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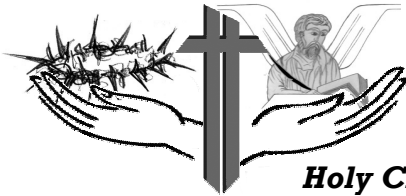
## ST MATTHEW'S, WINTON

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

**Psalter Week 2 and Seasonal Proper**

### MASS AND SERVICE TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	Lent Holy Week Mass	7.30pm	
Tuesday	Lent Holy Week Mass		9.15am at St. Gilbert's School
Wednesday	Lent Holy Week Mass	9.15am at Holy Cross School	

### EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday	<u>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</u> <i>Watching at Altar of Repose until 10.30pm finishing with Night Prayer</i>	7.30pm	
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross  <u>SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</u>	3.00pm	11.00am
Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer of the Church  <u>EASTER VIGIL</u> <i>First Mass of Easter</i>	8.15pm	10.00am
Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass	11.30am	9am

*Morning Prayer: Holy Saturday at 10.00am*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**The last opportunity this Lent to celebrate the Sacrament will be at Holy Cross  
on Wednesday 7pm – 7.30pm**

**N.B. There will be no Confessions on Good Friday or next Saturday**

**FEET WASHING:** We need 12 volunteers for feet washing during the evening Mass on Maundy Thursday. Please see Fr Michael or Bob Hampton if you are willing to volunteer.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** All altar servers will be required for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the older ones for the Easter Vigil. It doesn't matter what Church they normally serve at. The letter you have received tells you what time for our practices. If you serve at St. Matthew's please make sure you bring your alb with you. This is a good opportunity to say thank you to them and their parents. We should very proud of them. They serve with great enthusiasm. At we moment we have 24 altar servers!!!

**RECEPTION INTO CHURCH:** This year we have no-one in our parish to be received into the Church. However, throughout the diocese there are a 115 people either being baptised or who are already baptised and are being received into the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil. Let us keep them in our prayers.

**SVP:** Next meeting is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - 7pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery. The April's SVP collection will be on 19<sup>th</sup> 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:** Julia Mannion, William Dixon and Owen Callaghan.

**LATELY DEAD:**

Winnie Traynor, Teresa Jennings and Irene Beckitt.  
*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>£404.28</b>	<b>£222.54</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Easter Bingo** – Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Holy Cross Day of Prayer for Vocations** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – 7.00pm in Parish Hall
- **Confirmations** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am at Holy Cross.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Quiz Night** – 9<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.

**SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2009:** This takes place between Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk).

### LENT 2009 IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“...let us put on faith and love for a breastplate and the hope of salvation for a helmet.” *1 Thessalonians 4:8b*

**May the words of St. Paul inspire us in these last few days of Lent.**

A series of 4 talks on St. Paul will take place at St. Gabriel's RC High School – first one 21<sup>st</sup> April. See notice board for further details.

### EASTER FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

There will be a retiring collection this weekend.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** This Tuesday 7.00pm at St. Matthew's Presbytery.

### GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

An walk of witness takes place at 6pm on Good Friday. It starts at the Eccles Salvation Army (next to St. Mary's Catholic Church) and will finish at Holy Cross where there will be a short ten minute service.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Will be prayed at Holy Cross on a Friday evening after Mass. Will commence Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be offered for the priesthood and vocations for the priesthood. We shall see how it goes on Friday evenings then review it.

### HOLY WEEK POSTERS

Take a Holy Week poster home and display it where people passing your house can see it.

This is one very visible way we can witness to our faith.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The children who are preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion will be taking part in the procession of palms. Please keep them in your prayers.

### EASTER VIGIL PREPARATIONS

We will be preparing Holy Cross Church for the Easter Vigil **from 10.45am onwards** on Saturday morning. As many volunteers as possible would be appreciated. It would be good if the church could have a good spring clean.

**GOOD FRIDAY - EASTER FAST:** Please note Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On **Palm Sunday** at Holy Cross at 3pm  
On **Good Friday** at St. Matthew's at 11.00am  
The church will be open 30mins beforehand for quiet prayer.

**SVP SOCIAL:** For senior citizens and takes place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### EASTER BINGO

This will take place on Easter Monday (13<sup>th</sup> April) March in the Parish Hall.  
Begins 6pm. £1 per adult 50p per child.

**SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP:** Next meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

### THE AMALGAMATION

Please look at the map of the new parish boundaries. The amalgamation of Holy Cross, St. Matthew and St. Gilbert will hopefully take place in the next 4-6 weeks. Fr. McCann will continue to look after the St. Gilbert 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.



### EASTER TRIDUUM 2009

Maundy Thursday marks the end of our Lenten journey. On Thursday evening we begin what we call the **EASTER TRIDUUM** (Latin for 'the 3 days') with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At this Mass we remember how Christ washed the feet of the Apostles and instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood. We then walk with Christ to the Garden of Gethsemane (Altar of Repose). On Good Friday we celebrate Christ's death. On Holy Saturday falls quiet as we await the Lord's resurrection and then that very night we light the Easter fire and so begin our celebration of Easter. It will then be time to renew our baptismal promises.

This Holy week sees us move from Lent to Easter – from the Desert to the Promised Land.

None of us should miss celebrating the events of this week.  
May we all give time to Christ over the coming 8 days and follow in His footsteps.