

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A)

18th June 2017



DEANERY TEAM

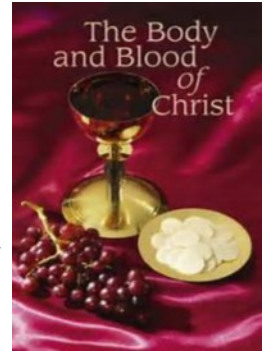
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – **Solemnity of The Body & Blood of Christ (A)**
Weekdays – Ordinary Time (11), Week III

Sunday **Solemnity of The Body & Blood of Christ (A)**
Wednesday St. Aloysius Gonzage, SJ
Thursday **Ss John Fisher, Bishop & Martyr & Thomas More, Martyr**
Friday **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Saturday **The Birth of St. John the Baptist**
Next Sunday **The Twelve 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

As human beings we cannot live on bread alone. We suffer from many kinds of hunger. Throughout the Gospels Jesus offered various kinds of "bread" to the people he met and satisfied many different hungers.

- To the people who followed him into the desert, and those who were starving, he offered ordinary bread, and so satisfied their physical hunger.
- To the leper whose body was decaying, he offered the only bread that mattered to him – the bread of physical healing.
- To the lonely woman at Jacob's Well, he offered the bread of human kindness, and thus satisfied her hunger for love and acceptance.
- To the many sinners he met he offered the bread of forgiveness, and thus satisfied their hunger for salvation.
- To the many rejects and outcasts he met, by spending time with them and sharing bread with them, he offered the bread of companionship, and so satisfied their hunger for self-esteem.
- To the widow at Nain who was burying her only son, and to Martha and Mary who had just buried their brother Lazarus, he first offered the bread of compassion as he wept with them, then the bread of new life as he raised them from the dead.
- To Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector, who many felt treated the poor unfairly, he offered the bread of reconciliation, as he got Zacchaeus to share his money with the poor.
- To the thief who died at his side he offered the bread of new life with God and inner peace.

Surprisingly, there were many others who refused the "bread" that Jesus offered:-

- The rich young man who refused to be a disciple because he could not part with his riches.
- The Scribes and Pharisees who refused to listen to his Word.
- The many people of Jerusalem to whom Jesus offered the bread of peace, but many refused it with the result that their city was later destroyed.
- Pontius Pilate who was offered the bread of truth, but had no appetite for it because it meant putting his own position at risk.

Jesus shared himself with others in many different ways, and under many different forms, before offering himself to his followers in the form of bread and wine at the Last Supper. Jesus nourishes us in so many different ways today, especially in the Eucharist. If everyone believed this then our churches would be full and we would have to face the problem of putting on more Masses, not thinking of decreasing them. Perhaps the greatest miracle we see is when the host is blessed and changed for us into the Body of Christ. Do we recognize this miracle when we come to Church or do we simply take it for granted? And do we ever tell others about its importance in our lives today? God alone can satisfy all the longings and hungers of our hearts, because only he can give us the Bread of Eternal Life. This is the bread we receive in the Eucharist. Without it we would not have the strength to follow Jesus.

Psalm Response O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Gospel Acclamation I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever

PARISH NEWS

This Week

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

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 for full details.

Events during the coming weeks are:-

- **Saturday 24 June**, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Cathedral Concerts Society presents:
Cathedral Anniversary Concert

CAFOD Café. The CAFOD Café will be open in Holy Family Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses next Sunday, June 25th. On sale there will be delicious home made cakes as well as tea, coffee, soft drinks, toast, tea cakes – and bacon butties!!

Proceeds will go to our **CAFOD Connect2Ethiopia project.**

The Traidcraft stall, with an array of fair trade produce, will also be available. Please come along if you can. You will be very welcome.

Liverpool Archdiocesan J&P Annual Assembly: Saturday June 24th 9:30am – 4:30pm at LACE

The assembly, 'The Signs of the Times', will focus on making sense of our current political situation and asking how we respond as active followers of Jesus.

There will be inputs from Fr Tom Cullinan, Fr Nicholas Postlethwaite and Jenny Sinclair as well as witness reports from people who are involved in practical actions from across the diocese. There is no fixed charge for the day (donations accepted). Lunch is included.

Please come along if you can. You will be very welcome.

Liverpool Archdiocesan J&P and CAFOD Liverpool Event On Saturday July 8 at 9.30am – 2.15pm (with shared lunch)

At St Joseph's Parish Centre, Wrightington near Wigan, we are holding a joint event to focus on the international impacts of climate change and what we can do about it as part of the Climate Coalition's *Speak up Week of Action*. The event is entitled: Listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: the response of the Church in Latin America to Pope Francis' call

The programme includes:

Fr Peter Hughes, Irish Columban priest who has lived in South America for over 30 years and is a CAFOD Partner. He is a very impressive speaker and recently went with indigenous south American leaders to USA to give presentations to the UN, the US Congress and the US Bishops. He is also a significant liberation theologian.

CAFOD's Campaign Manager Sarah Croft will brief us on CAFOD's new *Power to Be Campaign* and how electrical power can make a difference to the one in six people around the world who don't have it so cannot become what they want to be, and how with the other Climate Coalition we can really make a difference!

Do let CAFOD Liverpool know please if you'd like to come at liverpool@cafod.org.uk or ring Ged or Colette on 0151 228 4028 and bring something to share for lunch.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mass Times - Summer Schedule

Once again we will be trying out a different Mass schedule for the Summer months. At the recent Open Meeting it was suggested that we need to cut down on Mass times with the prospect of losing a priest very much a probability in the next year or two. So the Summer Mass schedule gives us an opportunity to look at what possibilities we have and have a trial run, as it were. We haven't decided definitely on what we are doing this year but, just like last year, we won't have the 6.30 pm Mass now until after the Summer. So this weekend will be the last 6.30 pm until further notice.

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

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

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.

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

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



Reflect:

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. For us, this has a two-fold meaning – we celebrate God’s gift of Himself, His body and blood, in the Eucharist and, as we share in His life, we become the Body of Christ, His Church.

In the First Reading Moses asks us to remember how, in the midst of great hardship, God kept His people alive in the desert by giving them manna from heaven and water from bare rock, so that they might learn that life is more than material things. Everything we have is gift; our lives depend on the goodness and faithfulness of God. In response, we sing a psalm of praise and gratitude to God for all His gifts. As we come to receive the bread and wine that are the Body and Blood of Christ, we do not do this only as individuals, but as the one body of God’s people, sharing one loaf (Second Reading).

Jesus tells us that He gives Himself for our life and for the life of the world, so that everyone who eats the bread that is Himself will draw life from Him. Christ will live in us and we will live in Him for ever (Gospel).
(Taken from <http://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life>)

Pray:

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others.
May we who drink pour out our love.
(Bread for the World by Bernadette Farrell)

Act:

When you eat bread or drink wine this week, pause for a minute and bring to mind those people throughout the world who struggle on a daily basis to find enough to eat or drink.

Challenges:

Find ways this week to actively help those who hunger and thirst, both in spirit and in body – for example: write to your MP, make a donation of food or money or time, pray to end hunger, fast to end hunger.

“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

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

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.

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 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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

A number of people from the Deanery are travelling to Fatima on Pilgrimage this week. We hope that they have a wonderful week away. The pilgrims will pray for everyone at the Shrine in Fatima, exactly 100 years since the appearances of Our Lady first took place. Please note you can join in with the celebration of our Masses at 3.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday this week at the Chapel of the Apparitions “the Capelinha” as they are transmitted on the internet. Fr Paul is Principal Celebrant on Thursday.

<http://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions>

LAST WEEK’S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£ 1936.47
Provision for Priests in Retirement	£ 646.22

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today	Day for Life
Next Week	Peter’s Pence

Peter’s Pence:-

The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.).

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 18th June	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Daniel & Nellie Conneely & Margaret Kelly 11.00 am The Neary Family	(Sat) 6.00 pm John Ginty 11.00 am Thomas Laing	(Sat) 6.00 pm Dorothy Hunt 9.30 am Ann Warren 6.30 pm Kathleen Eggleton
MONDAY		11:00 am Funeral Service Paddy Barr	
TUESDAY	10.30 am Funeral Mass for Frederick Whannel	9.15 am Agnes Yates	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	6.30pm Paul Goggins <i>Mass of Thanksgiving with Communion Children (Note earlier time)</i>		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St Richards</i>		9.15 am Adrian Doyle
FRIDAY	10.00 am John Baxter <i>Mass at St Gabriel's School</i>		<i>Mass at St Gabriel's School</i>
SATURDAY	10.00am Ann Sharpe	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i> 6.00 pm Kathleen Ward	6.00 pm Ken Gorse
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Frank & Margaret Fletcher 11.00 am Eamon Mc Nulty	11.00 am Ray Hilton	9.30 am Andrew & John Neary No 6.30pm Mass this week

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Ray Hilton	John Evans
Doreen Maloney	Luke West
Paddy Barr	

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

Confessions at Holy Family 10.30am after Saturday morning Mass. Confession also available by request or appointment.
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 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
Scarlett Luisa Barron **Maxwell James Crowder**
Indi Niamh Rimmer
 May God bless them and their families.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Twelve Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:10-13.*
 The knowledge that God was with him enabled Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet

Second Reading *Romans 5:12-15.*
 St. Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam: sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace and blessings came through Jesus.

Gospel Reading. *Matthew 10:26-33.*
 Jesus encourages his disciples to be open and fearless in witnessing to the Gospel, assuring them of God's special care every day of their lives.