next baptism course is this Thursday 7th May – 7.00pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael beforehand 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; 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: Joyce McDonald, Thomas Dickinson, George Doyle and Mary Kelly.

LATELY DEAD:

Mary Elliott whose funeral is at Peel Green Crematorium on Tuesday at 2.20pm.

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
£327.07	£347.24

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **May Devotions** – today – see newsletter for further details.
- **Parish Ramble** – this Monday 4th May – meet 11.00am at Monton Green.
- **Holy Cross First Holy Communion** – Sunday 14th June at 11.30am.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thursday 18th June – at St. Matthew's.
- **St. Matthew's First Holy Communion** – Saturday 20th June at 10.30am.
- **Irish Night** – Friday 17th July in Parish Hall – 7.30pm – 11.00pm.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August.
- **Quiz Night** – 9th October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13th – at Patricroft Conservative Club.

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

YEAR OF ST. PAUL IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

“For there is only one God and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, Himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrifices Himself as a ransom for all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and truth to the pagans.” I Timothy 2:5-7

May the graces we have received this Easter help us to be, like St. Paul, heralds the Gospel.

SVP - A THANKYOU: The SVP would like to thank those who helped serve and also bring people to the SVP Luncheon two weeks ago in the Parish Hall. Their next meeting is Monday 11th May - 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. The April retiring collection came to £88.97.

NARROW BOAT TRIP

A Narrow Boat trip for 30 people has been booked for Wednesday 24th June. Beginning at Worsley Basin and costs £13 which includes a hot pot supper and a quiz.

10 places are available after each Mass this weekend.

Sorry, no places can be reserved. Please book with Michael Denton at Holy Cross and Fr Michael at St Matthew's.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Phil Cusack from St. Gilbert's who has been honoured by Pope Benedict XVI with the Benemerenti Medal. This is given after long and exceptional service to the Church and community.

Benemerenti means well and deserving.

The honour will be given on Friday 29th May at the 7pm Mass at Holy Cross.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Every Tuesday at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Throughout May our statues of Mary will be crowned. This symbolises the special honour the Church has always given and must continue to give to Mary, the Mother of God – not just in May but throughout the year.

During this month let us deepen our devotion the Blessed Virgin and recognise the important place she has in our Christian faith.

It is important for us Catholics to proclaim her importance to the Christian world.

At Holy Cross Today (Sunday) at our 11.30am Mass children will bring flowers to the statue of Mary.

At St Matthew's Today there will be a special May devotion at 2.30pm. Children will come with flowers and during the service will place them at the statue of Mary. Afterwards there will be refreshments for everybody.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down

His life for His sheep. That is why it the day chose as World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and the Holy Father has written to us on this day inviting us to pray trustingly to God for those called to share in the Good Shepherd's ministry of caring for His flock.

Pope Benedict has also invited us to celebrate a *Year for Priests* beginning on June 19th – the feast of the Sacred Heart. It is to be dedicated to promoting the spiritual perfection of priests and to recognizing more fully the irreplaceable value of priestly ministry at the heart of the Church. The Pope says we should not allow ourselves to become discouraged by accepting as inevitable that a time will come when we have to do without priests. Once again, we entrust the whole Church to the providence of God in our prayer for and encouragement of priestly vocations.

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund – this helps finance the training of our future priests.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: There is a meeting on Tuesday in the Parish Hall after the service in Church, for all those who volunteered to be part of the Bereavement Support Group. It is hoped that the next time they meet they will be able to open to the general public. Because of the meeting the Service of Word and Communion will be at Holy Cross and not St. Matthew's on Tuesday.

200 CLUB - APRIL DRAW: £100 M.Pennington (187)
- £30 Derek Young (130) - £20 M. Doyle (124) - £10 A. Newton (142)

THANK YOU: For a donation of £200.00 towards a new green vestment for St. Matthew's.