# Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

10th February 2013



#### **PASTORAL AREA TEAM**

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#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter

Sunday Readings - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Weekdays Readings - Year 1, Week 5

Today Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

[Day of Prayer for the Unemployed]

Wednesday Ash Wednesday

(Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

Thursday Feast of St. Cyril & St. Methodius

Sunday First Sunday of Lent (C)



Serving the church

St. Ambrose Barlow Astley

St. Gabriel's **Higher Folds** 

**Holy Family Boothstown** 

St. Richard's Atherton

Hindsford

communities of

Sacred Heart

**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**

Night-time was the time for fishing. If anyone else said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down the net for a catch," he would have thought they were mad. After all, if he didn't catch anything during the whole of the night, there wouldn't be much chance during the day. But when Jesus said those words to Peter, his response was spontaneous yet full of hope, "Lord, we fished all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the net." For Peter, the word of Jesus was different from the word of anyone else. It carried an authority which no other word carried. So, if Jesus called for it, no matter how hopeless the situation might seem, and no matter how tired he was, or how foolish he might appear, he would try again. Peter had absolute trust in Jesus. At his word, he was prepared to attempt the impossible. We see this later when Peter attempts to walk on water next to Jesus on hearing his word. Fishing is a worthy calling. However, Jesus saw that Peter was capable of other things. He was the kind of man he wanted to have helping him with his work. Jesus saw in Peter one thing that he needed more than anything – faith in his word.

The Gospel Reading today is not so much a story about fishing, but about trust, Jesus was saying to Peter, "How far are you prepared to trust me?" It was a turning point in the life of Peter. What started out in failure ended in a new beginning, starting out in a new direction. Fishing was an important occupation, but Jesus was calling Peter and his companions to an even more important task. He was offering them not just new work, but a cause to which they could dedicate their lives completely. They understood that he was calling them to the service of others: "I will make you fishers of people."

The Lord still calls people to follow him since the need to spread the Good News is just as great today. By our baptism, we too are called to follow Jesus. We are called to follow him living out of faith in our everyday lives and in our chosen professions. When we hear the call to follow the Lord and to do his will, what will our response be?

**Psalm Response** Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

# **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at eight Masses across the Pastoral Area

7.30 am 10.00 am 12.00 noon 7.00 pm

St Ambrose Barlow & St Joseph's St Gabriel's & Twelve Apostles St Richard's & Our Lady of the Rosary Holy Family & Sacred Heart (Leigh)



# **PARISH NEWS**

#### **HCPT Raffle**

The annual fundraising raffle for HCPT will take place today (Sunday) at Holy Family. Tickets will be on sale after Mass, and Tea and Toast will be on sale in the Hall. The draw will take place in the hall at about 12.15 pm.

# Padre Pio Prayer Group

The group will meet in St Ambrose Barlow Church on Monday 11th February at 2.00 pm to pray the rosary. This is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome to attend.

# **Scripture Group**

The next meeting of the Scripture Group will be held on Thursday 14th February at 2.00 pm in Holy Family Church Hall Meeting Room. Our focus will be on the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6 to 12. Please bring a Bible with you. All welcome.

# **Bingo Bring and Buy**

The Ladies Group will be holding a Bingo Bring & Buy on Friday 22nd February at 8.00 pm in St Ambrose Church Hall. Monies raised will go to a charity of their choice. All welcome. Please contact Maria Chilman for more details.

### **Ambrosians Outing**

There is an outing to The Bourne Poacher on Tuesday 19th March for a St. Patrick's celebration. This will include a meal. To book a place, please phone Kay on 01942 749348.

# News from St Mary's High School

We wish all staff and students a relaxing week this half term, ready to come back for the start of Lent refreshed.

During Lent, there will be a number of opportunities for staff and students to do something a little bit different. We will be having morning prayer for staff and students twice a week, there will be a weekly 7.30 am Mass on Wednesdays at St Ambrose (open to all parishioners - it would be lovely if you could join us), and we will have a weekly 'Hunger Lunch' to raise awareness and money for CAFOD.

On Thursday 21st February we will be holding our third Parent Consultation at 5.30 pm. All parents are warmly invited to come and share ideas about uniform and reports among other things. For more information, please phone the school or email Mrs. Spencer on s.spencer@smhcs.org.uk

# Sacred Heart Monthly Draw Date of Draw 27 January 2013

£200 - 167, £50 - 685, £25 - 857 £10 Winners: 67, 1183, 1169, 326 £5 Winners: 259, 79, 1165, 270, 668 Thank you for your continued support

# Walsingham Pilgrimage 2013

The annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year between Monday August 19th to Thursday August 22nd. The list for this year's Pilgrimage is in the porch at St. Richards. If you would like to go, then please sign your name and your contact details - and you will hear further details nearer the time. If you go to a different church, either email or phone Fr. Paul, leaving a message (with your name and number) and he will write your name on the list. Prices this year are: Adults £140 and Juniors £115.

#### **Many Thanks**

Thank you so much to the family who were able to give a home to the four year old cat who had been abandoned.

Fr Dave

# **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**



#### MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Monday 11th February at 7.30 pm Christ the King, Childwall Everyone welcome!



# Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Life Department DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?

Meetings for people who are divorced or separated or experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or long term relationship start mid-April. See poster for details or contact Frances (0151 727 2195) or Maureen (0151 722 1029).

#### NEWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Soul Food** - a social and spiritual Saturday night experience for over 18's at St Mary's, Lowe House, 99 Crab St., St Helens WA10 2BE on the first Saturday of every month.

Super Sunday - a new way of celebrating Sunday for young people at St Mary's, Lowe House, on the first Sunday of every month. All welcome for any or all parts of the day: 12.00 noon Group Sessions exploring faith through games, film and music, 2.15 pm Mass Prep, 3.00 pm Mass followed by social time. For further details, see noticeboards at the back of churches or Animate's website: www.animateyouth.co.uk

#### **PARISH NOTES**

#### **Newsletter**

Please ensure items for the newsletter are sent in by Wednesday morning.

#### **Clergy Addresses**

#### Fr Paul Seddon

St Richard's Presbytery, Mayfield Street, Atherton, Manchester M46 OAQ

### Fr Dave Heywood

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 now held in one account. So please make all cheques payable to **St Margaret Clitherow** (Please note the spelling of 'Clitherow'). Thank you.

#### **Pastoral Area Website**

www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk

#### **Catholic School Websites**

www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk www.boothstownholyfamily.wigan.sch.uk www.saintambrosebarlow.wigan.sch.uk www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk





#### **LENT 2013**

This Lent we will be marking the 50th Anniversary of CAFOD through various fundraising activities and liturgies.

# CAFOD's Annual Lent Fast Day Friday 22nd February

### **Wardrobe De-Clutter Sale**

Wardrobe De-Clutter Sale in Holy Family Church Hall on Sunday 3rd March, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Good quality clothing and accessories donated for the sale can be left at any of the churches in the Parish. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. For further details, please see the posters/flyers, or contact Wyn (0161 790 1854) or Joan (07785 112206).

#### **CAFOD's Stations of the Cross**

The Youth SVP will lead a set of Stations of the Cross from CAFOD on Friday 15th March at 7.00 pm at Holy Family.



# **Early Morning Masses**

Wednesdays

7.30 am at St Ambrose Barlow Fridays

6.30 am at Holy Family

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7.00 pm
St Richard's, St Ambrose Barlow & Holy Family
Saturdays at 5.30 pm
St Gabriel's

#### **Taize Prayer**

Tuesday 26th February at 7.30 pm St Ambrose Barlow Wednesday 13th March at 7.30 pm St Richard's



#### **Services of Reconciliation**

The following services will take place at 7.30 pm
Tuesday 19th February at St Richard's
Wednesday 6th March at St Joseph's
(Please note: this service will include Individual Confession)
Tuesday 26th March at Holy Family

#### "Confessathon"

(Individual Confession)

Saturday 16th March at St Joseph's 10.00 am - 2.30 pm (except during Mass at 12.00 noon)

#### **FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

**Fasting** means <u>reducing</u> the amount of food we usually eat and giving what is saved in this way to those in need (e.g. CAFOD). Fasting binds those who are aged 18 to 59.

**Abstinence** means <u>giving up</u> a particular kind of food or drink, or some form of amusement. So some people give up chocolate, or alcohol, or cigarettes, and give what is saved in this way to those in need. *Abstinence binds those who are 14 and over.* 

**Days of Fasting & Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are also encouraged to Fast on the Fridays of Lent.

### **LENTEN THOUGHTS**



"Giving up something for Lent can seem so futile... I think of the millions who have no choice but to fast, of the millions who are thirsty, not because they gave up drink - but because we seem to have given up on them. It might even put me off fasting – what use is my fast – except to slim a fat body – unless another benefits from what I give up? As I fast – whatever it may be – may I always remember it is but a gesture, a gesture which reminds me that others fast through no choice of their own, and that Jesus is hungry in them. Lord, open my heart to all who are needy in our world of plenty." (Fr Donal Dorr in "The Social Justice Agenda")



This is what the Lord asks of you, only this: that you act justly, that you love tenderly, that you walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6: 6-8)

"This spirituality or way of praying in Lent, could be said to flow from understanding God's word for us: it is a way of life balanced between prayer ('walking humbly with God'), relationships and friendships ('loving tenderly'), and love of the wider community of people and the world ('acting justly'). Lent is a call to conversion..." (Fr Donal Neary SJ)

#### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family £ 708.89
St Ambrose Barlow £ 315.63
St Gabriel's £ 235.51
St Richard's & Sacred Heart
Total Parish Collection £2156.96

# OTHER COLLECTIONS Church Action on Poverty

Holy Family £ 162.81
St. Ambrose Barlow £ 62.85
St Gabriel's £ 78.23
St. Richard's & Sacred Heart £ 77.07

Thank you so much for your generosity

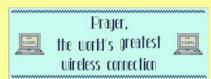
# **PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

WEEK BEGINNING 10th February 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Francis O'Neill 11.00 am Marie Pirovino	11.00 am Jane Coffey	(Sat) 6.00 pm Doyle Family	(Sat) 6.00 pm Marian Higgins & Cathy Rigby 9.30 am Jenny & Matthew McKiernan 6.30 pm Kathleen Tattersall
MONDAY		2.00 pm Prayer Group		12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am The Kearns Family		9.15 am Geraldine Baker
ASH WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Brenda McDonald	7.30 am Fr Arthur Mulcahey	10.00 am Fr John Short	9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition 12.00 noon Frances Green
THURSDAY			10.00 am Elizabeth Gaffney	9.15 am Catherine & William Kelly
FRIDAY	6.30 am Bernard Hough 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross	1.00 pm Funeral Mass for Bernard Atkinson 7.00 pm Stations of Cross		9.15 am Bernard Boylan 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	10.00 am Tom & Cissie Miveld		5.30 pm Stations of the Cross 6.00 pm Tommy Pollard	6.00 pm Tony McKiernan
SUNDAY	9.00 am Thanksgiving (Jobs) 11.00 am Those who foster children 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Mykola Batrak		9.30 am Noreen Twomey 6.30 pm Bill Rigby

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**This Saturday** 

10.30 - 11.00 am at Holy Family
After 6.00 pm Mass at St Richard's
(or by appointment with one of the priests)



#### **LET US HOLD IN PRAYER**

Those who have died, especially:

Bernard Maloney

Bernard Atkinson

#### Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad Joan Clegg
Teresa Cooney Michael Dunn
Archbishop Kelly Norah Atkinson
Maureen Warren Fr George Russell
James Galek Margaret Dixon
John Royle Margaret Langan

Children who are missing, especially: Madeleine McCann April Jones

#### SECOND COLLECTION

Today HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust

**Next Sunday** Lenten Alms

**Lenten Alms** - Each year, during Lent, the second collection goes to a charity of the Archbishop's choice. We hope to have the details for this year's Lenten Alms next week.

# READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY First Sunday of Lent (C)

# First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Through the ceremony of offering the first fruits, the Israelites recognise all that God has done for them in the past, especially during the Exodus. Our worship of God is also a recognition of his favours to us.

# **Second Reading**

Romans 10:8-13

The core of our Christian belief is that Jesus is our Risen Saviour. Anyone who can say that and live by it will be saved

#### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus was tempted like we are, but did not sin. Through his grace, we too can resist temptation and overcome sin, but only with his help.