

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

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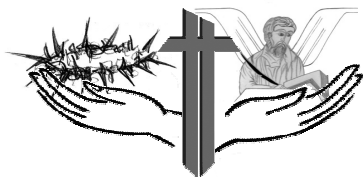
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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 4**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	<u>7.30pm</u>	
Tuesday	St. Blaise Blessing of throats		9.15am after Mass
Wednesday	Feast of St. Gilbert <i>School Feast Day</i>		9.15am at St. Gilbert's School
Thursday	St. Agatha		9.15am
Friday	Rosary St. Paul Miki and companions	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: Tuesday 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: Sat 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 this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.45pm at Holy Cross. This month's retiring collection takes place this weekend.

**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.

**ST GILBERT'S PARISH:** 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 interested in going see Fr Michael. Details on notice board.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to *Stephen Mullen* and *Ryan Hall* who were baptised last Sunday. We welcome them into the family of the Church. **Next baptism course is 3<sup>d</sup> March 7pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.**

**MONDAY:** Monday is Candlemas - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. There will be a solemn entrance at Mass with blessing of candles. Please note Mass will start at 7.30pm.

**200 CLUB:** £100 – 133 T Rose, £30 – 105 A Mc Carthy, £20 – 164 J Faulkner, £ 10 – 118 C Ormes.

**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; Annie Nugent and Annie McGeeney. 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:** William Noone, Christopher Byrne & John St John

**LATELY DEAD:**

Peter Hignet; Una Byrne; Monica McCabe; Christopher McCabe and Edith France whose funeral is on Friday 1.40 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>£396.33</b>	<b>£285.33</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Quiz Night** – this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Annual Missions Appeal (White Fathers)** – next weekend.
- **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.

**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

“...it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning He had meant us to live it.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The next celebrations of the Sacramental Programme take place today at our 9.00am and 11.30am 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.

### QUIZ NIGHT

**THIS FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
STARTS 7.30PM  
IN THE PARISH HALL  
£1 PER PERSON  
5 MAX IN A TEAM**

## GIFT AID

### **N.B. IF YOU HAVE TAKEN A GIFT AID FORM TO FILL IN PLEASE RETURN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

See Fr. Michael or Sue Woodcock 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.

**ST GILBERT'S:** On Wednesday Mass will be at St Gilbert's School to celebrate their feast day. Hopefully as many of you as possible will come along and join the children and staff. The school have arranged refreshments for after the Mass. We also wish our cluster parish of St Gilbert's a very happy feast day.

**FEAST OF ST BLAISE:** Tuesday is the feast of St Blaise who is the patron saint of complaints of the throat. At the end of Mass there will be the traditional blessing of throats for anyone who wishes to receive it.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Our initial meeting had an excellent response. There is certainly a need for bereavement support. The next meeting with Sr Rita is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.15am in the parish hall.

### **THE WHITE FATHERS MISSION APPEAL**

Next weekend Fr Edward Wildsmith will be preaching at all our Masses and making a mission appeal on behalf of the White Fathers.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses.

The White Fathers are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the White Fathers to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up a small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the White Fathers aim to work in partnership with the Churches in Africa and above all else to help build up leadership of the Churches.

**ROME PILGRIMAGE:** The total cost of the trip is £726.96. The single supplement is £171.50. Please collect receipts for your first payment from Fr Michael plus insurance if you have purchased Mancunia Insurance.

**ALI BABA:** SS Peter & Paul players proudly present "Ali Baba" on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter & Paul Church. Tickets are £4 adults, £3 children/concessions. To reserve tickets tel Debbie 748 0854 or pay on door.

**VOTIVE STAND:** A votive stand has been purchased for St Matthew's. It has been placed before the side altar with the Book of the Dead. We hope to purchase a picture of the Sacred Heart sometime this year to put on the wall at the back of the altar. Votive candles will be 20p. As the church is made of wood candles will be extinguished when the church is empty.