

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

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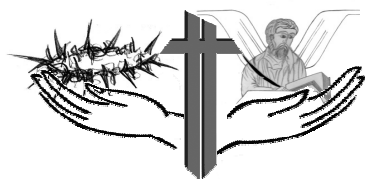
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7th Sunday in Ordinary time

Monday and Tuesday - Psalter Week 3

Wednesday onwards - Psalter Week 4 & Seasonal Proper

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

23rd February – 1st March 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	St. Polycarp <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am

SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY Reception of Edward Murray into Church	See inside for details	See inside for details 7pm
Thursday	Funeral Mass for Edward Murray		<u>11.00am</u>
Friday	<i>Rosary</i> Taize Lenten Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	<i>Lenten Service of Word and Communion</i> Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Lenten Mass of Sunday (1 st Sunday of Lent)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Lenten Sunday Mass Stations of the Cross	11.30am 3.00pm	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday and Tuesday at 9am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.45pm – 6.10pm at Holy Cross only

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat 11am – 11.50am at St. Matthew's

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AND SERVICES

Holy Cross School	9.15am	Service with distribution of ashes.
Holy Cross Church	11.00am	Mass with distribution of ashes.
St. Gilbert's School	2.30pm	Service with distribution of ashes.
St. Matthew's Church	7.00pm	Mass with distribution of ashes.

Please attend whichever suits you best. If you will be going to one of the schools please go to the main entrance and ring the doorbell

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP

The next meeting is this Thursday 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.
Hope to see some new faces.

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.

ABC FAITH GROUP: None this week because of Ash Wednesday.

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.

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; Catherine Ashton; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Don McCorrison; Annie Nugent; Peggy Walker and Maxine Dixon. 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 and Fr. Edmund Willoughby SJ.



ANNIVERSARIES: Bridie Holian

LATELY DEAD:

Edward Murray, Sheila Conneely, Kenneth Stopes, Edward Williams, John Dolan, Lawrence Townsend & Fr Michael Hartley.

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
£344.95	£300.19

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

KNITTING GROUP - CHANGE OF DATE: The Knitting Group now meets **every other Monday**. If interested in joining or would like to learn how to knit you tele: Marie 288 9389 or Christine 789 1820 for further details.

LENT 2009 IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“Finally, grow strong in the Lord, with the strength of His power. Put God's armour on so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics. For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle but against the Sovereignities and the Powers who originate the darkness in this world, the spiritual army of evil in the heavens. That is why you must rely on God's armour or you will not be able to put up any resistance when the worst happens or have enough resources to hold the ground.” Ephesians 6:10-13.

This year's Lenten journey begins this Wednesday with the receiving of ashes.

As we receive the ashes the words,

“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” will be said.

That is the purpose of Lent – to once more, as St. Paul says above, to put on God's armour as to be able to resist the temptations of sin.

May we all embrace this holy time and build up the resources we need to continue our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come and receive the ashes on Wednesday and begin Lent in prayer and in the celebration of the Mass.

To aid you spiritually in this time of Lent:

Stations of the Cross - Every Sunday during Lent at 3pm.

Next week we begin at Holy Cross.

Lenten Taize Mass - During Lent our Friday evening Mass will have Taize music to aid our Lenten prayer.

Lenten Reconciliation Service (Cluster event) – Tuesday 24th March 7.30pm at Holy Cross.

SVP: Next meeting is Monday 2nd March 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. March's retiring collection is next weekend.

BAPTISM COURSE: Next baptism is **Thursday 12th March** - 7pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

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?

AGM MEETING

THIS TUESDAY AT 7.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

This year we will be having a joint AGM for both parishes. 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.

Hopefully there will be a good turnout - it's your parish and it is important to support Fr. Michael as best we can.

LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDERS: Available at the back of church are copies of "*Walk with Me. A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2009.*" In the book is a reading and thought for every day of Lent. Cost is £1. Why not allow this booklet to accompany you on your Lenten journey.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This is a day of fasting and abstinence. All who are healthy between 18-60 are to fast (i.e. eat and drink less) and all Catholics over 14 are to abstain from meat.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: None this week due to AGM.

KNOCK: You may be interested to know that Knock Shrine has recently opened its first shop in the UK at 101 Deansgate in Manchester opposite Forsyth's music shop. They sell a range of religious books, gifts and souvenirs. Open 10am – 5.30pm Mon – Sat.

SATURDAY: Please note there will be no confessions or Mass next Saturday morning due to Fr Michael having to attend the Eye Hospital.

ON SALE: Stations of the Cross by Dominic Allain. £2.50 in the piety shop.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM: Takes place on Saturday 2nd May. St Charles, Mooreside are organizing a bus to take and bring people back. If you would like to go please ring Vin Condtan on 793 3612. The cost of the coach is £15 for adults £8.00 16 years and under. See notice board for details.

MISSION APPEAL: The joint total for the White Father's Mission Appeal was £551.04.

WOMEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March 7.30pm at Worsley Road, Methodist Church, Swinton.

