

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

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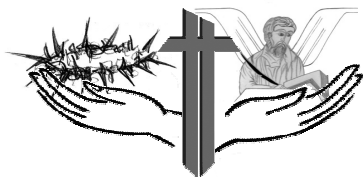
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EASTER SUNDAY

Psalter Week 1 and Seasonal Proper

MASS TIMES

13th – 19th April 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Mass of the Easter Octave	10.30am	
Tuesday	Mass of the Easter Octave		7.30pm
Wednesday	Mass of the Easter Octave	9.15am	
Thursday	Mass of the Easter Octave		9.15am
Friday	Mass of the Easter Octave	9.15am	
Saturday	Benediction Mass of the Easter Octave Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Easter Mass of Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 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)**

DIVINE MERCY

Next Sunday - the 2nd Sunday of Easter - is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The day is dedicated to the devotion of the Divine Mercy promoted by St. Faustina. On the 30th April 2000 (2nd Sunday after Easter) St. Faustina was canonized by Pope John Paul II and he designated this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. To mark this day there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions at St. Mary's, Eccles beginning at 2pm. At 3pm there will be the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Mass and blessing of the relic of St Faustina.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Holy Cross on a Friday evening after Mass. This will begin on Friday 24th April. The Chaplet will be offered for the priesthood and vocations for the priesthood. We shall see how it goes on Friday evenings then review it.

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.

SVP: Next meeting is Monday 20th April - 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. The April's SVP collection will be on 19th April.

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; Kath Goring and Nora Barlow.



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: William Cusack, Winifred Levy, Michael Mannion, Joseph Mannion, Thomas Walsh, Winifred Knight, Frances McVey, Fr George Dalston, Fr William Gornall

LATELY DEAD:

Sandy Martin

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
£348.48	£481.53

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Easter Bingo** – tomorrow (13th April) – 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Holy Cross Day of Prayer for Vocations** – this 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.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

“From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2

These are the words written by St. Paul at the beginning of his second letter to the Christians of Thessalonika.

And now, after the 6 weeks of Lent and having walked with Christ through Holy Week I too wish you and your families grace and peace – the grace and peace that floods upon us from the Father and the risen and glorified Christ.

It is right that we now rejoice and shout alleluia!

And so for the next 50 days, till Pentecost, we will celebrate the message of Easter.

Many thanks to everyone who has played their part in enabling our parish community to celebrate our Holy Week and Easter Triduum with great dignity and solemnity. I appreciate your continuing help, support and encouragement.

SVP SOCIAL: 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 available if required.

THE AMALGAMATION

Please look at the map of the new parish boundaries. The amalgamation of Holy Cross, St. Matthew's and St. Gilbert's will take place soon. Fr. McCann will continue to look after the St. Gilbert's part of the new parish. I will become the new and first Parish Priest. Please keep myself, Fr. McCann and all the 3 parishes in your prayers at this beginning of a new era. I will keep you informed of developments.

BAPTISM COURSE: Next course is the Thursday 7th May – 7.00pm at Holy Cross. See Fr. Michael beforehand if you wish to attend.

	<h2><u>EASTER BINGO</u></h2> <p>THIS EASTER MONDAY (13th APRIL) in the Parish Hall. Starts 6pm £1 per adult and 50p per child</p>	
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EASTER FLOWERS: Many thanks for the money collected for Easter flowers.

CREDENCE TABLE: Many thanks to the parishioner who has bought Holy Cross a credence table. They wish to remain anonymous but Fr Michael is delighted with the gift. As we had been collecting for it via the Whiskey Bottle we will now collect for a new purple vestment.

65 YEARS OF MARRIAGE: Joan and Bernard Chinnery celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on the 10th April. *God bless you both on your special day.*

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Saturday 2nd May. The coach leaves St Matthew's at 6.45am and returns between 10 – 10.30pm. See Les Doherty after Mass at St Matthew's. The cost is £15 adult £8 for children – please pay when booking.

THANK YOU: Many thanks for a donation of £100 towards the repair of the church windows at Holy Cross. The donation came from Proctor & Gamble Ltd. A letter of thanks has been written.

PRO-LIFE CHAIN: A pro-life chain is being organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) in Eccles Saturday 25th April from 11am – 1pm, situated at Eccles Old Rd, nr Hope Hospital. The chain is a peaceful and silent kerbside vigil and will be witnessed by thousands of passing motorists. Please join the chain and show your support for a culture of life in our country. More information from Pat Dale on 789 6227.

200 CLUB MARCH DRAW: £100 238 G Milward, £30 217 M Crowley, £20 192 B Chinnery, £10 186 L Smith.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Fr Michael would like to change the date of the next Finance Committee from Thursday 30th April to Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm at Holy Cross – apologies for the change.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Friday is the day allocated to Holy Cross. Mass on Friday (9.15am) will be for vocations to the priesthood. Please make this a special intention in your prayers on Friday.