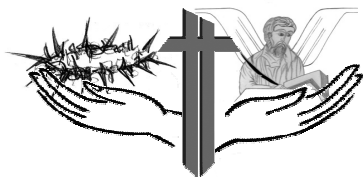


**HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT
and
ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON**

Clustered with
St Gilberts
&
St Mary's



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4th Sunday of Lent

"Laetare Sunday"

Psalter Week 4 and Seasonal Proper

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

23rd – 29th March 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Lent Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Lent Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.15am	
Thursday	Lent Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Lent Weekday Mass (Taize)	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Lent Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday 5 th Sunday of lent	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass Stations of the Cross	11.30am 3pm	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

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP: Next meeting is on Tuesday 21st April.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: This Tuesday 7.00pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery.

EASTER TRIDIUM

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

With Worsley Road now open and the amalgamation of the parishes imminent 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. The March SVP collection came to £162.15. April's SVP collection will be on 19th April.

TALKS: At Our Lady of the Rosary, Davyhulme, 4 talks on the Eucharistic Prayer. The 3rd talk is this Monday at 7.30pm – see notice board.

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.

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 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: Doris Yates, Frank Kightly, David Smith, Michael Smith

LATELY DEAD:

Francis McNamara

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
£353.67	£378.46

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- **Lenten Cluster Reconciliation Service** – this 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, is organizing a bus to take and bring people back. If interested 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

“Let the message of Christ, in all its fullness, find a home with you.”
Colossians 3:16a

*Those words of St. Paul remind us what the purpose of Lent is.
It is to let Christ fully into our lives – to allow God to dwell fully in our souls
without sin getting in the way.
I would encourage you all to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
sometime this Lent. Why not avail yourselves of our Cluster Lenten
Reconciliation at Holy Cross on Tuesday?
May the words of St. Paul continue to inspire us on our journey through Lent.*

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

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.

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. 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: There will be a retiring collection in both churches next week and the week after for flowers to decorate the churches at Easter.

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

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

ECCLES CLUSTER
LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This Tuesday (24th March)
at Holy Cross at 7.30pm

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

CHRISM MASS: This always takes place on Maundy Thursday morning at the Cathedral. At this Mass the Bishop blesses the new oils for the sick and catechumens (those about to be baptised). He also consecrates the new Chrism oil which will be used till next Easter at every baptism, confirmation and ordination in the diocese. We have been given 6 tickets for parishioners - they will represent the parish community. The children and parents on the Sacramental Programme have already been asked and so we have just 4 tickets left. *If you would like to go and have never been to the Chrism Mass before please see Fr. Michael.* First come first served. If required a lift will be provided. P.S. There is a free lunch afterwards.

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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday afternoon during Lent at 3pm.

This week at St. Matthew's.

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

"COME AND SEE" Salford Diocese are organising a Retreat weekend for men and women over the age of 18 who want to know more about priesthood or Religious/Consecrated life. This will take place at Brettagh Holt, Cumbria, from 24th/26th April. Cost is £20. Bookings to be received by 31st March. For an application form or more details contact Monica Zuniga on 0161 224 2589 or email mzuniga@fraternas.org

SALFORD DIOCESE YOUTH VOCATIONS GROUP This group is aimed at young men aged between 14 and 17 years living in the Salford Diocese who are considering the possibility of being called by God to the priesthood. The meetings are run by a team of committed adults which include the Vocation Director Fr. David Featherstone. They meet roughly every 6 weeks at St. Dunstan's, Moston. Details at back of Church.

