

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

9th July 2017



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<b>Psalter</b>	Week 2
<b>Readings</b>	Sunday – The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b> <i>(Sea Sunday)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot &amp; Patron of Europe</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Bonaventure
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>



## 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

Those who are regarded as experts in the Word of God, the scribes and the Pharisees, often criticize Jesus and his disciples for appearing to disobey the Law of God. Jesus heals on the Sabbath and he refuses to check his disciples when they appear to do work on a Sabbath day. Jesus knows that there are many people who regard the 613 commandments of the Old Testament Law an insufferable burden to bear, and who are therefore treated as religious outcasts because they are unable to bear the full yoke of the Law that has been imposed upon them. Remember that in Jesus' time there are whole groups of people who are dismissed as sinners because they follow what are regarded as dishonourable callings – people who lead life-styles that do not permit them to observe the small print of the Law. Among these groups are shepherds, donkey-drivers, pedlars, tanners, and tax collectors. There are probably many others who have professions that require them to work on a Sabbath day. All these people are deprived of civil rights, forbidden to act as witnesses at court, and refused entry into the synagogue. They are at the bottom of the social heap. But Jesus has a message for them and for all those who feel belittled by an interpretation of the Law that leaves them senseless:

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Jesus has no intention of doing away with the Law. But he refuses to support the lawyers who spend their time manufacturing new burdens for broken people. Jesus offers all these people an invitation: “Come to me...learn from me...and you will find rest for your souls.” Jesus makes himself the centre of his own teaching. He IS the Wisdom of God, and personal fidelity to him will be the mark of the true disciples. God has chosen him to be the one who enshrines the fullness of revelation and who embodies the new Law of God.

It is interesting how this problem appears again in the early Church when the first Council of Jerusalem is called to decide if new converts have to obey the Law of Moses. It is Peter who settles the matter by arguing against those who insist that Gentile converts must fully obey the Law, something he himself believed in for quite a while. Peter admits honestly that the disciples of Jesus could not bear the yoke of the Law. So why should they demand it of others if they have never managed it themselves? Peter concludes by focusing on the person of Jesus: “Remember we believe that we are saved in the same way as they are, through the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.” Peter's argument “silences the entire assembly.” Peter keeps the memory of Jesus at the centre of his argument. Like Jesus, he refuses to impose laws without taking into account people's capacity to keep them. Now they have a new Law that is founded in the person of Jesus himself. This is why all of Peter's preaching directs those who listen to the person of Jesus himself. Jesus did not say, “Come and obey the Law”, but “Come to me....learn from me....and you will find rest.” As we continue our journey of faith may we hear those words of Jesus each day and trust in his promise of peace and rest.

**Psalm Response** I will bless your name for ever, O God, my King.

**Gospel Acclamation** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

## PARISH NEWS

This Week



### Sea Sunday

TODAY we celebrate 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](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

### Cancer Research Relay for Life

Mary Higginbottom is taking part in the 24 hour Relay for Life on **July 8th and 9th** at Pontypool Rugby Stadium. If you would like to sponsor Mary for this event, forms are available at the back of Holy Family church. Thank you.

### 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).

### Justice & Peace Meeting

The next meeting of the Deanery J&P Group will be on **Wednesday 12th July at 7:45pm at Holy Family**. Please come along if you can. New members always welcome.

### Parish Forum

Thank you to everybody who attended the Parish Forum Meeting at St Richard's on 6th July. The next meeting of the Parish Forum will be on **Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm at St Ambrose Barlow**.

### Padre Pio Prayer Group - Minister Wanted

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets at 10.00am every Saturday morning at St Ambrose Barlow. The group has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every other week. A minister is needed to help with this. If you can help, please contact Fr Paul Grady or Albert Nuttall at St Ambrose Barlow.

### St. Richard's 500 Club July Winners

£100.00	K. Lyth	062
£ 50.00	A.Jones	186
£ 25.00	H.Cleary	409
£ 15.00	A. Musso	071
£ 15.00	A. Pugh	220

Thank you for your continued support

## Trial Summer Sunday Mass Schedule PLEASE NOTE NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES FOR AUGUST

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.

It has already been announced that, just like last year, **we won't have the 6.30pm Sunday Mass now until after the Summer**.

At the Parish Forum meeting on 6th July it was agreed that the following **Trial Summer Sunday Mass Schedule** will apply during the month of **August**. There will be just one Sunday morning Mass in each of the three churches in the parish during August, as follows:

**8.45 am Mass at Holy Family**  
**10.00 am Mass at St Richard's**  
**11.15 am Mass at St Ambrose Barlow**

The 6.00pm Saturday night Masses at St Richard's and St Ambrose Barlow will continue as normal throughout August.

Feedback from parishioners will be welcomed by both Fr Pauls after the August trial period has ended.

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### 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](mailto:cathlees55@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:**

Christ's call to us in today's Gospel reading invites us to trust him and reassures us that he is there for us. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest'.

How difficult it is for each of us to let go and hand over our lives to God, to become as little children, trusting that the Lord is always there for us, looking out for us.

And yet inside each of us there is space for the divine. We can ask God to come into our hearts and fill them with what only God can give. In that secret place heart can speak to heart.

**Pray:**

Prayer of Protection  
The light of God surrounds me;  
The love of God enfolds me;  
The power of God protects me;  
The presence of God watches over me;  
Wherever I am, God is.  
*Anonymous*

**Act:**

Talk to the Lord today about your fears and the troubles that burden you. Be open to the promptings of your heart, trusting in the Lord, as a child trusts in a good parent, and responding with faith and generosity.

**Challenge:**

In the daily effort to be more Christ-like find ways in which you can help someone who is finding life difficult; how you can give rest to the overburdened; how you can be there for others when they are struggling.

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**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.

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**Problems!**

If you can solve the problem then what is the need of worrying? If you cannot solve the problem then what is the use of worrying?

Listen to your elder's advice, not because they are always right, but because they have more **experiences** of being **wrong**.

"Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome." *Samuel Johnson*

Mistakes mean ... you're trying.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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

**Cineworld – Live Screenings**

If anyone would like to join us for the Live Screenings at Cineworld in Leigh, then please come along and join us. We usually try to meet up in the foyer about 6.45pm so we can buy tickets and a drink and enjoy the performance together. The next live screening is RSC's "**Titus Andronicus**" on Wednesday 9th August.

**LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Offertory	£1987.28
CHICKS	£ 260.46
Peter's Pence	£ 197.07

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

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Apostleship of the Sea</b>
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Let The Children Live!</b>

**The Apostleship of the Sea** is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. See '**Sea Sunday**' (page 2) for more information.

**Let The Children Live!** is a charity that works in Colombia with children from the streets and shanty-towns. These children have been called 'the disposable ones' and they live, and sometimes die, in the streets and rubbish dumps of Colombia's cities. Their ages range from babies to teenagers and they are often unloved, unwanted, beaten, robbed, raped and murdered. The charity aims to safeguard the lives of these children from the poverty and violence of the streets and to make their lives worth living by giving them love, education and a future. It is currently working with nearly 600 very vulnerable children and young people, both boys and girls. Check out their website: [www.letthechildrenlive.org](http://www.letthechildrenlive.org)

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 9th July	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Lois O'Neil  11.00 am Dorothea McGuire	(Sat) 6.00 pm Victor Baxter  11.00 am Bernard Hughes	(Sat) 6.00 pm Elaine Owen  9.30 am Brian Hodgkiss  <span style="color: red;">NO 6.30 pm Mass</span>
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.15 am Agnes Yates	10.00 am Funeral Mass for Nancy Heaton
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00 pm Eiblin Paterson		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am June Oldfield		9.15 am Susan, John & Martin Hogg
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00 am Special Intention <span style="color: red;"><u>Mass at Holy Family</u></span> <i>with St Gabriel's School</i>		9.15 am Nellie & Patrick Dunleavy
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>No Mass or Confessions</b>	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i>  6.00 pm Parishioners	6.00 pm Margaret & Frank Toal
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Victims of this year's tragic events and their families and friends  11.00 am John Evans	11.00 am Ray Hilton	9.30 am Joseph Baker  <span style="color: red;">NO 6.30 pm Mass</span>

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

*Those who have died, especially:*

Nancy Heaton	Harry Bailey
Susan Phillips	Peter McCoy
Gary Johnson	Betty Neary
Constance LeBlique	

*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	Neil Hurley
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	Sr Megan Haisley
Margaret Aspden	Edward Leach

### 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.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

**First Reading** *Isaiah 55:10-11*  
God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. He cares for us by sending us his Word.

**Second Reading** *Romans 8:18-23*  
The glory which awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 13:1-23*  
Jesus compares the Word of God to a seed falling into the ground.

### A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS

"Choose to be kind rather than to be right and you'll be right every time."  
"Be kind to unkind people - they need it the most."