

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

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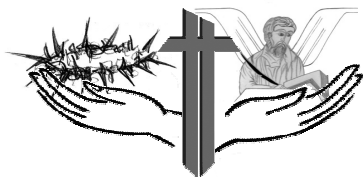
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**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Psalter Week 1**

**and Proper of Seasons**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

**29<sup>th</sup> Dec – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Christmas Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Funeral Mass for Susan Murphy	10.00am	
Wednesday	Christmas Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Reception into Church of Eileen Murray		12noon 7.00pm
Friday	Ss. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen Funeral Mass for Eileen Murray		10.00am
Saturday	Benediction Christmas Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY	6.30pm	
Sunday	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: Monday 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**

**SVP:** Next SVP meeting is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. This month's SVP collection came to £156.04.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2009**

Our cluster pilgrimage to Rome will be from 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The cost is approx £700 - only when all flights have been booked can a final price be given. The price is on a B&B basis in a hotel near St. Peter's and includes a day trip to Assisi.  
See Fr. Michael for a booking form - deposit is £180.  
The single supplement is £171.50.  
**Final booking deadline is January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHRISTMAS BINGO:** A total of £378 was raised at the Christmas Bingo last weekend – many thanks. The amount raised with the Christmas Draw will be announced soon.

**SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP:** Next meeting is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7pm in our Parish Hall. See notice board for minutes of last meeting.

**THANKYOU:** Many thanks to all those who came to help give Holy Cross Church a good clean for Christmas. A belated thank you to those who decorated the Parish Hall for Christmas.

**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; baby Peter Mark Carey; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Catherine Ashton; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Anne Rourke; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; Philomena Noone; Margaret Ward; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Don McCorrison and Annie Nugent. 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:** Marie Read; Arthur Read; Rachel Brown; Harry Johnson; Harry Pennington; Mervyn Ringrow; Jean Evans and Gerald Quinn.

**LATELY DEAD:**

Susan Murphy; Eileen Murray and McNally.  
***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>£315.13</b>	<b>£283.01</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Christmas Musical Evening** – Next Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.
- **Parish Social and Pastoral Group** – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan in Parish Hall.
- **Churches together in Eccles "United Service for Christian Unity Week"** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 7.00pm at Holy Cross.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**ABC FAITH GROUP:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Presbytery.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Sr. Rita from Salford Children's Rescue will be giving the training sessions to those who wish to be part of the Bereavement Support Group that we hope to set up in the parish. She has met with Fr. Michael to discuss the training and before it begins she would like to meet the volunteers. Therefore, a get together has been arranged for **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am in the Parish Hall.** It will have finished by 11.00am. If you will be coming can you let Fr. Michael know as soon as possible.

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING

"An Evening of Inspirational and Seasonal Music" will take place

#### NEXT SUNDAY

4<sup>th</sup> January at St. Matthew's – begins 7pm.

**Tickets on sale this at St. Matthew's and Holy Cross.**

Admission is £3 adults and £1 children – includes refreshments.

At Holy Cross please see Fr. Michael.

Would like to take part in the evening? Contact David Glynn-Whitehead on 794 1006.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** No more meetings till the new year.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ:** This year's Christmas Quiz is even harder than last years. The quiz is something you can do if you get bored over the Christmas holiday. There is a prize for the winner. Quiz is available at the 200 Club table at Holy Cross and from Fr Michael at St Matthews at £1 per copy. Entries need to be in by noon next Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> January).

**SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This year the Churches Together in Eccles Service of Prayer for Christian Unity is taking place at Holy Cross Church. It is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm. It is about 11 years since it last took place at Holy Cross. As we are the hosts it would be nice to have a good turn out from both parish communities.

**APF MISSION BOXES – ST. MATTHEW'S:** The total amount raised for September and October came to £118.

**PARISH DIARIES:** There are free parish diaries at the back of both churches. There are not enough for everyone so please only take one for yourselves. First come first served.

**WHISKEY BOTTLE:** Please continue to put any spare loose change into the whiskey bottle at the back of Holy Cross. At the moment we are collecting for a small credence table (a small portable table) – this will be of great use for funerals and baptism. The money we raise this way is a great help financially. Already we have purchased the gold vestment we use for Christmas and Easter and the new green hymn books.

**OLD PRAYER BOOK:** A very old prayer book has been found in Holy Cross Church. It obviously has sentimental value. Please see Fr. Michael.

**PLAY GROUP:** Sadly after many years the play group that met in the Parish Hall every Monday and Friday has closed. It was a great asset for the local community and they will be missed.

**CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR**  
**IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL**

**“In the meantime, brothers, we wish you happiness;  
try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace and the  
God of love and peace will be with you...  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all”  
2 Corinthians 13:11,13.**

And so we come to the end of another year – and once again I would like to thank you all for your help, advice and prayers over the last 12 months. I can only fulfil my role of Parish Priest effectively because of your much appreciated support.

2009 will (hopefully) be the year when we truly become one parish – and so the coming year promises to be a very important one. What we are building now will affect future generations – our children and grandchildren.

Be assured – Christ is walking with us into this new era.

Many thanks for the cards, gifts and words of support I have received over the last few weeks. I am grateful.

As we enter 2009 may we take to heart the above words of St. Paul – may they inspire us in the days and months to come. In his own words – may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and your families throughout 2009.

Happy New Year.

**Fr Michael**