

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

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**6th Sunday of Easter (A)
Psalter Week 2 and Seasonal Proper**

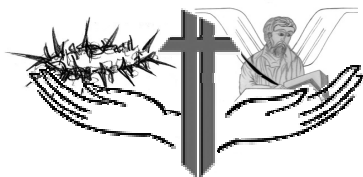
**MASS TIMES
28th April – 4th May 2008**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Easter Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	St. Catherine of Siena		9.15am
Wednesday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass	9.10am at Holy Cross School	
Friday	Rosary St. Athanasius	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Feast of Ss. Philip and James during which baby Ryan Feeney will be baptised		12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday (SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD)	6.30pm	
Sunday	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday 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**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **May devotions** – next Sunday (4th May) – 11.30am at Holy Cross and 2.30pm at St. Matthew's.
- **New Mayor's Civic Mass** – 11.30am on Sunday 1st June at Holy Cross
- **Mass with Bishop Draine** – Friday 13th June at Salford Cathedral.
- **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.

NOVENA TO THE PEPETUAL SUCCOUR

There will be no novena after the noon Mass this Saturday due to a baptism taking place during the Mass.

CATHOLIC PAPERS: If anyone wishes to start receiving a Catholic paper at either Church then please place your order at its piety shop.

SVP: The next meeting is this Monday (28th April) at Holy Cross at 7pm. New members always welcome. Next weekend is there monthly retiring collection.

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; Frank Russell; Kevin Hesketh; Linda McCann; baby Oliver Williams; Mary Hutley; Anne Rourke Mary Smith; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne and Jack Byrne. 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: Mary Goldsmith, Mary Ann Doyle, Maureen Rodgers, Kevin Lampert, John McNally, Winifred Ward.

LATELY DEAD:

Jamila Duffy, Rita Richardson & Michael Holcroft.
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
£331.77	£327.69

PARISH PASTORAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS: 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.

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

Next Sunday (4th May), the first Sunday of 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. Towards 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.

Afterwards there will be refreshments for everybody.

If you can bring some a plate of sandwiches or cake please sign at the back of St. Matthew's.

READERS: Reading rota for St Matthew's now available from the sacristy.

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.

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.

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: Thank you for removing the rubbish from St. Matthew's car park. Please keep an eye on it over the coming months.

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: The amount raised from last week's collection for Ecclesiastical Education Fund will be given next week. As requested the fund will remain open for a couple of weeks for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL The Pope has declared June 2008 – June 2009 a Year of St. Paul in celebration of the 2000th anniversary of his birth. It is reckoned St. Paul was born between 6 – 10 AD. The diocese has organized a series of talks by 4 eminent scholars on St. Paul. These 4 talks promise to make St. Paul accessible to everyone. The talks will help us look more closely at St. Paul and his writings and help us all experience his life and times. If you wish to attend please see poster on the notice board and take a registration form from the back of Church and return it with payment to the address given. The talks take place at Holy Cross Sixth form College, Manchester Road, Bury.

TALK ON LIVERPOOL ROAD Many thanks to Bernard Crowley for a very entertaining evening. It raised £47.00 at the door and £73.50 at the bar.

THANKYOU For a £100.00 donation to Holy Cross.

CURRICULUM EVENING Loreto 6th form College's Curriculum Evening organised for students enrolling in September will be held on Thursday 8th May 2008 from 5.30 – 6.30 pm. The evening is essentially an opportunity to once again visit departmental areas, discuss course choices, meet staff and receive the latest information on college initiatives. Further information from the main office at Loreto College on 0161 226 5156.

MAYOR OF SALFORD The soon to be new Mayor of Salford is Margaret Morris. She has asked for a Mass at Holy Cross to begin her year as Mayor. This will take place on Sunday 1st June at the 11.30 Mass. There will be many guests present.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME There is a meeting for all catechists on the Sacramental Programme this Thursday (1st May) 7pm in the presbytery.

TESCO VOUCHERS Now being collected. There is a box at Holy Cross for Holy Cross School.