

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

2nd July 2017



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Readings Sunday – The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 13

Sunday **The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**
Monday **St. Thomas, Apostle**

Next Sunday **The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**
(Sea Sunday)



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 of the nicest things in life is to meet an open, friendly, warm, hospitable person. Hospitality and love are the hallmarks of every true follower of Christ. At long last winter ended and spring came. All along the street of a certain village people rejoiced. They drew back their curtains and opened up their windows. Fresh air, sunlight and warmth poured into their homes. "Thank God for spring! Thank God for the sunshine!" they exclaimed. Just then a beggar man appeared at the end of the street. He was quickly spotted through the open windows. One by one, down the length of the street, the windows were quickly closed, the curtains silently drawn, and the locks put back on the doors. The beggar man knocked on every door on the street, but not one door opened for him. Forlornly he left the street and headed for somewhere else. No sooner had he disappeared than the curtains were pulled back again, and the windows and doors opened up once more. And again the sunshine and the fresh air poured in, and all the people rejoiced. Strange how our homes are always open to receive God's sunshine and fresh air, but not always open to receive a child of God, especially when he comes in poverty.

Christ urges us to be loving and hospitable if we are serious about our discipleship. Nowadays hospitality is a very different matter from what it was in the "old days" when nobody bothered to lock their doors. Sadly, those days are gone. Today is the day of locks, bolts, chains, alarms, guard dogs, etc. Yet today there is more need than ever for hospitality and openness. In today's world there is so much loneliness and there are lots of people who feel that they are the stranger, aliens and displaced. Hospitality to a friend is no big deal. There is no risk involved, and there is every likelihood that the favour will be returned. But hospitality to the stranger is a great thing. You don't owe anything to the stranger, and there is a risk involved. Christ Jesus calls us to welcome strangers into our midst today. To be hospitable does not mean making them like us. It means accepting them as they are. This enables them to shed their strangeness, and become members of the community.

Christ calls us to reach out of our comfort zone and welcome the stranger. The rewards are enormous. He said that even a trivial act of kindness, like giving a cup of cold water to someone in need, would not go unrewarded. But there are earthly rewards too, and very great ones – the growth of understanding, friendliness, love and cooperation, are things our neighbourhoods are crying out for. This is the kind of "spring" we ourselves can help establish in our homes and in our Parish communities – a "spring" which can banish from our lives the "winter" of mistrust, fear and hostility. For the followers of Christ, hospitality is not an optional extra. It is at the very heart of the Gospel. And the ultimate motivation is clear – to welcome the stranger is to welcome Christ Jesus himself.

Psalms Response I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

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 6.30pm Sunday Mass now until after the Summer.**

Children's Liturgy

Next Children's Liturgy at Holy Family will be **this Sunday, 2nd July** at the 11.00am Mass.

Come Celebrate The Child

The annual Family Celebration Mass, "Come Celebrate The Child", takes place at St. Anne's Church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, **this 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 **this Thursday, July 6th at 7.30 pm.** Please come along and join us.

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 or ring Ged or Colette on 0151 228 4028 and bring something to share for lunch.

Thank You

The recent Bingo, Bring and Buy held by the St Ambrose Barlow Ladies Group raised £155 for the Juvenile Diabetes Resource Foundation. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

Safeguarding Conference

Liverpool Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department will be hosting a conference on **Saturday, 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.

TWELVE APOSTLES SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Twelve Apostles RCPS are looking for a Foundation Governor to start in September. This is a voluntary role and you don't need any qualifications or expertise, just a commitment to making a difference to our young children's future. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more about the role please contact Father Kieran or Mrs Newton the Head teacher on 01942 674312 for an informal chat.

Thank You

The Barr family would like to say thank you for all donations to Wigan and Leigh Hospice received at Paddy's funeral on the 19th. A total of £1600 has been handed over to the hospice.

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:

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth - choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love. *(Sunday Connection Loyola Press)*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "We can't do great things, but we can do small things with great love". Love transforms us, and in being transformed, we have the power to transform the lives of others too, because where there is love, there is God.

Pray:

Prayer of Generosity, St Ignatius Loyola

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.
Amen.

Act:

What small things can you do, with love, in your life this week?

Challenge:

Re-assess your relationship with God. Where is He in your life? What sort of attention do you give Him? Spend some thoughtful, quiet, and reflective time during which you can pay attention to God and what He has to say to you. Ask yourself what's important in your life and how important God is to you in your life. After all, He made you to know Him, love Him and serve Him, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven. What, after all, is your life really all about? *(Adapted from an article by Fr Charles Irvin)*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sea Sunday

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

AoS provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. Its port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare services and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The Apostleship of the Sea in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in more than 250 ports around the world.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

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.

" A Blooming Great Tea Party"

**To raise funds in aid of Marie Curie.
Tuesday 18th July 2017**

between 10.00am and 12 noon
in St Richard's Jubilee Hall, Crab Tree Lane, Atherton.
Please come along and enjoy some tea, coffee and cakes with the Leigh and Atherton fundraising group.

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.

Fatima Pilgrimage

It would be good to have some photos and comments on the experiences of those who took part in the recent pilgrimage to Fatima. If you would like to submit pictures or articles for the Deanery website, please contact Cath Lees on cathlees55@gmail.com.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £1925.63
Peter's Pence £ 250.19

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today CHICKS
(Country Holidays for Inner City Kids)
Next Week Apostleship of the Sea

CHICKS stands for 'Country Holidays for Inner City Kids'. CHICKS offers free week-long respite breaks for underprivileged children from across the UK. Many of the children live in severe poverty, are being neglected, bullied, abused or live in care. Others have been bereaved or are full time young carers. The one thing they all have in common is that without CHICKS they would not get any respite from their home situations. Website: www.chicks.org.uk

The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. See '**Sea Sunday**' (alongside) for more information.

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 2nd July	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Cathy Rear 11.00 am John Brian Griffin	(Sat) 6.00 pm John Burke 11.00 am John Evans	(Sat) 6.00 pm Rex Baxter 9.30 am Adrian Doyle NO 6.30 pm Mass
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Donald Holt	9.15 am Nancy Heaton
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Eiblin Paterson		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am June Oldfield		9.15 am John Doherty
FRIDAY	10.00 am Mrs Eileen Reilly Mass at St Gabriel's School		9.15 am Stephen Langin
SATURDAY	No Mass or Confessions	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i> 6.00 pm Victor Baxter	6.00 pm Elaine Owen
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Lois O'Neil 11.00 am Dorothea McGuire	11.00 am Bernard Hughes	9.30 am Brian Hodgkiss NO 6.30 pm Mass

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Nancy Heaton
Susan Phillips

Harry Bailey
Peter McCoy

Those who are sick, especially:

Emma Oldham
Kathy Kenyon
Guy Ryan
Shelagh Welsby
Derek Maude
Catherine Jones
Michael Wright
Agnes Pilkington
Margaret Hurley
Thomas McLoughlin
Marjorie Price
Jean Tchibukdjian
Ann Mellin
Margaret Dawson
Maureen Halliday
Enid Kenwright
Bernard O'Donnell
Mary Tiernan
Ted & Harriet Langin
James Pickering
Baby George

Pat O'Neill
Rev Jim Melia
Anne Broad
Margaret Case
Joan Wilkinson
Margaret Smith
Irene McIntyre
Marjorie Hesketh
Neil Hurley
Margaret Ross
Eugenie Cheetham
Freda Peake
Leonard Beach
Fon O'Hara
Thomas Higgins
Betty Rostern
Nancy Heaton
Wyn Wright
Bridie Molyneux
Gwenda Byers

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

No Mass or Confessions at Holy Family this Saturday morning.
Confession 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
Louie James Burke
Harry William Lord
 May God bless them and their families.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading *Zechariah 9:9-10*
 The Messianic king is portrayed, not as a proud warrior, but as a humble and gentle champion of peace for all people.

Second Reading *Romans 8:9,11-13*
 St. Paul contrasts life "in the Spirit" with life "in the flesh".

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11:25-30*
 Jesus reveals the father to those who are "little", and lightens the burdens of those who are humble.