

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Pentecost Sunday (A)

4th June 2017



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 1  
**Readings** Sunday – Pentecost (A)  
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 9

**Sunday** **Pentecost Sunday (A)**  
**Monday** St. Boniface

**Next Sunday** **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (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

On the day of Pentecost the disciples were afraid of what might happen to them. They huddled together in an upper room with locked doors, waiting for something to happen. Jesus had promised them that the Holy Spirit would come to them – and so they waited. Then the room shook and the sound of a strong wind could be heard, and the vision of tongues of fire came upon each one of them. Each one of them was gifted with the coming of the Holy Spirit. It did not take long for the effects of the Spirit to be seen and heard. The people in the neighbourhood gathered, and they were people from every nation under Heaven. That they were able to understand what was being spoken to them by the disciples was a clear indication of the Holy Spirit's power to unite people together. This is the great gift of the Holy Spirit – to bring understanding between people who earlier could not communicate with others and live in peace with them. Reading again the story of this moment in the upper room, when Jesus appears to his friends, reminds us that the Spirit of God brings three great gifts to us, if we will receive them. The first is the gift of peace. "Shalom" is a word and a grace that Jesus shares with his disciples, now that the violence of the Cross has done its worst. Then the Lord gives his friends their mission to the world. As he was sent, so now they are sent as "apostles". Finally, the Spirit will empower them to bring reconciliation into a torn and troubled world.

Today's feast of Pentecost is known as the "Birthday" of the Church. As a Church we were born on this day. The Spirit of God came and enlivened a people who had almost died. The Risen Lord sent his living Spirit to be our life. Each one of us, as well as the whole Church throughout the world, receives the Spirit's gifts, and these gifts are to be used each and every day of our lives. We begin with the gift of peace. Not the world's peace, initially, but our own. We seek to grow in the gift of a peaceful mind and heart, and peaceful relationships in our life. This is our first prayer – "Come, Holy Spirit, into my heart, my mind, my life." The second gift is mission. We are sent out from this Church into the world that surrounds us. We are enabled, with the Spirit's help, to be outgoing and to help bring the gift of peace into the lives of those we meet each day. This gift of peace is our responsibility. It is a grace given to us to be shared with others and with it we can inspire others to follow God. Finally, the third gift is the grace to reconcile people who are not at peace with each other. Only with the Holy Spirit's power can we bring reconciliation, justice and peace into our world. So this weekend, like the disciples on the first Pentecost Day, let us pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to lead us forward in God's path.

**Psalm Response** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

## PARISH NEWS

This Week

### First Holy Communion

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating the First Holy Communion of our Year Four children. This will mean that there will be more people attending than normal and is a wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate a Christian welcome to those visiting our parish. Please pray for all our children that they may come to know the Lord's love in their lives as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

### First Holy Communion Celebrations

Please pray for the children of the Parish who will be making their First Holy Communion. They will be celebrating on the following days:-

- **Saturday June 3rd – St. Richard's at 6.00 pm.**
- **Sunday June 4th – St. Ambrose Barlow at 11.00am.**
- **Saturday June 10th – St. Richard's at 11.00 am.**

### Childrens Liturgy

This will be restarted at Holy Family **today, Pentecost Sunday, at the 11.00am Mass**, but more catechists are needed as it is not currently possible for it to run every week. All children 3-11 welcome.

If anyone would like to help with the Children's Liturgy during Sunday morning Mass why not come along and speak to one of the catechists or priests after Mass to find out what it is all about. It is a wonderful way of sharing God's Word with the children of the Parish.

### Scouts

We welcome the 4th Tyldesley Scout Group to join the community for the **11.00am Mass at Holy Family today, Pentecost Sunday.**

### Atherton Pentecost Service

Churches Together In Atherton are organizing a Pentecost Service outside Atherton Parish Church **this Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm**. At the service Tyldesley Brass Band will provide the music and will play for us afterwards as we have refreshments in Atherton Baptist Church. Please come along and join us and feel free to bring food for the table.

### Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will be holding a Bingo Bring & Buy sale on **Tuesday 6th June** at 2.00pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. The proceeds will go to Childhood Diabetes. Everyone welcome.

### The General Election

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement concerning the **General Election on Thursday 8th June**. The statement does not tell us how to vote, of course, but reminds us of our faith and the implications of the Election in that, as a country and certainly as Christians, we are called to care for the poorest and most vulnerable members of society. Please take home one of the leaflets from the back of Church.

### General Election Day

Please note that St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall will be in use as a Polling Station **this Thursday**, so will not be available to other users.

Don't forget to exercise your franchise and vote!

### Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Hindsford

The Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Hindsford has been temporarily closed, following staff retirement, whilst a full business review is being considered by the Archdiocesan Board. A decision has not already been made about its trading future. Once a decision has been made this will be communicated. In the meantime, the diocese will also assist anyone still needing to make alternative arrangements.

### Sacred Heart 200 Club Draw

**Date of Draw 28th May 2017**

**£200. 331, £50. 434, £25. 396**

**£10 Winners 431, 1050, 148, 55**

**£ 5 Winners 7, 764, 717, 488, 1004**

**THE LAST DRAW** We sadly inform people that, as the parish centre has now closed until further notice, the '200 Club' monthly draw will also close. Christine and Stephen will be available at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass at St. Richard's for you to collect any prizes due. We thank all our supporters throughout so many years.

### 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.

### Thank You

I would like to thank everybody for their help and kindness last Sunday morning at Holy Family. Just to let you know, I am feeling better and thank you once again to all for your concern. God Bless!  
Terry and Amy Allen.

### Newsletter

Please ensure that 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 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](http://www.leighdeanery.co.uk)

### Catholic School Websites

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

[www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk)

[www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk)

[www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk](http://www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk)

[www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk](http://www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk)

[www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk)

[www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk)



**Pray, Reflect, Act  
Whirlwind Spirit of God**

Roar through our timidities and fears,  
Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,  
Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,  
Blow down the wall that separates us, one from another.

Then into all our empty spaces, breathe  
re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice,  
renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation,  
revitalized passion to change our lifestyles,  
re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.

Let gentle breeze and still small voice  
become in us today  
mighty wind and loud proclamation.  
Make us a Pentecost People!  
Amen

*(Kathleen O'Brien 'LiveSimply').*

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**St. Richard's Coffee Morning**

Just a reminder that, due to holidays and the Parish Centre no longer being available every week, the Sunday Coffee Morning will no longer take place. Hopefully at some stage in the future we may be able to begin again. Thanks to everyone who has supported it over the years. The money in hand - £94.40 - will be given to HCPT. Many thanks to all those who have been running the Coffee Morning over the years.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**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.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk) for full details.

Events during the coming week are:-

- **Friday to Monday, 2nd - 5th June:**  
Cathedral Flower Festival: Cathedral Life - A Floral Tribute, 10.00am to 4.00pm
- **Sunday 4th June:**  
Solemn Jubilee Mass, 11.00am - 12.00pm
- **Saturday 10th June:**  
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra present "Gloria!", 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

**St Stephen's presents its Summer Concert:  
Spanish Connection**

**Salva Contreras Gila (Clarinet)**

+

**Javier Navascues (Cello)**

**10th June 2017 7.00 for 7.30pm  
Admission £10.00 Wine Bar + Raffle  
St Stephen's, Manchester Road, Astley**

**Atherton Carnival**

The Atherton Carnival takes place on **Sunday 25th 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.

**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 be 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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk)

**Parish Forum**

The next meeting of the Parish Forum will take place at St. Richard's on **Thursday July 6th** at 7.30 pm. Please come along and join us.

**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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or [www.irenaeus.co.uk](http://www.irenaeus.co.uk)

**LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Offertory	£2241.23
World Communications	£ 504.80

**Thank you so much for your generosity.**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes</b>
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Provision for Priests in Retirement</b>

**Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association:** The Second Collection this weekend will go to support those pilgrims who are sick who may not be able to afford to travel to Lourdes with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage in July. The collection will also help to make their journey and stay in Lourdes more comfortable.

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 4th June	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Victims of Terrorist Attack in Manchester & their families  11.00 am George Sheridan 12.30 pm Baptism	(Sat) 6.00 pm Clara Brierley  11.00 am Donoghue & Roberts Family <b>First Holy Communions</b>	(Sat) 6.00 pm 6.00 pm Susan Theresa Phillips <b>First Holy Communions</b>  9.30 am Alan & Mary Charlton 6.30 pm Bernadette Sproston
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.15 am Eric Vincent Whiteside	9.15 am A Special Intention
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00 pm Margaret Callaghan		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament 10.45 am Funeral Service for Kathleen Eggleton
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am William Walsh		9.15 am Sister Mary Leonard
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>	10.00 am Funeral Mass for Margaret Foy	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>No Mass or Confessions this morning</i>	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i>  6.00 pm Joan Ganley	11.00 am <b>First Holy Communions</b>  6.00 pm Niall Dearnaley
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Special Intention 11.00 am George Sheridan 12.30 pm Baptism	11.00 am The Smith Family	9.30 am Caitlin Bradbury  6.30 pm Paul Thompson

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

*Those who have died, especially:*  
 Kathleen Eggleton      Ray Hilton  
 Margaret Foy              Margaret Cardwell

*Those who are sick, especially:*

Emma Oldham	Pat O'Neill
Kathy Kenyon	Rev Jim Melia
Guy Ryan	Anne Broad
Shelagh Welsby	Margaret Case
Derek Maude	Joan Wilkinson
Catherine Jones	Margaret Smith
Michael Wright	Irene McIntyre
Agnes Pilkington	Susan Phillips
Margaret Hurley	Neil Hurley
Thomas McLoughlin	Margaret Ross
Marjorie Price	Eugenie Cheetham
Jean Tchibukdjian	Freda Peake
Ann Mellin	Leonard Beach
Margaret Dawson	Fon O'Hara
Maureen Halliday	Thomas Higgins
Enid Kenwright	Betty Rostern
Bernard O'Donnell	Nancy Heaton
Mary Tiernan	Wyn Wright
Ted & Harriet Langin	Bridie Molyneux
James Pickering	Marjorie Hesketh

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*No Confessions at Holy Family on Saturday this week.*  
 After 6.00pm Saturday Mass at St. Richard's.  
 Confession also available by request or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Family of Faith  
**Emily Joan Alice Salmon**  
**Chloe Grace Unsworth**  
 May God bless them and their families.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)**

**First Reading** *Exodus 34:4-6,8-9*  
 God reveals himself to Moses on Mount Sinai as a God who is faithful to his promises and rich in tenderness and compassion.

**Second Reading** *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*  
 Paul encourages the people of Corinth to live in peace and love. Paul uses a Trinitarian blessing which we often use at Mass.

**Gospel Reading.** *John 3:16-18*  
 God has shown his love for us by sending his Son to save us all. All who believe in him will be saved.