

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

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**5th Sunday of Easter (A)
Psalter Week 1 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS TIMES
21st – 27th 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	SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.30am
Friday	Rosary Feast of St. Mark	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Easter Weekday Mass Novena to the Perpetual Succour		12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday (6 th 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

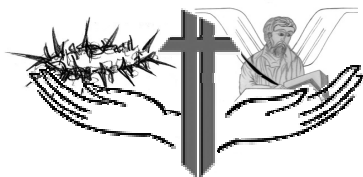
Saturday 5.45pm – 6.10pm at Holy Cross

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

- **New Mayor's Civic Mass** – 11.30am on Sunday 1st June at Holy Cross
- **Mass with Bishop Draine**y – Friday 13th June at Salford Cathedral.
- **May devotions** – Sunday 4th May – 11.30am at Holy Cross and 2.30pm at St. Matthew's.
- **S.V.P. Charity Concert** – Friday 19th September – 7.30pm at Holy Cross
- **Quiz Night** – 3rd October.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14th November at the Conservative Club.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Could all those who volunteered to help with the children's liturgy at St. Matthew's please see Fr. Michael to pick up a C.R.B. form. This is part of the child protection procedures.

CAKE SALE: A total of £151.66 was raised for Holy Cross – many thanks.

WHISKY BOTTLE AT HOLY CROSS: Now collecting for a credence table – we need about £350.00.

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.

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; Edith Tyldesley; Joe Cawley; Francis Muller; Winifred Johnson; Anne Curley; Michael Holcroft; Frank Russell; Kevin Hesketh; Linda McCann; baby Oliver Williams; Mary Hutley; Rita Richardson; Anne Rourke; Mary Smith; Mona Lindley and Jamila Duffy. 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: Norah Ling, Mary Farrell & Vera Slater

LATELY DEAD:

Cecily Purvis, John Corbett & Owen Callaghan whose funeral was on Friday at Holy Cross.

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
£394.68	£394.60

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Christopher Galligan who was baptized last Sunday. We welcome him into the family of the Church. The next baptism course is **this Tuesday** (22nd April) at 7pm at the Presbytery. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

SVP: The next meeting is Monday 28th April at Holy Cross at 7pm. New members always welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS

A joint meeting of the two parish groups met on Thursday.

It was good to see so many present.

Many positive things came out of the meeting and hopefully the minutes of the meeting will soon be on the notice board.

It was decided that we would continue to meet jointly and our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 14th May at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.

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

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

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

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 4th May we will give special honour in both Churches to Mary, the Mother of God. **At Holy Cross** we would like 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 we hope as many children as possible will 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.

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 7th 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM: Saturday 24th May. Coach leaves St Matthew's at 6.40am returns 10-10.30pm. Cost £15.00 per person. This needs to be paid when booking which starts after Mass on 27th April. See Des Doherty or Pat Dale.

LITTER CLEANING: The car park at St Matthew's could do with the litter being removed. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

YOUTH MASS: To celebrate the visit of Pentecost there will be a youth Mass at St Anne's Church, Crumpsall. See poster on notice board for details.

HALL: There is a need to establish a cleaning rota for the Parish Hall. The hall belongs to both communities If you are prepared to go on a rota please see Fr Michael or Marie Mackie. Hopefully the rota will mean that you may only have to clean every few weeks.

PARISH BAR: We would like to establish a parish bar committee. This would enable us to manage the running of the parish bar better. If you are prepared to join please see Fr Michael, Mike Denton or Anne Marie Horrocks.

PLANT SALE: Will be on 7th & 8th June at Holy Cross. If you can donate some plants we would be very grateful. See Fr Michael or Maureen Denton.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

"Do not let your hearts be troubled" said the Lord "Trust in God still, and trust in me". As Mass is offered today unite in faith the intention of an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. If God is calling you, contact Fr David Featherstone, the vocations director, on 0161 681 1410.

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.

ST GEORGE.

*WAS MARTYRED AT LYDDA (ISREAL) AROUND 303.. DURING THE CRUSADES
GEORGE WAS SEEN TO PERSONIFY THE IDEALS OF CHRISTIAN CHIVALRY.
KING RICHARD I PLACED HIS CRUSADING ARMY UNDER HIS PROTECTION,
AND IN 1222 HIS FEAST WAS PROCLAIMED A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.*