

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

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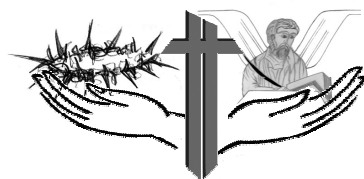
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**SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL
Psalter week 1**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
29th June – 5th July 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome		<u>N. B.</u> 7.30pm
Wednesday	St. Oliver Plunkett	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass	9.15am at Holy Cross School	
Friday	Feast of St. Thomas Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet	N.B. 9.15am 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30am	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday, Wednesday 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)**

IRISH NIGHT: On Friday 17th July in the Parish Hall. Only 4 tickets left.

PARISH SUMMER DAY TRIP

To Conway and Llandudno on Thursday 6th August. £12.00 per adult and £6.00 per child. All altar servers go free and accompanying adult can go at the child rate. Pay at 200 Club table (Holy Cross) or with Des Doherty (St. Matthew's) or Parish Office. **9 PLACES LEFT**

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Every Tuesday at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.

FR. MICHAEL - is away till Tuesday afternoon. If you need to contact a priest before then please ring Fr. Livesey at St. Mary's on 789 3236.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

The 3 Vincentian Volunteers who have been living in St Matthew's presbytery since last September are coming to the end of their time with us. It has been great to have them and they will be missed. We wish them all well for the future. Let us keep them in our prayers. They may be around for another week or two till they have sorted out future accommodation. New volunteers will arrive in September.

SVP LUNCH AND SOCIAL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

At the Brown Cow on 7th July 12.30pm - 4.00pm. Entertainment by Bridie O'Brien. Free raffle. Transport available. Cost £5. The SVP would be grateful if any parishioner could help bring people to this event. If you can help ring Bob Hampton on 288 1498. The next SVP meeting is this Monday - 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - CATECHISTS: Would you be prepared to be a catechist for the next Sacramental Programme starting in September? If interested or wish to know more please see Fr. Michael.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Bill Hand; Fred Johonnett; Stephen Curley; Louise Curley; Michael Duffy; Winifred Strenstrom; Maureen Lundy; Winnie Roddy; Joe Cawley; Oliver Williams; Mona Lindley; Anne Boyne; Marie Thompson; Lily Prescott; Chris McHugh; Josie Brennan; Chris Baines; Dorothy Pirie; John Bosco Whitehead; Cecilia McFarlane; Kath Goring; Nora Barlow; Frank Gilligan; Delia Royle; Ann Murphy and Clair Yates. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Peter Gooden; Fr. Patrick Keane and Fr. John Reynolds.



ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Dawson.

LATELY DEAD

Ann McDonough and Jennifer Riley.
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
£397.85	£536.34

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Holy Cross School Summer Fayre** – this Sat – 11.00am – 2.00pm.
- **Marie Mackie receives the Benemerenti medal at our annual “Thank You” Mass with buffet afterwards** – Fri 10th July – 7pm at Holy Cross.
- **St. Gilbert’s School Summer Fayre** – Saturday 11th July – 1pm - 4pm.
- **Irish Night** – Friday 17th July in Parish Hall – 7.30pm – 11.00pm.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August.
- **Parish Summer Trip to Conway and Llandudno** – Thursday 6th August.
- **Pastoral & Social Group meeting** – Wed 2nd Sept – 7pm in Parish Hall.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell** – Saturday 5th September.
- **Annual Holy Cross car-park clear up** – Saturday 26th September.
- **Quiz Night** – 9th October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Local history Talk by Bernard Crowley** – Friday 23rd October – 7.30pm.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13th – at Patricroft Conservative Club.

SOCIAL AND PASTORAL GROUP: Next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd September – 7pm in the Parish Hall.

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

“But you, our Lord, are kind, loyal and slow to anger,
and you govern all things with mercy”. Wisdom 15:1

LIVING FAITH: July – Sept now available from piety shops - price 70p.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

One of the aims of this special year is to highlight the need to pray for all our priests.

Here is a prayer handed into Fr. Michael recently:

“Lord Jesus, the ministry of priests is a sign of your unfailing care. Call from among us the priests needed for the Church of today and tomorrow. Bless all students for the priesthood. Grant them joy, wisdom, courage and a generous spirit. Sustain priests with a real sense of your love and the support of those they are called to serve. Keep them faithful to their calling. Amen.”

Christopher Robertson is a student for the priesthood and will be with us in the parish for 2-3 weeks. He is in the early stages of his training and he will be arriving this Wednesday. Fr. Michael is sure you will make him feel most welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: The Bereavement Support Group meets in the Parish Hall every first Tuesday in the month except August. Next meeting is Tuesday 7th July from 10.00am – 12noon.

BENEMERENTI MEDAL AND MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Marie Mackie will be given her Benemerenti medal at a Mass at 7pm on Friday 10th July. This will be combined with our annual “Thank You” Mass for all every body does in the parish – to which every one is invited. A parish buffet to celebrate Marie’s award will take place after the Mass.

There is a list at the back of both churches for people to volunteer to bring food along for the buffet. This is a parish celebration and so Fr. Michael would like as many people as possible to be involved.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

“From Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus and from our brother Timothy; to our dear fellow worker Philemon and our sister Apphia, our fellow soldier Archippus and the church that meets in your house; wishing you the grace and the peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” *Philemon 1-3*

With these words of St. Paul at the start of his shortest New Testament letter we come to the end of our celebration of the “Year of St. Paul”.

Throughout the last year this newsletter has given us snippets from all his letters. May we continue to read his writings and meditate upon them throughout our lives. He is a great source of inspiration for us as we continue our journey of faith here on earth.

Let us conclude with his last words in his letter to Philemon,

“May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit”. *Philemon 25*

May St. Paul pray for us.

PILGRIMAGES TO ROME AND OBERAMMERGAU: The Oberammergau payment needs to be made by 31st July – this will be £350 per person. The final payment for this year’s Rome Pilgrimage needs to be made by 17th July – you may pay direct to Mancunia or through Fr. Michael.

The final celebration of this year’s Sacramental Programme for St. Matthew’s takes place next weekend at the 9am Mass.

Holy Cross’ final celebration is on Sunday 12th July at the 11.30 am Mass.

These final celebrations will be Masses of thanksgiving to God and to pray for the future of our children and their families as they continue to grow in faith.

At these Masses the children will receive their certificates for Confirmation and Holy Communion.

NARROW BOAT TRIP: This took place on Wednesday. Thank you to those who organised it.

PETER’S PENCE: This weekend is the annual retiring collection for Peter’s Pence. The money is to help the pope in his work.

AWAY FROM THE PULPIT: June edition is now out. Please take one home with you. When you have finished reading it pass it on to another Catholic household near you.

SCHOOL FAYRES

THIS SATURDAY (4th July) is Holy Cross School Fayre 11am - 2pm.

St Gilberts School Fayre is the following Saturday (11th July) 1pm - 4pm.

Please come along and support both fayres.

We have 2 good schools and it is only right we support them in these fundraising events.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Friday is at 9.15am and the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are at 7.00pm. This is due to Fr. Michael having to be somewhere else on Friday evening,