

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Trinity Sunday (A)

11th June 2017



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – **The Most Holy Trinity (A)**
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 10

Sunday **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)**
Tuesday St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor
Friday **St Richard of Chichester**
Next Sunday **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A)**



LEIGH DEANERY

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

One day two learned men were walking along the seashore, discussing the mystery of God. However, they weren't making very much progress. Suddenly they saw a small boy playing on the beach. He had dug a hole in the sand and kept running down to the sea, dipping his toy bucket into the water, and running back up the beach to empty the water into the hole. The two men watched him for a while as he ran back and forth filling and emptying his bucket. They found the scene very amusing. They asked the boy what he was doing. Very seriously the boy told them that he was emptying the ocean into the hole he had dug in the sand. The two smiled and walked on, resuming their discussion about God. After a while, one of them stopped and said to the other, "You know, we were amused just now when that child told us what he was trying to do. Yet what we have been trying to do in our discussion about God is just the same. It is just as impossible for us to understand the mystery of God as it is for that child to put the water of the ocean into that hole on the beach. Our minds are but tiny timbles, whereas the reality of God is as great as the ocean."

As the story suggests, it is impossible for us to understand God completely. God is a mystery. But a mystery is not something we can know nothing about. A mystery is something which is so full of meaning, that no matter how hard we try, we will never get to the bottom of it. Therefore, the story must not stop us from trying to understand God in whatever way we can. It's possible to know of the existence of God by our own reasoning. But we would know very little about God if he hadn't revealed himself to us. It is especially in the Scriptures that we know God. From the Scriptures we can learn that God is Father, Son and Spirit.

And from the Scriptures we learn what God is like. For instance today's First Reading says that God is "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." And the Gospel says, "God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son." Both readings have the same message: God is a God of love. This message is so very important to us. God loves us, not because we are good, but because God is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. God's unconditional love for us is the Good News. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity this weekend, let us pray that our response may echo Paul's message to the Corinthians, "Help one another, be united, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

Psalm 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.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Ordinations of Seminarians in Rome

Fr Paul the Younger will be in Rome for part of next week representing the Archdiocese at the ordinations of some of our seminarians to the Diaconate. Please keep all our seminarians in your prayers and vocations in general.

St. Richard's 500 Club Draw June

£150.00 - 226	D. Hulmes.
£ 75.00 - 25	G. Sandelands.
£ 50.00 - 146	M.Farrimond.
£ 25.00 - 166	E.S.Williams.
£ 25.00 - 96	A.Worthington.
£ 15.00 - 219	D.Holt.
£ 15.00 - 383	C.J.Roberts.
£ 15.00 - 149	F.R.Clare.

Thank you for your continued support

7th Tyldesley (St Ambrose Barlow) Brownies

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you like trying new things and having fun? 7th Tyldesley (St Ambrose Barlow) Brownies in are desperately seeking a new Assistant Leader to help to run their unit. Volunteers must be female, over 18, and willing to complete the Girlguiding Leadership training scheme. If you are interested and would like to find out what is involved please contact Rachel on 07968433831 or email girlguidingtyldesley@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Summer Afternoon Cream Tea

Members of Bereavement Groups, Funeral Ministers and Dementia Champions are invited to the above event on Wednesday 12th July from 2.00 to 4.00 pm at LACE. The theme of this year's event is "Sharing Precious Moments". If you would like to attend please contact Maureen Knight on 0151 522 1046 or Email m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

Cathedral Celebrations

This year marks the Golden Anniversary of the opening of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. There will be a number of special events to mark this great occasion. For more details please see the notice at the back of Church or visit www.liverpoolmetro cathedral.org.uk for full details.

Events during the coming weeks are:-

- **Thursday 15th June** 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Jubilee Event: Good Shepherd Mass 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- **Friday 16 June**, 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Jubilee Organ Recital: Johann Vexo (Notre Dame Cathedral)
- **Saturday 24 June**, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Cathedral Concerts Society presents:
Cathedral Anniversary Concert

Atherton Carnival

The Atherton Carnival takes place on Sunday 25th of June. At the Carnival we want to have a real Christian presence by having a Churches Together stall. We will need volunteers from all of our churches to put up a gazebo, to look after the stall by talking to people and giving out leaflets. If you can help in any way then please sign up at the back of St. Richard's Church as soon as possible

Safeguarding Conference

Liverpool Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department will be hosting a conference on 8th July at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA between 9.00 and 13.00.

The event is open to all who volunteer in the Parish and will focus on the role played within the Archdiocese by the Safeguarding Commission and its partner agencies.

There will be several workshops, which will focus on various aspects of Safeguarding and will be facilitated by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commission.

The workshops are:

- Catch 22 - Criminal and sexual exploitation of young people
- Dementia friends - Creating a dementia friendly church
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue
- Merseyside Police - Managing allegations
- Papyrus - Prevention of young suicide

To book a place on this event please ring the Safeguarding Department on:-

0151 522 1043 or Email: safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

Please indicate in order of preference three workshops of your choice that you would like to participate in. Workshops are scheduled to last 30 minutes.

Cineworld – Live Screenings

If anyone would like to join us for the Live Screenings at Cineworld in Leigh, then please come along and join us. We usually try to meet up in the foyer about 6.45pm so we can buy tickets and a drink and enjoy the performance together.

The next live screening:

- RSC's "Titus Andronicus" – Wednesday August 9th

Newsletter

Please ensure that 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 Paul Grady

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.

Please make all cheques payable to **St Margaret Clitherow** (Please note spelling 'Clitherow'). Thank you.

Deanery Website

www.leighdeanery.co.uk

Catholic School Websites

<http://stmaryschs.org.uk/>

www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk

www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk

www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk

www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk

www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk

www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk



Reflect:

The Trinity is an unfathomable mystery to us. God is one and yet God is three. There is only one God but that one God consists of three persons. God is therefore a communion of persons. The Trinity speaks to us of community, communion, union, relationship and love.

Towards the end of his Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate, Pope Francis draws our attention to the Trinitarian nature of creation. The Holy Trinity consisting of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the source of all creation and Pope Francis reminds us that 'all things speak' of the Triune God. He quotes St John Paul II who said, 'when we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity.'

A persistent theme in Laudato Si' is that this earth is our common home and we are all therefore responsible for it, and for each other. Just as our God is a communion of persons, we too are called to enter into communion with each other and with creation.

In fact, Pope Francis asserts, it is vital that we have this communion in order to properly care for creation and to reach our own fulfilment: 'The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures.'

Our very nature as human beings reflects the Triune God: 'In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created.'

Fostering genuine relationships and living in communion with God, with each other and with creation, helps us to understand that everything in creation is connected and recognition of this must lead to greater reverence and care for our world. As Pope Francis states: 'Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.'

Adapted from an article by Catherine Sheehan on www.melbournecatholic.org.au

Pray:

Pope Francis concludes Laudato Si' with this beautiful prayer:

A Christian prayer in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!

Challenges:

This week -

Live in communion with God - set aside time each day to listen to the Lord.

Live in communion with each other - show your support for others by donating to a local food bank or offering practical help to someone.

Live in communion with creation - appreciate creation, plant seeds, conserve your energy usage.

Come Celebrate The Child

The annual Family Celebration Mass, "Come Celebrate The Child", takes place at St. Anne's Church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, on **Sunday 2nd July** at 3.00pm. The main Celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm. The theme of the Mass is "Welcome The Cross". Activities to prepare for the Mass will begin at 1.00pm. Please bring a picnic to enjoy in the Church grounds after Mass. For more information please contact the Safeguarding Office on 0151-5221043 or safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

Living Fully

"Living Fully" is a new initiative introduced by the Nugent Care Society to enable every child and adult with a disability to encounter Jesus in the life of the Church today. A day of study, worship and workshops will take place soon exploring how all life is a gift from God and how every person has a valuable and dignified place within the Body of Christ, the Church. The day will take place at LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, on **Saturday 23rd September** from 10.00am-4.00pm. Cost is £10 which includes lunch.

"Come & See" Conference

The next Archdiocesan "Come & See" Conference will take place at Christ The King High School, Stamford Road, Southport, over the weekend of **October 14/15th**. The keynote speaker this year will be Fr. Timothy Radcliffe. There are many other workshops and prayer sessions taking place over the weekend. For more information please contact Jenny at Irenaeus on 01519491199 or by email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or www.irenaeus.co.uk

St. Richard of Chichester

Bishop and leading figure in England during his era, also called Richard de Wyche. Born at Wyche, Worcestershire, England, he was orphaned while a young lad, managed to regain his fortune which had been mismanaged by others, and received an excellent education at Oxford, Paris, and Bologna, Italy. At Oxford, he studied under the famous Robert Grossteste and became friends with St. Edmund Rich. He earned a doctorate in law from the University of Bologna. He was appointed chancellor of Oxford in 1235 and then chancellor to Edmund Rich, who by now was archbishop of Canterbury.

Cremation Service - John Evans

Please note the Service for John will take place at Howe Bridge Crematorium on Wednesday 14 June at 11.30am. Please remember John and his family in your prayers.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £ 1916.81
Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes £ 377.40
Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today Provision for Priests in Retirement
Next Week Day for Life

Why is this appeal necessary?

Each diocese has a duty to look after its retired priests. In years gone by there were relatively more 'Mass goers' in relation to the number of priests to be supported and the "pay as you go" basis with the current year's collections paying for the current year's grants to the retired priests coped with the demand. We now have more retired priests in relation to those giving and this is expected to increase greatly in the next few years.

