

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Trinity Sunday (A)

15th June 2014



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday - Trinity Sunday (A)
Weekdays - Year 2, Week 11

Today **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)**
Wednesday St. John Rigby
Saturday St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Sunday **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A)**



GOSPEL REFLECTION

There is a beautiful Russian icon of the Blessed Trinity painted by a monk by the name of Rublev. It depicts the three Divine persons sitting at a table. A dish of food lies on the table. But the thing that immediately strikes you as you look at the picture is the fact that, at the front of the table, there is a vacant place. The vacant place is meant to convey openness, hospitality and welcome towards the stranger and outsider. This vacant place is meant for all of us and for all the human family. It signifies God's invitation to all of us to share in the life of the Trinity. God doesn't exclude us. He doesn't talk to us at the doorstep. He invites us to come in and sit at his table. He wants us to share his life with us. In the words of the Gospel, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."



Many of us can, perhaps, feel intimidated by the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. This is perhaps because we do not – and cannot – completely understand it. God calls us, in today's Feast of the Holy Trinity, to see the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as friends to whom we can relate, and to whom we can talk to and listen to in prayer.

Because God's Son, Jesus, befriended us, we are no longer strangers or outsiders in God's eyes. We are his children. We are part of his family. He has already given us a place at the banquet of earthly life. But he wants us to have a place at the banquet of eternal life too. Only at God's table can we find the nourishment our hearts are hungering for.

From all this we are called to see God as a God of love. Our response has to be to trust him and to love each other. What St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians is meant also for us: "Help one another. Be united. Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

Psalms Response To you glory and praise for evermore.

Gospel Acclamation Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Every year, on the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Every Christian baptised "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" is claimed for Christ by the Church: our souls branded, indelibly tattooed with the triune life of God. Baptism marks us as daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Christ, drawn by the Spirit to worship the Father of us all.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

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**St. Ambrose
Barlow
Astley**

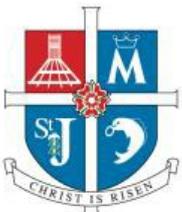
**St. Gabriel's
Higher Folds**

**Holy Family
Boothstown**

**St. Richard's
Atherton**

**Sacred Heart
Hindsford**

**Archdiocesan
Mission Statement**



**Taking to heart the
last words of the Lord
Jesus, we will go into
the world to proclaim
the Good News to the
whole of creation.**

PARISH NEWS

This Week

St Margaret Clitherow SVP

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th June at 7.45 pm (after the 7.00 pm Mass) in Holy Family Conference Room. All members are invited, so please come along if you can.

"With You Always"

Holy Family - Rehearsal for Parents and Children (Group 3) on Thursday 19th June at 6.30 pm in church.

Hands Across the Sea

Summer Concert by St Mark's Choir & Friends, Ellenbrook & Boothstown Brass Band, and Jeff Ramsdale on the Organ: Saturday 21st June at 7.30 pm at St Mark's Church, Worsley. Tickets: £8 (Adult), £5 (Under 16) from Paul (07746 467879) or Steve (07771 734075).

Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ("Corpus Christi") used to be celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. However, in England and Wales, this feast is now celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday, i.e. next Sunday.



Fr Colin Fealey

By now most of you will have heard the good news that we are being sent a fourth priest to the Pastoral Area. It has been a very difficult time since Fr Steve left and we have been wondering if there would be a permanent replacement. It has been great having Fr Silviu with us who has been helping us so much. In September, Fr Colin Fealey will join the team. Fr Colin has been a priest for 12 years now. His first appointment was in St. Luke's, Whiston. He has spent the last few years as Parish Priest in Holy Cross, St. Helens. Fr Colin also spent two years as a student with Fr Paul in Holy Name, Liverpool. Fr Paul taught him all his bad habits! Thankfully he has recovered from that and will be a great addition to the team in the Pastoral Area. He will move into the Pastoral Area on the first weekend of September. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to leave St Helens for the much sunnier climes of Leigh and beyond!

Visit of Archbishop Malcolm

A reminder that our new Archbishop, Malcolm McMahon, will be celebrating Mass in St Richard's Church at 7.00 pm on Wednesday June 25th. Please remember that this is a Pastoral Area event, so we would like to encourage as many as possible to come along to the Mass. It will be a good opportunity to meet the new Archbishop and welcome him to our Pastoral Area. We need a team of people to help with tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass, and we would like to invite people from across the area to help. So if you could help, please contact Fr Paul and LEAVE A MESSAGE! Many thanks.

Hammond Organ

A parishioner has had to go into a nursing home and his family are having to clear his house. There is a Hammond organ, which has barely been used, that they would like to give to anyone who would use it. If you, or if you know someone who would be interested in giving a home to the organ, please contact Fr Dave.

Forthcoming Events

Effective Proclamation

Are you a Reader, or involved in Children's Liturgy, or Family Catechesis? If so, there's a workshop at LACE on Monday 23rd June, 6.30 - 9.00 pm, to help you develop your skills in proclaiming God's Word. See noticeboards for details, or contact Fr Dave for a booking form, or phone Pastoral Formation (0151 522 1040).

Silver Jubilee

Fr Dave writes: "The Archbishop has invited all the priests who have a special anniversary this year to join him for Mass in the Cathedral on **Friday 27th June at 7.00 pm** - the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This July, it will be 25 years since I was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Worlock. If you would like to join me at the Cathedral for Mass with Archbishop Malcolm, you will be most welcome. There will be a coach going from Holy Family at 5.30 pm. If you would like a place on the coach, please phone or email Holy Family - places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. I know this time may not be convenient for some, so I've been persuaded to celebrate Mass here in the Pastoral Area as well on Monday 21st July. Details about that nearer the time."



Friday 25th July - Lourdes 'At Home' Day at St Ambrose Barlow, Astley.

Monday 4th August - World War 1 Memorial Service at Atherton Parish Church at 2.30 pm.

Tuesday 2nd September - Annual Celebration for the Parish Feasts of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow at 7.00 pm. Venue to be announced. At this Mass, we will have the opportunity to welcome Fr Colin Fealey who will be joining the Pastoral Area Team from September.

PARISH NOTES

Newsletter

Please ensure items for the newsletter are sent in by Wednesday evening. Thank you.

Clergy Addresses

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St Richard's Presbytery, Mayfield Street, Atherton, Manchester M46 0AQ

Fr Dave Heywood

Holy Family Presbytery, 208 Chaddock Lane, Boothstown, Worsley, Manchester M28 1DN

Finance

The monies for the five church communities of the Parish of St Margaret Clitherow are held in one account. So please make all cheques payable to **St Margaret Clitherow** (Please note the spelling of 'Clitherow'). Thank you.

Pastoral Area Website

www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk

Catholic School Websites

www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk

www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk

www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk

www.saintambrosebarlow.wigan.sch.uk

www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk

www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk

A Day with John Burland (Musician) Enhancing Curriculum RE & Worship in School

Tuesday 1st July, 9.30 am - 3.15 pm, at LACE

John Burland is an educator and composer who has been writing and recording religious music for children and adults for over twenty years. This day is for Religious Education Co-ordinators, Collective Worship Co-ordinators, teachers, catechists and musicians to enable them to see how music can be used creatively and effectively with Religious Education and to deepen children's understanding of the Mass and other liturgies. There will be a charge of £100 per person for the day which will include a buffet lunch and refreshments. Numbers are limited to 85 so early booking is advisable. Further details from the Archdiocesan website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk (click on 'Christian Education', then 'Information', then 'In-service').



"Celebrate the Child"

The annual Mass to give thanks to God for the gift of children, and those who nurture them practically and spiritually, will take place at St Mary's, Lowe House, St Helen's, on Sunday 6th July at 1.30 pm. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will preside. Children, parents and catechists are invited to attend.

Children: please arrive at 12.30 pm if you would like to take part in a task (artwork) for the Mass.

Volunteers are needed for Welcoming, Reading, Bidding Prayers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Music, Refreshments. Please contact 0151 522 1043 if you would like to help.

Picnic after Mass if the weather is kind; hot and soft drinks available.

Plenty of public car parks (free on a Sunday) nearby.

Using Visual Resources to Present Your Ideas

Monday 7th July, 6.30 - 9.00 pm, at LACE

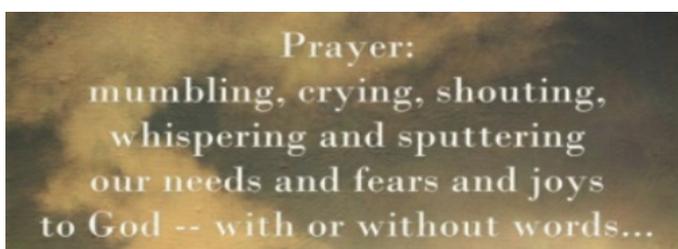
Presented by Dr Ros Stuart-Buttle (Liverpool Hope University). For more information and booking, contact Jonathan Mercer: 0151 522 1040 or email: j.mercer@rcaol.co.uk



A Weekend Conference organised by the National Network of Pastoral Musicians at Chester University, July 18-20, 2014. Full details available at: www.nnpm.org

Living Theology 2014

A summer school on Christian faith at Liverpool Hope University: Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July. Further information from: www.sfxchurchliverpool.com



Comment on 'Trojan Horse' Schools Investigation

In the wake of the 'Trojan Horse' investigation into some Birmingham schools, which has resulted in five now been placed into 'special measures' amid allegations about the atmosphere of intimidation, the narrow, faith-based ideologies, the manipulation of staff appointments and the inappropriate use of school funds, Michael Gove has announced that he wants all schools to "promote British values" in what his officials are describing as a decisive shift away from moral relativism in the classroom.

The Catholic Education Service said in a statement: "Many people are confusing extremism with religion. It should be clarified that the alleged problems in Birmingham concern a number of community schools not faith schools. Catholic schools and other faith schools should not be penalised in response to these allegations.

"The Catholic Church welcomes the role of Ofsted in ensuring accountability and inclusive education for all, regardless of belief. Catholic schools are a place where pupils come together to learn about faith in an open and informative way and to question and form their own understandings of their faith. Catholic schools exist to provide high academic standards and the formation of the whole person. They are not places of indoctrination or proselytisation.

"Catholic schools are an integrated part of local communities with more pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds and deprived areas than national averages."



"Do you want to know the secret of true happiness? Of deep and genuine peace? Do you want to solve at a blow all your difficulties in relations with your neighbour, bring all polemic to an end, avoid all dissension?"

Well, decide here and now to love things and people as Jesus loved them, that is, to the point of self-sacrifice. Do not bother with the book-keeping of love; love without keeping accounts.

If you know someone who is decent and likeable, love them, but if someone else is very unlikeable, love them just the same.

If someone greets you and smiles, greet them and smile back, but if someone else treads on your feet, smile just the same.

If someone does you a good turn, thank the Lord for it, but if someone else slanders you, persecutes you, curses you, strikes you, thank them and carry on.

Do not say: "I'm right, you're wrong". Say "I must love them as myself."

This is the kind of love Jesus taught: a love which transforms, vivifies, enriches, brings peace."

Carlo Carretto in "What Faith is Not" by Mitt Finchley (Sheed and Ward, 2001)

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection	£2187.36
Aid to the Church in Need	£ 268.12

Thank you so much for your generosity

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today	Monthly SVP Collection
Next Weekend	Provision for Priests in Retirement

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 15th June	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Austin Meighan 11.00 am Confirmation & First Communion (2) <i>(Seamus McNulty)</i>	11.00 am Joe Harris	(Sat) 6.00 pm Margaret O'Farrell	(Sat) 6.00 pm Dorothy Hunt 9.30 am Vincent Laithwaite 6.30 pm Tony McKiernan
MONDAY	<i>12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh</i>			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Eveline Green 7.00 pm Prayer Group	10.30 am Funeral Service for Joyce Peters	9.15 am Kevin Conway
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Lois O'Neill			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition
THURSDAY	10.00 am People of St Margaret Clitherow			9.15 am Rev. Robert Buckley
FRIDAY	10.00 am Ilonta Oszbach		2.00 pm Funeral Service for Agnes Ellis	9.15 am Winnifred Nolan
SATURDAY	10.00 am Wedding Mass (Kirty Mistry & Stephen Jones)		6.00 pm Pupils & Staff of St Gabriel's School	6.00 pm Lilian & Patrick Welby
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Paul Goggins 11.00 am Confirmation & First Communion (3) <i>(People of the Pastoral Area)</i>	11.00 am Caroline Caulfield		9.30 am Jean Herron 6.30 pm Winnifred Nolan

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Saturday

10.30 - 11.00 am at Holy Family
After 6.00 pm Mass at St Richard's
(or by appointment with one of the priests)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church
through the celebration of Baptism:
Jacob Thomas Monaghan
May God bless Jacob and his family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A)
("Corpus Christi")

First Reading *Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16*
The author of Deuteronomy encourages the people to remember that they are God's people who need to nourish themselves on his Word.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:16-17*
In the Eucharist, we all share the same bread, and so, however many we are, we form one body in Christ.

Gospel Reading *John 6:51-58*
As food and drink nourish the body, so Christ Jesus nourishes us for this life and eternal life in Heaven.

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Holy Family
Lois O'Neill
*(Lois' Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family on
Tuesday 24th June at 12.00 noon)*

St Gabriel's
Winifred Joyce Peters **Agnes Ellis**

Those who are sick, especially:

Holy Family
Connie Crilly **Kevin Hughes**
Kathy Kenyon **Brian Fry**
Rev Jim Melia

Sacred Heart & St Richard's
Fred Lyth **Margaret Hurley**
Agnes Pilkington **Phil Tomkins**
Shirley Leggett **Myra Roach**

St Ambrose Barlow
Norah Atkinson **Alan West**
Thomas Laing **Lynda Daly**
Margaret Ross

St Gabriel's
Anne Broad **Pat Waring**

*If you wish to add (or remove) someone from the prayer list,
please contact Fr Dave by phone or email.*