

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

25th June 2017



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 4  
**Readings** Sunday – The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)  
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 12

**Sunday** **The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**  
**Wednesday** St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr  
**Thursday** **Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles**  
*(Holy Day of Obligation)*  
**Next Sunday** **The Thirteenth 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

There are many Gospel episodes where Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid. In Luke he says, "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased the Father to give you the Kingdom." In Mark and Matthew, after calming the stormy sea, Jesus asks his disciples why they had been so frightened. In John's Gospel, during the Last Supper, Jesus says twice, "Do not let your hearts be troubled...or afraid." In today's Gospel, however, there is a specific reason why the disciples should not be afraid. Jesus says, "Everything that is now covered will be uncovered." From Jesus' lips came the assurance that the day would come when it would be clear just who Jesus was, and what he had achieved in dying and rising from the dead. For the first disciples, these words would act as great encouragement as they faced opposition and persecution. There may have been a puzzling moment for both sets of hearers, however, one that remains to this day. Who did Jesus mean by the one to be feared because he has power to "destroy both body and soul in hell"? There is an automatic tendency to think that this must mean the devil, and this has been the traditional approach. But the devil has no power to cast anyone into hell. He only has the power to tempt people and create mischief. The only person who could possibly have such power is God himself. The "fear of God" is a common expression of piety in the Scriptures, but we can reflect on what that might mean. Before we do so, however, it is important to remember that Jesus began this speech with the words, "Do not be afraid." So, whatever the fear of the Lord is, it is certainly not being afraid of God himself.

Traditionally, we designate one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as "the fear of God". It seems like a strange line. How can being afraid be a gift? However, in more recent times, there has been a tendency to express this gift as "wonder and awe in God's presence". Certainly, wonder and awe describe how we should sit in the presence of God who has the power to destroy both body and soul in hell, but instead has chosen to give us his Heavenly Kingdom. This is truly wonderful. It inspires to turn to God in prayer and enjoy his presence and pray to him, as St. Paul says, with the Spirit who intercedes for us when our own words fail. The rest of everything Jesus says in today's Gospel continues in the same way. It may not at first sound very comforting to be told we are worth more than hundreds of sparrows, but Jesus is telling us that no one ever escapes the watchful eye of the God of infinite love, who never lets us out of his sight – the God who could never forget even the number of hairs on our heads.

**Psalms Response** In your great love, answer me O God.  
**Gospel Acclamation** The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

## PARISH NEWS

This Week

**CAFOD Café.** The CAFOD Café will be open in Holy Family Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses TODAY 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 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 a presentation to the UN, the US Congress and the US Bishops to highlight the impact of climate change and multi-national corporations are having on people in South America. 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](mailto:liverpool@cafod.org.uk) or ring Ged or Colette on 0151 228 4028 and bring something to share for lunch.

### 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.



### 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](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### "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)

### 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](mailto:girlguidingtyldesley@gmail.com)

### 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)



**Reflect:**

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus reassuring his disciples who are afraid and unsure of themselves. How often are we afraid to stand up for what is right - to proclaim God's truth to others? When do we feel that the Lord is not on our side, that we are overwhelmed by the trials and tribulations of everyday life?

And yet Jesus tells his friends that God cares for each of us - we are all special in our own individual way. He is with us at all times, supporting us in everything we do.

**Pray:**

God of life, open our eyes to your presence in the world around us. Help us to see the beauty of your world and work to protect it. Help us to acknowledge all members of our global family, respecting the differences between us and supporting each other with love..

**Act:**

Take the time to be with your God. Listen to his voice within your inner being, supporting you, protecting you, loving you. Open your eyes and see the work of his hands in the beauty of the world around you.

**Challenge:**

Take steps to reduce your carbon or plastic footprint (see <http://www.carbonfootprint.com/> or <http://www.taza.co/what-is-a-plastic-footprint/> )

**Feast of St. Peter & St.Paul**

A reminder that Thursday is the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul. Mass times are as follows:-

- Wednesday at 7pm – Holy Family, Boothstown.
- Thursday at 10am – Holy Family, Boothstown.
- Thursday at 12noon – St Ambrose Barlow, Astley
- Thursday at 12noon – St.Richard’s, Atherton.

**Thank You**

The family of John Evans would like to thank all friends and parishioners at St Ambrose Barlow for their sympathy cards and masses. Special thanks to Fr Paul Seddon, Steve Cooper and Kay Lee.

**Saints Peter & Paul**

This Thursday is the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul which is one of the few remaining Holy Days of Obligation. This means that they are treated like a Sunday and as such we come to Mass to celebrate two of the great Apostles.

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Ss. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

**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 the Safeguarding Department on:-

**0151 522 1043 or Email: [safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk](mailto: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.

**Atherton Carnival**

The Atherton Carnival takes place TODAY 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

**LAST WEEK’S PARISH COLLECTIONS**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>£ 1974.47</b>
<b>Day for Life</b>	<b>£ 478.16</b>

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

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Peter's Pence</b>
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>CHICKS</b>
	<i>(Country Holidays for inner City Kids)</i>

**CHICKS** is a national children's charity providing free respite breaks to disadvantaged children from all over the UK. We believe every child has the right to make positive childhood memories. A CHICKS break inspires new confidence and gives children the chance to have fun, enjoy new experiences and relax. More than anything, it gives them the chance to just be children. CHICKS began in 1992, making 2017 our 25th anniversary year! In that time, we have provided over 14,800 children with a much needed break.

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 25th June	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Frank & Margaret Fletcher  11.00 am Eamon Mc Nulty	(Sat) 6.00 pm Kathleen Ward  11.00 am Ray Hilton	(Sat) 6.00 pm Ken Gorse  9.30 am Andrew & John Neary <b>NO 6.30 pm Mass</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.15 am John Burke	9.15 am John Hogg
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00 pm <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>St Peter &amp; Paul</b> Martin Baxter		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament 10.45 am Funeral Service for Harry Bailey
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Feast of St. Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	10.00 am Mrs J Lines Birthday	<b>12 noon</b> <b>Parishioners</b>	<b>12 noon</b> <b>Fred &amp; Betty Rothwell</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00 am Special Intention <b>Mass at St Gabriel's School</b>		9.15 am Stephen Langin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am Larry Brennan	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i> 6.00 pm John Burke	6.00 pm Rex Baxter
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Cathy Rear 11.00 am John Brian Griffin	11.00 am John Evans	9.30 am Adrian Doyle  <b>NO 6.30 pm Mass</b>

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

*Those who have died, especially:*  
Luke West
Harry Bailey  
Susan Phillips

*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	Marjorie Hesketh
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	Gwenda Byers

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions at Holy Family 10.30am after Saturday morning Mass. Confession also available by request or by appointment 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 Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

**First Reading** *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16.*  
 A beautiful act of hospitality is rewarded by God.

**Second Reading** *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11.*  
 Through Baptism we are united to the death and resurrection of Christ.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 10:37-42.*  
 There are great sacrifices involved in being missionaries of Jesus, but there are great rewards too.