

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

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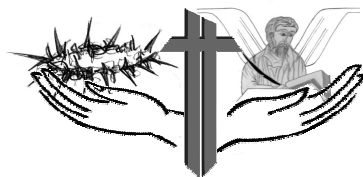
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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Psalter Week 3 and Seasonal Proper**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
25th – 31st May 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	St. Bede	10.00am	
Tuesday	St. Philip Neri <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>		9.15am
Wednesday	St. Augustine of Canterbury	9.15am	
Thursday	Easter Weekday Mass		9.15am
Friday	Easter Weekday Mass with the awarding of the Benemerenti medal to Philip Cusack	7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction Easter Weekday Mass Devotions to the Perpetual Succour St.		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st MASS OF PENTECOST	6.30am	
Sunday	PENTECOST	11.30am	9am

**Morning Prayer: Monday at 9.45am
Tuesday, Wednesday 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: Sat 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)**

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: The amount raised for Ecclesiastical Education Fund was £190.56. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep all the children who are now only weeks away from their First Holy Communion.

PARISH RAMBLE
**THE NEXT RAMBLE IS TOMORROW – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY.
MEET AT BOOTHSTOWN MARINA. WE WILL BE WALKING TO ASTLEY
GREEN. TOTAL LENGTH OF WALK IS APPROX 4 MILES.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: The Bereavement Support Group will now meet every first Tuesday in the month – beginning on 2nd June. The Parish Hall will be open from 10.00am till 12noon for anyone who may wish to pop in for a chat. This is a support group run by volunteers many of whom have suffered bereavements themselves. There will always be Mass beforehand at Holy Cross for those who wish to attend.

Today is World Communications Day.
**We are asked to pray especially today for the work of the Catholic
Communications Network (CNN). The CNN provides support to our bishops in
promoting the Gospel in the media.**
Envelopes are at the back of Church if you wish to make a donation.

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP: The next Pastoral and Social Group meeting is Thursday 18th June at 7.00pm.

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 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; Nora Barlow; Frank Gilligan; Delia Royle; Audrey Kelly and Joe O'Neill. Please also remember the housebound, all in hospital, nursing and residential homes; Fr. Peter Gooden; Fr. Patrick Keane and Fr. John Reynolds.



ANNIVERSARIES: Sarah Nuttall & Vincent Johnstone.

LATELY DEAD
Colin Whitfield, Charles Ward & Margaret Ward.
*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
£324.18	£285.57

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Parish Ramble** – this Monday - meet 11.00am at Boothstown Marina.
- **Holy Cross First Holy Communion** – Sunday 14th June at 11.30am.
- **Churches Together Unity Service** – Sunday 14th June at 3pm.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thursday 18th June – at St. Matthew's.
- **St. Matthew's First Holy Communion** – Saturday 20th June at 10.30am.
- **Narrow Boat Trip on the canal** – Wednesday 24th June – starts 6.30pm.
- **Holy Cross School Summer Fayre** – Sat 4th July – 11.00am – 2.00pm.
- **St. Gilbert's School Summer Fayre** – Saturday 11th July.
- **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.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell** – Saturday 5th September.
- **Quiz Night** – 9th October – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Parish Social** – Friday Nov 13th – at Patricroft Conservative Club.

SVP: Next meeting is Monday 1st June - 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery.

NARROW BOAT TRIP: WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE

Beginning at Worsley Basin and costs £13 which includes a hot pot supper and a quiz. Boat leaves Worsley Basin at 6.30pm

6 places still available. Book after Mass or at Parish Office.

ABC FAITH GROUP: The ABC faith group will begin again in September. If you wish to explore your Catholic faith or are thinking about becoming a Catholic or are just curious about the faith why not come along. See Fr. Michael over the coming months if you are interested.

IRISH NIGHT - WITH NATHAN CARTER

Friday 17th July in the Parish Hall.

Tickets £5 - on sale soon.

OBERAMMERGAU: Forms and deposits need to be in by next Sunday.

FR. MULLIN

Fr. Mullin former Parish Priest of St. Matthew's celebrates his 50th anniversary as a priest on 31st May. As like last Sunday there will be a retiring collection at St. Matthew's this weekend.

If anyone else wishes to make a donation please see Fr. Michael. The money raised will be sent to Fr. Mullin with our prayers and best wishes.

A cake sale for Fr. Mullin's Golden Jubilee takes place today (Sunday) after the 9.00am Mass at St. Matthew's.

BAPTISM: The next baptism course is Wednesday 17th June – please see Fr. Michael first if you wish to attend.

PLANT SALE

At Holy Cross after the 6.30pm and 11.30am Masses this weekend

All proceeds go to parish funds.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIE MACKIE

who has been honoured by Pope Benedict XVI with the Benemerenti Medal.

This is given after long and exceptional service to the Church and community.

Benemerenti means well and deserving.

In a letter from Bishop Draine (former Parish Priest of Holy Cross) he says this honour for Marie is "very richly deserved".

A special Mass will be arranged for the giving of this honour.

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

YEAR OF ST. PAUL IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

"Then I am reminded of the sincere faith which you (Timothy) have; it came first to live in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and I have no doubt that it is the same faith in you as well.

That is why I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity but the Spirit of power and love and self control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for His own purpose and by His own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death and He has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News and I have been named its herald, its apostle and its teacher.

It is only on account of this that I am experiencing fresh hardships here and now; but I have not lost confidence, because I know who it is that I have to put my trust in and I have no doubt at all that He is able to take care of all that I have entrusted to Him until that Day." 2 Timothy 1:5-12

THANK YOU: For the donation of £100 to Holy Cross and for a donation of £300 towards a green vestment for St. Mathew's.

Philip Cusack from St. Gilbert's will receive his Benemerenti honour at our Friday Mass this week. You are all invited to join him for this special occasion.

On behalf of St. Gilbert's, Holy Cross and St. Matthew's we offer him our congratulations.

There will be no rosary or Divine Chaplet on Friday. Fr Michael

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

May this month deepen our devotion to the Mother of God. Queen of Heaven pray for us now and at our of our death.

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