

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

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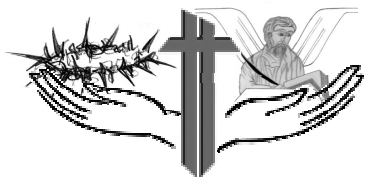
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**EASTER SUNDAY (A)  
Psalter Week 1 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS TIMES  
24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Mass of the Easter Octave	10.30am	
Tuesday	Easter Octave <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	Easter Octave Funeral Mass for Jane Reardon	10.00am	
Thursday	Mass of the Easter Octave		9.15am
Friday	Rosary Mass of the Easter Octave	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Mass of the Easter Octave		12noon
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Easter Mass of Sunday (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)	6.30pm	
Sunday	Easter Mass	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: 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)***

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Easter Bingo** – Tomorrow 24<sup>th</sup> March (Easter Monday) at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Confirmations** – with the bishop on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am at St. Mary's.
- **Talk about Liverpool Road by Bernard Crowley** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Mass with Bishop Draine**y – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Salford Cathedral.
- **Quiz Night** – 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- **Joint Parish Social** – 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Conservative Club.

**PARISH PASTORAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS:** The meeting in April will be a joint one between Holy Cross and St. Matthew's. This will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Next instalment of **£200 per person by next Sunday**. Final payments need to be in by 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**BAPTISM:** Next baptism course is **this Tuesday** (25<sup>th</sup> March) at 7pm at the Presbytery. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to attend.

**AWAY FROM THE PULPIT:** The March edition is now ready, please take one home. When you have read pass it onto a neighbour. Any articles for the June edition can be placed in the red box at the back of both Churches.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**SICK:** Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Hannah Murphy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Adlam; Maureen Lundy; Martin Fleming; Winnie Roddy; Josie Brennan; Patricia Collinge; Edith Tyldesley; Joe Cawley; Francis Muller; Joan Koslow; Winifred Johnson; Anne Curley; Michael Holcroft; John Corbett; Frank Russell; Kevin Hesketh; Linda McCann and baby Oliver Williams. 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:** Winifred Levy, David Smith, Doris Yates, Frank Kightly, Patrick Burke & Bill Hampton

### LATELY DEAD:

Frank Devlin, Jane Reardon & Joan Ridgeway whose funeral is on Thursday at Peel Green Cemetery at 2pm  
***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>£491.67</b>	<b>£342.73</b>

# EASTER BINGO

**THIS EASTER MONDAY (24<sup>th</sup> MARCH)**

**in the Parish Hall**

**Starts 6pm**

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Now available from the back of the church.

**SVP:** The next meeting is on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> march at Holy Cross Presbytery at 7pm. New members always welcome.

**HALL BAR:** A meeting to discuss the running of the Parish Hall bar will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at the Presbytery at 7.15pm.

**ROAD BLOCK:** Please allow a little more time travelling to Church if you live at the other side of the blockade. There are two ways to get to through – via the motorway or via Green Lane. While this situation lasts it is important to keep supporting our two Churches. It is still passable if you are on foot.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Many thanks for the money collected for Easter flowers.

## CHILDRENS LITURGY

The possibility of a children's liturgy at the 9am Mass was raised at the St. Matthew's AGM. We now need to recruit catechists for a rota.

**We have 5 volunteers so far – need at least 1 more.**

If you are interested please see Fr. Michael as soon as possible.

**BAPTISM COURSE REMINDER:** The next baptism course is this Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup> March) at 7pm at the Presbytery.

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION:** St Mary's next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. At 2pm there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession. At 3pm there is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Mass and blessing of the relic of St Faustina, Leaflets about St Faustina and the Divine Mercy Novena can be found at the back of church.

**CAKE SALE:** Will take place at Holy Cross on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April. This is to help raise funds for the parish. We are looking for volunteers to bake cakes. If you are willing please sign your name on the sheets at the back of Holy Cross.

**“Faith is to believe what we do not see;  
and the reward of this faith  
is to see what we believe.”**

St. Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430AD)

**SALFORD DIOCESE FAITH AND JUSTICE COMMISSION:** To celebrate the anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's murder a justice and peace celebration will take place at St John the Baptist church Burnley on 5<sup>th</sup> April 3-5pm. See notice board for details.

**THANK YOU:** Joseph Mylador has kindly donated a Cross and candlesticks for Mass at Holy Cross School. This means we can now use the money collected in the whiskey bottle to buy a small table church which would be useful for funerals.

**SPONSORED PILGRIM WALK:** Michael Clark manager of the SVP furniture store is taking part in a sponsored pilgrim walk in aid of the Oznam holiday centre situated in Wales. The centre provides holidays for poor families. Forms for donations will be at the back of church next weekend. SVP members will collect donations after Mass weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please support this worthy cause.

#### VOCATIONS

St Mary Magdalene first sought the Lord in the early hours of the morning. The prayers of Holy Contemplatives remain the most powerful way of drawing people to discover the Risen Lord. We beg the Lord for courageous souls to undertake this role. If God is calling you, contact Fr David Featherstone, the vocations director on 0161 681 1410.

**HAPPY EASTER:** Ellen Knowles is unable to be with us this year for our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning Mass at Holy Cross. She has gone on pilgrimage to Lourdes – which this year is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She would like to wish you all a very happy Easter.

#### ***EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL***

After the 6 weeks of Lent and having walked with Christ through Holy Week it is time to rejoice and shout alleluia!

The Lord is risen!!

Now for the next 50 days, till Pentecost, we will be celebrating the message of Easter. May the blessings of the risen Christ come down upon you and all your families.

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.

*" The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.*

*This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes." Alleluia! Alleluia!*