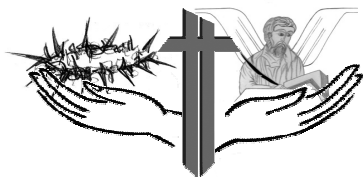


**HOLY CROSS, PATRICROFT
and
ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON**

Clustered with
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**5th Sunday of Lent (B)
Psalter Week 1 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
30th March – 5th April 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Lent Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Lent Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Lent Weekday Mass	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 Palm Sunday	6.30pm	
Sunday	Palm Sunday Mass Stations of the Cross	11.30am	9am 3pm

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)**

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 Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday; the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening will all be at Holy Cross.

**Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning
and Morning Prayer on Holy Saturday will be at St. Matthew's.**

SVP: Next meeting is this Monday - 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. The April's SVP collection will be on 19th April.

FRIDAY EVENING MASS: Our last Friday evening Mass in Lent is this week. During this Mass there will be Taize music to aid our prayer. Church will be open from 6.20 for quiet prayer.

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 794 3612. The cost is £15 for adults, £8.00 16 years and under. See notice board for details.

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.

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 and Kath Goring. 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: Winifred Hampton, Bill Hampton, William Creag; Maureen Duffy & Fr Peter Kitchen

LATELY DEAD:

Thomas Brehony & Peggy Norton.

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
£371.46	£318.05

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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.

SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2009: This takes place between Friday 31st July and Friday 7th August 2009. Travel has been organised by coach and plane. For further details and for booking forms please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office – 0161 794 2825 or visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk.

LENT 2009 IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.” / Thessalonians 1:2-3

We have now entered the final part of our Lenten journey. The hardest part of a desert journey is just before the land becomes green and flowing with water. It is the same with our Lenten journey – the life giving season of Easter is now very near but the desert / Lent gets harsher. From now on even the statues and crosses in Church are covered. Nothing should get in the way as we prepare to celebrate Christ's Passion and then renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Using St. Paul's words - if we embrace these last days of Lent in the right spirit then our faith will manifest itself in action, we will always be motivated by love (God's love) and we will find we can persevere in life because we are full of the hope that comes from a deep relationship with God.

May the words of St. Paul continue to inspire in these last days of Lent.

ABC FAITH GROUP: It has now finished. A new course will begin again in September. If interested in coming along please see Fr. Michael.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a retiring collection in both churches this weekend week and next weekend for flowers to decorate the churches at Easter.

CAFOD: The final amount raised for Cafod Lent Fast Day was £617.07.

ECCLES PASSION

Churches Together in Eccles have organised for the Passion to be performed in the town centre of Eccles this coming Saturday. It starts at 11.30am somewhere in the vicinity of Eccles.

GGOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: An informal walk will take place at 6pm on Good Friday. It will start of Eccles salvation Army Citadel (next to St. Mary's Catholic Church) and will finish at Holy Cross where there will be a short ten minute service.

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 BINGO: Takes place on Easter Monday. Now looking for gifts for the Tombola and Bingo. Please bring them to Church or see Shirley Parkes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This week at Holy Cross at 3pm.

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

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *Reece McGill* who was baptised last Sunday. We welcome him into the family of the Church.

SACRAMENTAL MEETING: The next meetings for the Sacramental Programme take place this week. This meeting is for both the children and parents. At this meeting we will be discussing the children's confirmation – which this year is with the Bishop on Saturday 25th April at 10.30am at Holy Cross. The meeting for St. Matthew's is on Tuesday and Holy Cross meet on Thursday. Both start at 7pm. Next weekend the children will be joining us for the celebration of Palm Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

CHRISM MASS: At this Mass the Sacred Chrism oil and other oils are blessed by the Bishop. These oils will be used at Confirmation, Sacrament of the Sick and Baptism for the coming year. Those from Holy Cross are Maureen and Michael Denton and Christine Devlin. Representing St. Matthew's are Jackie and Daniel McElvenny and Christine and Abigail Curran. Abigail will be confirmed with the new Chrism Oil in April. For all of them it will be there first time at the Chrism Mass.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH: Recently work has been undertaken to splice many of the rotten timbers that make up St Matthew's Church. The outside is now in the process of being painted.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Will be prayed at Holy Cross on a Friday evening after Mass. This will commence on the second Friday after Easter (24th April). The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be offered for the priesthood and vocations for the priesthood. We shall see how it goes on Friday evenings then review it.

SVP SOCIAL: This is for senior citizens and takes place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 21st April 12.30 – 3.30pm. There will be a buffet lunch, free raffle and entertainment by Bridie O' Brien. Cost £1. Transport will be available if required.