

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

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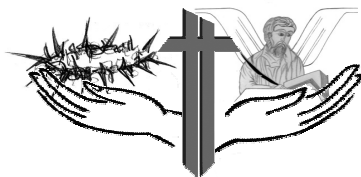
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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Psalter Week 1 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES  
11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	Our Lady of Fatima <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Thursday	Feast of St. Matthias <i>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 <sup>st</sup> Easter Mass of Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	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: 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)**

## 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.

**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 this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm in the chapel at Hope Hospital. See notice board for further information.

**PARISH RAMBLE:** Those who went on the parish ramble had a great time. There were about 20 people. Next ramble is on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Meet at Boothstown Marina. We will be walking to Astley Green. Total length of walk is approx 4 miles.

## YEAR OF ST. PAUL IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

**"Train your self spiritually. 'Physical exercises are useful enough; but the usefulness of spirituality is unlimited, since it holds out the reward of life here and now and of the future life as well'; that is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt it. I mean the point of all our toiling and battling is that we have put our trust in the living God and He is saviour of the whole human race but particularly of all believers." I Timothy 4:7-10**

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

### 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 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; Frank Gilligan; Delia Royle and Audrey Kelly Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Patrick Keane; Fr. John Reynolds and Fr. Aidan O'Reilly.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anne Smith, Mary Taylor, Winifred Ward, Baby Jake Knox, Bernard Dale

## LATELY DEAD

***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>£375.70</b>	<b>£359.20</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Parish Ramble** – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - meet 11.00am at Boothstown Marina.
- **Holy Cross First Holy Communion** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – at St. Matthew's.
- **St. Matthew's First Holy Communion** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.
- **Narrow Boat Trip on the canal** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – starts 6.30pm.
- **Holy Cross School Summer Fayre** – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July – 11.00am – 2.00pm
- **Irish Night** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July in Parish Hall – 7.30pm – 11.00pm.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Parish Summer Trip to Conway and Llandudno** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Quiz Night** – 9<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – at Patricroft Conservative Club.

**SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP:** The next Pastoral and Social Group meeting is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm.

### NARROW BOAT TRIP: WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Beginning at Worsley Basin and costs £13 which includes a hot pot supper and a quiz. Boat leaves Worsley Basin at 6.30pm

**16 places are still available. Book after Mass at Parish Office.**

Sorry, no places can be reserved.

**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.

**This weekend we are having a retiring collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.**

**This money is used to pay for the training of our future priests.**

**The fund will be left open for 2 weeks for anyone who wishes to make a donation.**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** The Bereavement Support Group will now meet every first Tuesday in the month – beginning in June. The Parish hall will be open from 10.00am till 12noon for anyone who may wish to pop in for a chat. This is a support group run by volunteers many of whom have suffered bereavements themselves. There will always be Mass beforehand at Holy Cross for those who wish to attend.

### IRISH NIGHT - WITH NATHAN CARTER

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY IN THE PARISH HALL.**

**TICKETS £5 – ON SALE SOON.**

**WATCH THIS SPACE.**

**SVP:** The next meeting is this Monday - 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. New members welcome. The April retiring collection was £151.89 – not £89.77 as stated in last week's newsletter.

**I will be away from Monday till Friday afternoon. If you need to contact a priest while I am away please ring Fr. Livesey at St. Mary's – 789 3236. The Parish office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10am – 4pm.**

Fr. Michael

**PARISH SUMMER TRIP:** A parish summer trip has been arranged for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We will be going to Conway and then Llandudno. We will start taking bookings very soon.

### MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

One of the many titles given to Mary is *Help of Christians*. She indeed cares for each one of us – she is a mother to us all and prays for us all before the throne of God. This May may we deepen our devotion to her. If not already doing so let us make sure she is honoured in our daily prayers and we ask her to pray for us.

**WHISKY BOTTLES:** Now collecting for a purple vestment for Holy Cross and a green vestment for St. Matthew's.

**OBERAMMERGAU:** Would all those who registered their intent to go to see the Passion play in Oberammergau next summer please pick up a booking form from Fr Michael. A deposit of £200 will also be required. Forms and deposits need to be in by the end of May.

**DE LA SALLE NORTHWEST REUNION:** This Friday (15<sup>th</sup> May), 7pm at the De La Salle Centre, Weaste lane, Salford. Mass starts at 7pm. For more details please phone John Cottam on 0161 773 0839.

**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED:** Would somebody be prepared to keep the yard at the back of the Church by the Parish Hall clean and tidy. It needs a good sweep every couple of weeks and any rubbish and weeds removing. See Fr Michael.

**THANKYOU:** Don McCorriston former head of Holy Cross School thanks everyone for their prayers. He is now much improved.

**CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:** For all faiths and ages at Hope University 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June. The theme of the weekend is 'The Anointed Word of God shining on a darkening world'. See notice board for further details.

### FR. MULLIN

Fr. Mullin former Parish Priest of St. Matthew's celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest on 31<sup>st</sup> May. To mark this occasion there will be a retiring collection at St. Matthew's next weekend and the weekend following. If anyone else wishes to make a donation please see Fr. Michael. The money raised will be sent to Fr. Mullin with our prayers and best wishes.