

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

13th August 2017



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 19

Sunday **Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**
Monday St. Maxmillian Kolbe
Tuesday **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Next Sunday **Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (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

Many people have argued that there are two forms of verbal communication, all other forms being modifications of these two. The first is loud and harsh. It consists of the shout. Many people put their faith in this method. It is usually used for giving out commands. You hear it a lot on parade grounds and football touchlines, and it is widely used in radio and TV commercials. While shouting perhaps has some uses, it is often counter-productive. Loud sounds can deafen. They force us to close our ears, or to switch off altogether, as in the case of many TV commercials. Besides, we don't like it when people shout at us or take over the attention of everyone in their company. The second method is soft and gentle. It consists of the whisper. Sometimes a whisper can be more effective than a shout. It is very personal, very individual. A whisper disarms us because we don't feel under threat. It doesn't break down the door and force itself upon us. By adopting such a gentle approach we know the person is a gentle person themselves. They are non-threatening. Thus we are perhaps more open to hear what they have to say. But a whisper is a very fragile thing. We have to really concentrate to hear it. It can easily be ignored, and it doesn't take much to drown it out.

God's voice is more like a whisper than a shout. In fact, God's voice is the quietest, gentlest voice of all. God's voice is a voice of love. God did not make himself heard to Elijah, in today's First Reading, in the sound of a mighty wind or an earthquake, but in the whisper of a gentle breeze. God speaks to us in the most hidden parts of our being and in the promptings of our conscience. Since we live in a very noisy world, if we want to hear the voice of God we need to create some stillness and quietness in our lives. In today's First Reading Elijah had to go to a cave to hear God's voice. Many other voices clamour for our attention, voices that are loud and deafening and sometimes misleading. Yet, for those who know how to listen, God's gentle voice can make itself heard even in the midst of a storm. Over the roar of wind and waves, the disciples heard the gentle voice of Jesus saying to them, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." To live by faith means to trust in God and to rely on his power. God won't necessarily carry us, but he will uphold us if we let go. We have to take the risk and put our faith in him, only then can God help us. So let us get rid of the noise in our homes and in our lives and listen instead to the gentle voice of God telling us to follow him and to not be afraid.

Psalm Response Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!

PARISH NEWS

This Week



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, 15th August: Holy Day of Obligation

On Tuesday, 15th August the Masses will be as follows:

- 9.15 am St. Ambrose Barlow
- 12 noon St. Richard's
- 7.00 pm Holy Family.

As on a Sunday we come to Mass to celebrate together the mysteries of our faith.

Masses in the Deanery are:

- 7.00 pm (Monday Night Vigil) Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9.00 am St. Joseph's
- 12 noon Sacred Heart
- 7.00 pm XII Apostles.

Sunday Mass Times - Summer Schedule

Please remember that during the month of August we will be continuing our **Summer Mass schedule**. So we are having a trial run with the following Sunday morning Mass times:-

- Holy Family 8.45 am
- St. Richard's 10.00 am
- St. Ambrose Barlow 11.15 am

The usual Mass times, including the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass, will resume once again on the first weekend of September, 2nd & 3rd.

Midweek Mass Times

Please check the Newsletter each week for the times of Masses during the week in each Church. If one of the priests is away then the other will cover and say Masses in the other churches too. So the usual weekday Mass time schedule would be as follows:-

- Tuesday 9.15 am St. Ambrose Barlow
- Wednesday 7.00 pm Holy Family
- Thursday 9.15 am St. Richard's
- Friday 9.15 am St. Richard's OR
10.00 am St. Gabriel's School
(during term time)

Please note that this **ONLY** applies when there is only **ONE** priest in the Parish. These times can change if a Funeral comes in. So please check the Newsletter for up to date details.

Relay for Life Sponsorship - Thank You

Many thanks to all those who sponsored me for the Relay For Life 24 hour walk. I managed to complete it and, thanks to your generous donations, raised nearly £200. Thank you very much once again for all your support. *Mary Higginbottom*

Mass Intentions

Recently a number of people have made requests for Masses to be said on specific dates but allowed very little time for the requests to be met. If you wish to have a Mass said on a specific date then you must give at least one month's notice. Even then we cannot guarantee that the Mass will be said on the date requested. This depends on whether the date has gone already, whether there is actually a Mass on that date (don't forget that all four priests are involved in other groups on an Archdiocesan level now and could be called away to meetings which can affect the Mass schedule) and of course a funeral may be arranged for the date you had requested. Obviously the funeral must have priority. Also there are fewer Masses at the moment so it takes a while to get round to saying all the Masses that have been requested. So, in short, if you wish to have a Mass intention said on a particular date please write it down and hand it in to Church at least one month before the date itself to give us the optimum chance of saying the Mass on the date requested. And thank you for your patience.

Sacred Heart Parish Club

Sacred Heart Parish Club is due to reopen on **1st September**. Further details of the weekly programme of events will follow as more emphasis will be on organised functions especially over the weekend.

Parish Forum

The next meeting of the Parish Forum takes place on **Tuesday 5th September** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall at St Ambrose Barlow. All welcome.

Annual Feastday Mass

The annual Feastday to celebrate the lives of our patron saints, **Edmund Arrowsmith & Margaret Clitherow**, will take place on **Wednesday September 6th at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Leigh**.

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



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

“Fatima At Home” Day

Reflect:

I am always struck by the words of today's reading 'After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray'. Jesus clearly found it was important to take time out from the day to day events of his life to speak to the Father; to refocus himself on the journey he was travelling to his eventual death on the cross.

Likewise, praying regularly keeps us in touch with the Lord and makes us aware of what is truly important in this life. It gives us the courage to place ourselves in God's hands, to let him lead us on our own journey of faith. For being out of touch with God leads to us doubting, stumbling and sinking in the waves of our fear.

Pray:

Psalm 8 extract
O Lord, our Lord,
how awesome is your name through all the earth!
I will sing of your majesty above the heavens
with the mouths of babes and infants.....
When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and stars that you set in place—
What is man that you are mindful of him,
and a son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him little less than a god,
crowned him with glory and honour.
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,
put all things at his feet:
All sheep and oxen,
even the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord,
how awesome is your name through all the earth!

Act:

Summer holidays offer the ideal time to reconfigure one's relationship with God. To reassess how we see and seek God in our lives. Let us take time to pray wherever we find ourselves, be it sitting on the beach, walking in the hills, travelling on a plane or boat, exploring a new environment, or sitting looking out of the window watching the rain.

Challenge:

When we are visiting new places and meeting new people let us always show respect for their way of life and the environment they live in.

Creation Time: 1st September – 4th October 2017

Pope Francis has asked us to mark this period with prayer, reflection and action in relation to the Earth and our place upon it and so the Liverpool Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission and CAFOD Liverpool have produced a resource for parishes called *Reflections During Creation Time: Praying with the Gospels, stories from our time and Laudato Si'*.

Like the resource we used last year, this one can be used as a course or as a series of one-off sessions following each of the five Sundays and comprises the Sunday's Gospel, case studies, quotations from Laudato Si' as well as opportunities for reflection, prayers and an invitation to action. Details of the times and venues of local sessions will be in the Newsletter over the coming weeks.

As mentioned previously in the Newsletter, a number of people have asked why we didn't have a "Lourdes At Home" Day this year. The reason is simply that we couldn't get a date when all four priests were available to help – don't forget that we would need all the priests for the Mass of Anointing. However, after our recent Pilgrimage to Fatima, we have decided to have a similar day in October, around the date of the centenary of the last Apparition of Our Lady to the children.

So an early warning, a note for your diaries, that we will have a "Fatima At Home" event during October on the following dates:-

- **Friday October 13th**
Holy Hour in St. Richard's Church at 7.00pm.
- **Saturday October 14th**
Mass of Anointing, St. Richard's Church at 12noon.

In September we will start having planning meetings to prepare for the occasion so please watch this space for further details.

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.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£988.59
Catholic Deaf Association	£182.75
<i>(Plus St Ambrose Barlow collections - tba)</i>	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today	Housing Justice
Next Week	Samaritans

Housing Justice is the national voice of Christian action in the field of housing and homelessness. The charity supports night shelters, drop-ins and hundreds of practical projects nationwide by providing advice and training for churches and other community groups who work with homeless people.

Website: www.housingjustice.org.uk

The Samaritans are available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress, despair or suicidal thoughts.

Website: www.samaritans.org

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 13th August	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	8.45 am Margaret Langan 12.30 pm Baptism	(Sat) 6.00 pm Philip Paterson 11.15 am Joe Rigby	(Sat) 6.00 pm Christine Battersby 10.00 am James Hurst NO 6.30 pm Mass
MONDAY			
TUESDAY Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	7.00 pm Maisie O'Gorman	9.15 am Ray Hilton	12 noon Maria Baxendale
WEDNESDAY	10.00 am Funeral Mass for Geoffrey Molyneux 12 noon Funeral Mass for Dorothy Joan Angel <i>No evening Mass today</i>	2.00 pm Funeral Mass for Margaret Ann Weir	9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	<i>Sorry, No Mass today</i>		<i>Sorry, No Mass today</i>
FRIDAY		<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i> 10.30 am Funeral Service for Kevin Hayes	9.15 am Albert Harding
SATURDAY	<i>No Morning Mass or Confessions</i>	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i> 6.00 pm John Burke	6.00 pm Marie Langin
NEXT SUNDAY	8.45 am 40th Wedding Anniversary	11.15 am Anthony Dermody	10.00 am John Pearson NO 6.30 pm Mass

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Brian Brady	Patricia Hughes.
Kevin Hayes	Dorothy Joan Angel
Baby Clara May Travers	Leslie Almond
Margaret Ann Weir	Geoff Molyneux

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	Freda Peake
Margaret Hurley	Sr Megan Haisley
Thomas McLoughlin	Margaret Ross
Marjorie Price	Eugenie Cheetham
Jean Tchibukdjian	Leonard Beach
Ann Mellin	Fon O'Hara
Margaret Dawson	Thomas Higgins
Maureen Halliday	Betty Rostern
Enid Kenwright	Wyn Wright
Bernard O'Donnell	James Pickering
Mary Tiernan	Bridie Molyneux
Ted & Harriet Langin	Gwenda Byers
Baby George	Edward Leach
Margaret Aspden	Patricia Wilson
Irene Burke	Gerald Hackett
Margaret and Joan Wall	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

After 6.00pm Saturday Mass at St. Richard's.
Confession also available by request or by appointment.

No Mass or Confessions on Saturdays at Holy Family until
9th September.

Confession available by request or by appointment.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Family of Faith
Thea Diane Sutcliffe
May God bless her and her family.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading *Isaiah 56:1,6-7*
God's house is open to all those who worship with sincerity.

Second Reading *Romans 11:13-15,29-32*
God never takes back his gifts. Those who return to him are sure
of obtaining mercy.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 15:21-28*
The story of the pagan woman who had extraordinary faith in
Christ, and how that faith was rewarded.