

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

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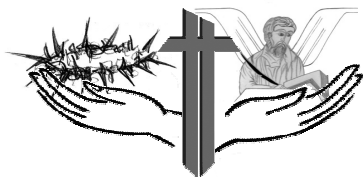
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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i> <i>Reception into Church of Wilfred Power</i>		9.15am 7.00pm
Wednesday	<i>Funeral Mass for Wilfred Power</i>		9.45am
Thursday	<i>Weekday Mass</i>		9.15am
Friday	<i>Funeral Mass for Eileen Kelly</i>	12noon	
Saturday	<i>Benediction</i> <i>Weekday Mass</i> <i>Devotions to the Perpetual Succour</i>		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday</i> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	
Sunday	<i>Mass</i>	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday 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:** The next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 is **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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:** This week SS Peter & Paul Players proudly present "Ali Baba" on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Don McCorriston; Annie Nugent and Peggy Walker. 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:** Harry Banks, Agnes Geeney, Stanley Dodd, Mary Healy

**LATELY DEAD:**

Wilfrid Power, Eileen Kelly, David Brannelly, Sheila Connelly. Thomas Cowie whose funeral is on Monday at Wardley Cemetery

*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>£381.27</b>	<b>£377.35</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Joint AGM for Holy Cross and St. Matthew's** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> February 7pm at St. Matthew's.
- **Lenten Cluster Reconciliation Service** – 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Holy Cross.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**“Guard against foul talk; let your words be for the improvement of others, as occasion offers and do good to your listeners, otherwise you will only be grieving the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with His seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against anyone or call each other names or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.”**

**Ephesians 4:29-32.**

**LENT STUDY GROUPS:** Lent begins on 25<sup>th</sup> 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. **This is your last opportunity to sign up.**

**MAINTENANCE TEAMS:** Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be part of maintenance team for both Churches. Fr Michael is very grateful for all the offers of help he has received. The Parish Office is listing all the offers of help and will contact these names if ever the need arises.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 BY THIS WEDNESDAY**

**The new envelopes are to be prepared this week so all Gift Aid Declarations need to be in this week.**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> July – either direct to Mancunia or via Fr. Michael.

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

**SVP:** Next meeting is this Monday (16<sup>th</sup> Feb) 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. This month's retiring collection came to £140.52 – many thanks.

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S RESCUE SOCIETY:** Some recent Press reports may have given the impression that Catholic Children's Rescue Society is closing. This is not the case. From January 2009 CCRS will no longer be recruiting, assessing or approving adoptive applicants but all services are set to continue.

Most children and most parents are looking forward to half-term break. For many children in care, or in need of care, there is no certainty about where they will be or what they will be doing this break or in the near future. By fostering for CCRS you can make a difference to children's lives. To discuss your interest in fostering please contact Catholic Rescue on 0161 445 7741

**COURAGEOUS CHOICES:** An event for Young Adults wanting to make Courageous Choices on Sunday on 8 March 2009. Begins 9.30 Mass – 3.30 at Sisters of Nazareth Convent, Scholes Lane, Prestwich. Please contact Sr Mary Frances on 07785975961 or email [www.vocinfo@naznptn.plus.com](mailto:www.vocinfo@naznptn.plus.com)

**Quiz Night:** Many thanks to all who organized the recent Quiz Night. It was a very enjoyable evening and the team that won well deserved first place! £53.20 was raised plus £112 on the bar.

**TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS  
AND NOW TOAST  
are available every Sunday  
after the 11.30am Mass  
in the Parish Hall.**

**Why not pop in for a quick drink and chat after Mass?**