

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays - Ordinary Time: Year 1, Wk 22

Today 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Thursday Feast St. Gregory the Great
Next Sunday 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

St Ambrose Barlow
Astley
St Gabriel's
Higher Folds
Holy Family
Boothstown
Sacred Heart
Hindsford
St Richard's
Atherton

Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sacred Heart
St Joseph's
Twelve Apostles
Leigh

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus is accused of flouting sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten traditions of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good hygiene, but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing this they are numbered among the unclean. According to the written Law, ceremonial washing was required only by the priests before they entered the sanctuary. By the time of Jesus, however, the ritual of hand-washing, before every meal and between each course, had been extended to include all pious Jews. This unwritten tradition was considered as binding by the Pharisees. They expected Jesus and his followers to share their religious outlook. Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, ignoring the true commandments of God. Jesus wants to free the people of a stifling tradition that stops them from living out the true spirit of the commandments of God himself.

Jesus goes on to teach the crowd a revolutionary doctrine which puts him at odds with his own religious tradition. In doing this Jesus shifts the moral focus from how and what people eat to how people choose to live and how they love others. For Jesus, eating with unwashed hands is imaginary defilement. So is eating unapproved food. Uncleanliness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart. It's not people's diet that interests Jesus but the condition of their heart, the personal issues that preoccupy people and influence their choice and behaviour. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them socially conform. This is why, when he began his preaching, he invited everyone to "set your hearts first on the Kingdom of God." Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centred on God, they are free from the litany of human regulations that would bind them. For many of his listeners at the time, Jesus' words were bad news because they contradicted the tradition they honoured. But we call Jesus' words Good News because they liberate us from a world of endless regulations and allow us to live freely as God's children here on earth.

Psalm Response The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

FAREWELL TO FATHER DAVE

This weekend we bid a very fond farewell to Fr Dave. We would need an extra Newsletter to explain just how special he is - but see page two, where

Fr Paul says, "We bid a very fond farewell to Fr Dave who will always be a great friend to us here. God Bless you Dave and thanks for all your love and support over the years."

Fr Dave says, "I will miss you all very much. Please pray for me. Thank you... God bless you."

PARISH NEWS

This Week

CAFOD Café

The CAFOD Café will be open in Holy Family Hall after the 9.00 & 11.00 am Masses **today**. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, a wonderful array of home-made cakes and delicious snacks – including bacon butties – will be available. Proceeds from these will go to our Connect2Ethiopia CAFOD project. The Traidcraft Stall will also be available. Please come along if you can, you will be very welcome. As this will be Fr Dave's last Sunday before he moves to Warrington, he will be taking the opportunity of using the CAFOD Café to chat to as many people as possible.

Assisted Dying Bill

Many of you may have noticed the cards at the back of the churches last week concerning the Assisted Dying Bill which is being voted on in the House of Commons on 11th September this year. It is a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. If you have not already done so, please take one of the cards home with you and read it, then fill it in and send it to your local MP. They point out the grave risks in this Bill. It is really important that we all act now to alert our MPs to speak out for those who DO NOT have a voice. We must hold onto and respect the gift of life at all times and in all its forms. Life is a gift from God. Only he can take it from us.

Requiem Mass

Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley, on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August, at 11.00 am.

Ladies Group

The next meeting of the Ladies Group takes place on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.15pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. Raffle Prizes – Anne Laing & Mary Tiernan.

Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place next Saturday, 5th September at St Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston at frjamespreston@gmail.com or 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

Pilgrimage to Ladywell

Archbishop Malcolm invites you to join him on Saturday 5th September for our annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 5RR. The Pilgrimage will begin with the celebration of Mass at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church, followed by a Rosary Procession to the Shrine and later in the day there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims will need to bring their own packed lunch and, weather permitting, will be able to have a picnic in the grounds of the shrine. For further information please contact Fr James Preston on 0151 727 2493.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will recommence next Sunday, 6th September. We hope you all had a lovely holiday!

Summer Mass Schedule ends

During the month of August we haven't had the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass at St Richard's because of our Summer Mass Schedule. **The Sunday evening 6.30pm Mass will resume next Sunday, 6th September.**

FAREWELL TO FATHER DAVE

Father Paul writes:

This weekend we bid a very fond farewell to Fr Dave. We would need an extra Newsletter to explain just how special he is and how much he has given to the Church and the people in the Pastoral Area over the last 19 years. He will be greatly missed by everyone. As well as being a great priest and helping so much to get the Pastoral Area where we are today, Fr Dave so often goes the extra mile to help people. There are numerous stories of the way in which he has helped and supported the people of the area throughout his time here. Let us thank God for Fr Dave's time with us at all the Masses this weekend and pray for him as he goes to pastures new.

We had better pray for the people of Warrington too – not just because their team got beat by Wigan last week! We pray that they will welcome Fr Dave and work with him in whatever way they can to make their church a wonderful place to be. Fr Dave will be missed by many, many people in our area. As we prepare to welcome the "young", "new" Fr Paul the Second, we bid a very fond farewell to Fr Dave who will always be a great friend to us here. God Bless you Dave and thanks for all your love and support over the years. May God bless you with peace and happiness in the land of the Wire!

From Father Dave

Dear sisters and brothers, or 'Dudes' to the younger members of the parish... I will be moving over to Warrington on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. I've discovered that I dislike packing as much as I dislike shopping, so I will probably stay in Warrington for the next 19 years before having to do this again! I will be living at St Benedict's (turn left at McDonalds). Just as you have made me so welcome here, there will always be a warm welcome for you there. Once again, thank you so much for your love, your kindness and your support over the years. I will miss you all very much. Please pray for me. Thank you. Fr Paul Grady will arrive at Holy Family next Sunday evening. I know he's looking forward to meeting you all. Look after him. God bless you, Dave.

Newsletter

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

Clergy Addresses

Fr Paul Seddon

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.co.uk
www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk
www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Craft Class

The Craft Class will resume on Thursday 10th September, 10.00 am until 12.00 noon at St. Richard's Club.

Parish Feast Day Mass

Please remember to come along to our annual Feast Day Mass on **Friday 11th September at 7.00 pm**. It will take place in Sacred Heart Church, Leigh. Our new priest, Fr Paul Grady, will be the main celebrant. Please come along and join us in prayer.

Receiving Vatican II

A series of talks reflecting on 50 years of receiving Vatican II in the Gibberd Room at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7.00 pm. Admission: Free. The first talk will be on 15th September by Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP (Archbishop of Liverpool) on 'Nostra aetate: 50 years on'

Year of Consecrated Life

As part of the celebrations in the Archdiocese for the Year of Consecrated Life:

(1) On Monday 14th September, there will be Sung Latin Vespers in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 4.00 pm followed by light refreshments and a presentation in the Gibberd Room by Fr Alban Hood OSB MA PhD on the Benedictines in the North West. All are welcome.

(2) On Sunday 20th September, Archbishop Malcolm will preside at Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 4.00 pm to celebrate the Centenary of the Foundation of the Daughters of St Paul. All are welcome.

Parish Forum

The next meeting will take place in Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Hindsford, on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Introduction to the Gospel of Luke

Fr Adrian Graffy, a scripture scholar, author, and parish priest in the Diocese of Brentwood, will lead a day for readers, members of bible study groups and anyone interested in Scripture on Saturday 19th September, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm, at LACE. There will also be workshops led by Fr Adrian, Fr Chris Thomas and Dr Marian Tolley. Cost £15 including lunch. To book a place, please phone 0151 522 1040 or email: formation@rcaol.co.uk

"Dance Night"

St Richards Hall on 19th September

After a very successful Dance Night last year, the Catenian Association of Leigh are delighted to sponsor and promote another live Band "Dancing to Swing" on the above date. Ticket price of £10 will include live dance band and a hotpot supper. Tickets are available now as there was a strong demand last year. Please contact Des (876050) or Eamonn (892967) or Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh.

Justice & Peace Group

The meeting postponed from 22nd July has now been scheduled for Thursday 24th September at 7.30 pm at Holy Family.

Divorced and Separated

Support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics start again in mid-September. We welcome Catholics and other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. For information please contact Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195.

Parish Trip to Stratford Upon Avon

The trip to Stratford in October is now full. The total cost for the trip is £26 for those going to the theatre and £10 each for those who are joining us just for the day in Stratford. **So could you please get the money to Fr Paul as soon as possible.** We hope to leave St. Richard's at about 9.00 am on the 22nd October, arriving back at approximately 9.00 pm. We will give you more information about final details nearer to the date.

Day Out to York

We plan to have our day trip to York on **Thursday 3rd December**, perhaps beginning with Mass in the Parish, returning home early evening. We can visit the home of St. Margaret Clitherow then have a few hours round York, enjoying the Christmas markets. The sign-up sheets will go up in the churches in September.

Dinner Dance

Barnabus' annual Dinner Dance will be on Friday 2nd October at the Lowry Hotel. To reserve your ticket or table/s for this event, please contact Georgina on 0161 237 3223 or email the number of tickets you require and the names of the people attending in your party to admin@barnabusmanchester.co.uk You can buy your tickets securely online by clicking our 'Donate now' button or send a cheque made payable to: Barnabus, 45 Bloom Street, Manchester M1 3LY.

Parish Book of Remembrance

Is there anyone in the Parish who can do calligraphy writing? We need someone who would have the time and ability to write names in the Parish Book of Remembrance. If you could help in any way please contact Fr Paul whenever you can.

Guy Ryan

May I thank you for the very kind and generous donations for Guy Ryan. Guy is doing really well and will be able to come home two weeks earlier than thought. He's a real trooper as he just lays there on the 'magic bed', as he calls it, and never moves a muscle. Once again, may I thank you all for your help. *Bernard Donnelly (Guy's Granddad).*

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Archdiocesan Building Surveyor

Salary £30,000-£34,000 pa, depending upon experience, skills and qualifications, working 37.5 hours per week (Monday to Friday, 8.30 am-5.00 pm), around the different Catholic Parish Centres in the Archdiocese; 25 days holiday plus pension and salary exchange schemes. For application forms please contact Gill Sener on 0151-522-1101 or look on the website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs Closing date: Friday 18th September 2015.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection	£1886.74
The Samaritans	£ 441.81

Thank you so much for your generosity

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today	Monthly SVP Collection
Next Week	The Medaille Trust

The Medaille Trust is a charity founded to help women, young men and children who have been freed from human-trafficking. This trust is based in the UK because human-trafficking goes on in our own country. Even in Manchester, there are children and young people kept as sex slaves!

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 30th August	HOLY FAMILY	ST. AMBROSE BARLOW	ST. RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving 11.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving	(Sat) 6.00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving 11.00 am Donoghue & Roberts Families	(Sat) 6.00 pm Dorothy Hunt 9.30 am Mary Stafford No 6.30 pm Mass
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		Mass at St Richard's 7.00 pm Prayer Group	10.00am Fred & Kathleen Lyth (70th Anniversary Mass)
WEDNESDAY	No Mass today		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	Mass at St Richard's		10.30 am Funeral Mass for Frank Balmer
FRIDAY	Mass at St Richard's		9.15 am Roberta McGreechan
SATURDAY	No Morning Mass today	4.00 pm Karen & Dave Stansfield (Silver Wedding Anniversary) 6.00 pm Mary Wroe	6.00 pm Winnie Langin
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Bartholomew & Margaret Davey 11.00 am Irene & Derek Smith	11.00 am Mary & John Evans	9.30 am Harold Haigh 6.30 pm Richard & Margaret Walsh

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Leslie Warren	Frank Balmer
Evelyn Charlson	Peter FitzMaurice

Those who are sick, especially:

Holy Family & St Gabriel's

Connie Crilly	Emma Oldham
Kathy Kenyon	Rev Jim Melia
Pat O'Neill	Barbara Cress
Guy Ryan	Tony Dermody
Anne Broad	Pat Waring
Vida Raines	Mary Littlewood
Christine Welch	Margaret Case
Maureen & Tony Somers	Fred Savin
Frank Bryan	Joan Wilkinson

Sacred Heart & St Richard's

Fred Lyth	Margaret Hurley
Agnes Pilkington	Neil Hurley
Peter Mannion	Thomas McLoughlin
Irene McIntyre	Susan Phillips

St Ambrose Barlow

Norah Atkinson	Alan West
Margaret Ross	Shelagh Welsby

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Saturday

Please note: No Confessions 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:
**Clayton Andrew Jones, Alexa Rose Derbyshire,
Samuel John O'Neill & Charlotte Jean O'Neill,
Jacob Worthington, Lily Morrey, Ruby Wilson,
Lexi May McPike & Leo Kelly**
May God bless them and their families.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Isaiah 35:4-7*
Isaiah rejoices in the hope of Israel's return from exile. Among the first to enjoy the blessings of restoration will be those who are deaf or dumb, blind or lame.

Second Reading *James 2:1-58*
James points out the contradiction of believing in Christ yet treating those who are poor as inferior.

Gospel Reading *Mark 7:31-37*
The miracle in today's Gospel reflects the first reading and is a sign that Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.