

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

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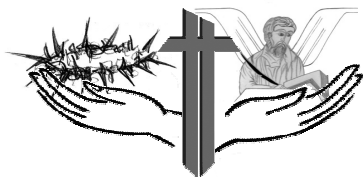
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**Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord
Psalter Week 1 and Proper of Seasons**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES
12th – 18th January 2009**

		Holy Cross	St Matthew's
Monday	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday	Weekday Mass		9.15am
Wednesday	Weekday Mass	9.15am	
Thursday	Weekday Mass	9.10am at Holy Cross School	
Friday	Rosary Weekday Mass	6.40pm 7.00pm	
Saturday	Benediction St. Anthony Devotions to the Perpetual Succour		11.50am 12noon after Mass
Saturday (Vigil)	1 st Mass of Sunday 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	
Sunday	Mass	11.30am	9am

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday 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: 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)**

SVP: Next SVP meeting is on Monday 19th January 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery.

SOCIAL & PASTORAL GROUP: Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Thursday. Fr. Michael appreciates your attendance. The next meeting is on 26th February at 7pm at St. Matthew's Church.

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.

CATECHIST'S MEETING: The next meeting for the Sacramental Programme catechists is *this Tuesday* (13th January) at 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery.

HOLY LAND REUNION: A reunion will take place for all those who went to the Holy Land *this Thursday* (15th January). We will begin with Mass at Holy Cross at 7pm followed by a get together in the parish hall. Bring your photographs along. If possible could you bring some light refreshments for us all to share.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: For all members of the finance committee the next meeting is 29/1/09 at 7.30pm at the presbytery.

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; 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: Rowland Lamb, Tom Roddy & Agnes McCarthy

LATELY DEAD:

Winnie Gibbons, Joe Hughes, Andrew Parry, Doreen Flint, Owen McCarthy & Mike Cosgrove.

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
£310.47	£259.99

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Churches together in Eccles "United Service for Christian Unity Week** – next Sunday 18th January – 7.00pm at Holy Cross.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 6th February – 7.30pm in Parish Hall.
- **Annual Missions Appeal (White Fathers)** - 7th/8th February.
- **Social & Pastoral meeting** – Thurs 26th February 7pm at St. Matthew's.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Saturday 2nd May.

ABC FAITH GROUP: This Wednesday – 7.15pm 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. Before it begins she would like to meet the volunteers. Therefore, a get together has been arranged for **Tuesday 20th 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.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING: Once again a fantastic evening was had last Sunday. It was good to see a few more at it this year. £200 was made for St. Matthew's. Many thanks to everyone who put a lot of time and effort into organising the evening.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ECCLES SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

NEXT SUNDAY

at Holy Cross Church – starts 7pm.

Fr. Michael hopes you will come along and support him as host for this year's service.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism course is on Tuesday 27th January – 7pm at Holy Cross Presbytery. See Fr. Michael if you wish to attend.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding its annual White Flower Appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until death. The Society opposes laws and policies which violate or threaten human life such as abortion, euthanasia and research on human embryos. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and colleges and a range of pro-life support services.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to *James Kelly, Harvey Jennings & Chad Connell* who were baptised last Sunday. We welcome them into the family of the Church.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: The overall winner was Anne Jordan and family with 124 marks out of 128. They win a £15 WH Smith voucher. The runners up were the Horrocks family. They win a gift voucher. The profit of £42 will be split between the 2 parishes. Many thanks to Bernard Crowley for organizing it. No one got the answer to address number of Holy Cross Presbytery before it was changed to 370 Liverpool Road – it was 384!

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Meetings begin again this Tuesday 7pm at St. Matthew's.

THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

**“All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ and there are no distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female but all of you are one in Christ.”
Galatians 3:27-28.**

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of our celebration of Christmas.

Who is the child that was born at Bethlehem?
At His baptism He is revealed as the Father's beloved Son.

Through baptism we are also God's beloved sons and daughters. May the graces we have received this Advent and Christmas enable us to truly follow Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Son of God, throughout 2009.

NUMBER 45: Who ever uses offertory envelopes with Holy Cross Church and the number 45 on it could they please see Fr. Michael or Sue Woodcock – for some reason our office records show no name against the number.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES AND GIFT AID

We are in the process of organising the new offertory envelopes which begin in April.

Anyone who pays income tax could help the parish financially by signing a gift aid declaration.

If you have never signed one and would be prepared to do so then please see Fr. Michael or Sue Woodcock as soon as possible.

Last year Holy Cross received £2,230.28 and St Matthew's received back from the government and St. Matthew's received £2,996.91. This is only possible if gift aid declarations have been signed. The more the better!

Also see Fr. Michael or Sue Woodcock as soon as possible if you don't use envelopes for your collection but would like to start using them from April or would like to pay your offertory collection by standing order instead of weekly in the basket.