

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

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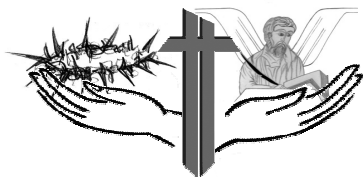
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**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1**

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

9th – 15th February 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	St. Scholastica Funeral Mass for Annie McGeeney	9.15am	
Wednesday	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass	9.15am in Holy Cross School	
Friday	Rosary Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Feast of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday and Wednesday 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: The next meeting is on 26th 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 16th 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 COURSE: Next baptism course has been changed from 3rd March to **Thursday 12th March** - 7pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

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.

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

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; 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 and Annie Nugent. 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: Esther Roddy, Mary Coleman, Edward and Mary FitzGerald, Hugh and Aidan McGovern and Jimmy Yellop.

LATELY DEAD:

Annie McGeeney and Ernest Jackson whose funeral is on Wednesday at 1.40pm 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:

HOLY CROSS	ST MATTHEW'S
£484.60	£327.85

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Annual Missions Appeal (White Fathers)** – this weekend.
- **Joint AGM for Holy Cross and St. Matthew's** – Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thurs 26th February 7pm at St. Matthew's.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2nd 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

“This, then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name:

Out of His infinite glory, may He give you power through His Spirit for your hidden self to grow, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to Him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to Him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:14-21

LENT STUDY GROUPS: Lent begins on 25th February and once again *Churches Together in Eccles* have organised Lenten groups. If you would like to join one of the 8 groups set up then please sign up on the sheets at the back of church. The 8 groups meet on different days and times – so hopefully there is a time and place to suit everyone. The groups will meet once a week during Lent – except Holy Week. Last year we had a good response among the Catholic community – let us hope the response is as good this year.

AGM MEETING

This year we will be having a joint AGM for both parishes. The main reason for this is because very soon 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 takes place on Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

It 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.**

SCRIPTURE GROUP: This Tuesday 7pm at St. Matthew's.

SVP: Next meeting Monday 16th February 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery.

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 3rd March at 10.15am in the parish hall.

GIFT AID

N.B. IF YOU HAVE TAKEN A GIFT AID FORM TO FILL IN PLEASE RETURN IT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY

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.

ROME PILGRIMAGE: The total cost 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. Final payments to be made by 17th July – either direct to Mancunia or via Fr. Michael.

THE WHITE FATHERS MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr. Edward Wildsmith.

He is 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.

This Sunday is a day of prayer for all those involved in education.

Let us keep teachers, pupils and all who work in our schools and in any area of education in our prayers.

We remember especially our own 2 primary schools and St. Patrick's.

SPUC: Next meeting in St. Mary's Parish Hall this Thursday at 7pm. New members welcome. Final total for White Flower Appeal came to £312.08.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES: This feast is on Wednesday, it is to be marked by a special Mass at the Cathedral at 7.00pm.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Ministers of Holy Communion many NOT open the tabernacle to take hosts for the sick of the parish even regular visits, without first seeking Fr. Michael's permission. I am aware that this has happened on the odd occasion and now wish to clarify the situation.

BRING AND BUY: At St. Gilbert's school, this Thursday at 2pm. See notice at the back of Church – all welcome.