

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

1st October 2017



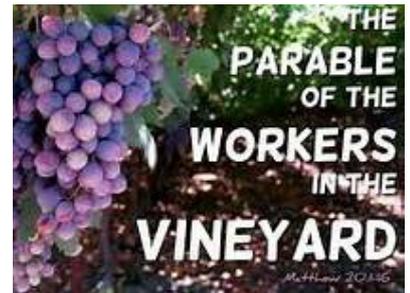
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter	Week 2
Readings	Sunday – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 26
Sunday	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) <i>(Rosary Sunday, Day of Prayer for Nugent Care)</i>
Monday	The Guardian Angels
Wednesday	St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday	Our Lady of the Rosary
Next Sunday	27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners & Depend-</i>



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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

Psalm Response	Remember your mercy, Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

There are two words which we use very frequently, often several times in the course of a day. They are two very small words, but an awful lot hangs on them. It is no exaggeration to say that our lives could be summed up in terms of these two words. The words are "Yes" and "No". In Jesus' story, when the father asks his sons to go and work in the vineyard, the first son said an immediate and definite "No, I will not go." We don't know why he said no. maybe he had other plans for the day or maybe he was just lazy. However it was in the morning when he said "No". At some point during the day, the word "Yes" began to echo in his mind and he decided to do what his father had asked of him after all. The father would have been glad to see him change his mind. The second son gave an immediate "Yes" to his father, but did not go. Maybe he genuinely intended to go but forgot, or something else cropped up. Perhaps he thought that everyone would manage better without him. So as the day wore on, the "yes" he said in the morning became fainter and fainter. His father would have been counting on him, and would feel let down when he discovered that he didn't go.

There is part of these two sons in all of us. Part of the second son because what we actually do doesn't always match our promises. We sometimes give our word but don't always keep it. And there is part of the first son too because we are capable of turning a "No" into a "Yes". It's easy to say "Yes" in the morning of life. We don't always know what is involved in the task we are committing ourselves to. But as the light of day goes on – as our lives evolve – we begin to understand more and our "Yes" can become a "No". we may have second thoughts. We may begin to have doubts. Sometimes these doubts can be about God or even about each other. They can be about anything in life.

Many of the greatest saints in the history of the Church were sinners who initially said "No" to God, and who later changed their minds and said "Yes" instead. St. Augustine is perhaps one of the greatest examples, along with St. Paul of course, but there are many others. A person will be judged then not by one single act, but by their whole life. God has given us the freedom to say "Yes" or "No". Our "Yes" would have no value unless we were free to say "No". However we can often say "Yes" to God with words but "No" to God with the way we live our lives. We profess to believe, but fail sometimes to translate our belief into active obedience to God. Sometimes actually living out our faith can be the hardest part of being a follower of Christ. As we think about today's Gospel, let us pray that we may be more like the first son, and take heart from the lives of the saints, who turned back to God when they needed to and who were aware of the love and forgiveness of God in their lives, especially when they said "No" to him.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Creation Time: 1st September – 4th October 2017

Pope Francis has asked us to mark this period with prayer, reflection and action in relation to the Earth and our place upon it and so the Liverpool Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission and CAFOD Liverpool have produced a resource for parishes called *Reflections During Creation Time: Praying with the Gospels, stories from our time and Laudato Si'*. Like the resource we used last year, this one can be used as a course or as a series of one-off sessions following each of the five Sundays and comprises the Sunday's Gospel, case studies, quotations from Laudato Si' as well as opportunities for reflection, prayers and an invitation to action.

This year there will be sessions running at:

- **St Ambrose Barlow Hall** on **Tuesday October 3rd** at 11.00am followed by a shared lunch
- **St Richard's House** on **Wednesdays October 4th** at 10.00am, following Exposition

Please come along to whichever of the above is most convenient for you. You will be most welcome.

Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Society

Anna Davidson will have taken part in the Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Society at Heaton Park on Saturday, 30th September. She would welcome any last minute support. Just Giving page - t www.justgiving.com/anna-davidson6 or you can sign the sponsorship form at the back of Holy Family church.

Ladies Group

The next Ladies Group Meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd October at 2.00 pm in St. Ambrose Parish Hall.
Raffle Joan Rigby and Margaret Rushton.

With You Always

For any children in Year 4 who wish to make their First Holy Communion this school year from the communities of Holy Family or St Gabriel's, application forms have been collated. Dates of meetings will be passed on to those who have applied in the next few days. If there is anyone who has missed the deadline, please contact Fr Paul G to enrol any children who have not yet applied.

Joseph Grady

Fr Paul's uncle's funeral will be in St Mary's, Wigan, on Tuesday 3rd October at 11am. Many thanks for all your support and prayers. Fr Paul G.

Midweek Mass Times

Please check the Newsletter each week for the times of Masses during the week. If one of the priests is away then the other will cover and say Masses as listed below..

The Mass time schedule would be as follows:-

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| • Tuesday | 9.15 am | St. Ambrose Barlow |
| • Wednesday | 7.00 pm | Holy Family |
| • Thursday | 9.15 am | St. Richard's |
| • Friday | 9.15 am | St. Richard's or |
| | 10.00 am | St. Gabriel's School
(during term time) |

Please note that this **ONLY** applies when there is only **ONE** priest in the Parish. These times can change if a Funeral comes in. So please check the Newsletter for up to date details

Journey of Faith - RCIA.

As there are several people who have spoken to Fr Paul G about exploring the Catholic Faith and considering becoming Catholics this next year, the first meeting of the group Journey in Faith will be at Holy Family Presbytery on Wednesday 11th October at 7.45pm after the evening Mass. Open to all adults thinking about becoming Catholic or just want to come along and learn more about their faith.

"Fatima At Home" Day

Sadly we have decided to postpone the planned "Fatima At Home" Day in October. Fr.Paul was taking the lead on planning this event and so, because he is on leave at the moment, we will have to postpone. We will try to have a similar event during Lent, when the weather starts to get a bit warmer. We will however still hold a Holy Hour to mark the centenary of the apparitions in Fatima. This will take place on October 10th at 7.00pm in St. Richard's Church, Atherton. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. But please come along and join us for the Holy Hour, especially if you went on the Deanery Pilgrimage to Fatima earlier this year.

Parish Forum

The next Parish Forum meeting will take place on November 7th at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church. All welcome.

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.

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

Sacred Heart Church, Hindsford Website

www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk

Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the importance of doing what we say we will do. We are often full of good intentions and can find ourselves full of enthusiasm when we hear an inspiring person talk about ways in which we can improve the environment, for example. We are prepared to do so much in the heat of the moment, only to go away and then do nothing at all. Is this because we don't really believe that each individual can make a difference? Do we feel overwhelmed by the task before us? And yet if each person really committed themselves to doing one small thing regularly, then the collective result would be amazing!

Pray:

Triune Lord,
wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that
is.
God of love,
show us our place in this world as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord,
seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and
beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen
(Laudato Si 245)

Act:

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Challenge:

Write to Michael Gove to thank him for bringing forward legislation later this year to ban the use of microbeads and encourage him to continue and to your own MP to ask him/her to support the ban.

Macmillan Bring & Buy Coffee Morning
in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall

Sunday 1st October
After Mass

Bacon and Sausage Barms and Cake for Sale!!!

It's time to think about Panto. Oh yes it is!

This year's St Ambrose Barlow "Panto" is in the planning stage. There will be a meeting for those who are interested in taking part on Tuesday 3rd of October at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to be part of this year's panto but are unable to attend the meeting please let Steve know on 07952 152371 so he knows how many parts he needs to write.

"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

Holy Family Craft Group

This is being started in the Parish Hall at Holy Family on Wednesday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm. We hope to cover most popular crafts such as knitting, crochet, card making and sewing amongst others. First gathering will be on 18th October and will concentrate on Christmas crafts. Admission £3.50 including all materials.

Charity Night in Aid of Cancer Research

A charity evening is being held at St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall on Saturday 4th November, 7.30 til 12 midnight. Cost is £20 a ticket which includes a hot pot supper, a raffle ticket for some great prizes and entertainment by the fabulous Steven Green. First two drinks included in the price of your ticket - bottled beer, wine or soft drinks. Over 18's only. To reserve tickets, please contact Delia Fletcher on 07753 929476 or e-mail on kdfletch@btinternet.com Also Delia will be selling tickets after 11am mass on Sundays at St Ambrose Barlow. Please come along to support this worthy cause and have a great night - tickets are limited.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1,935.32
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£310.65

RED MISSION BOXES

The latest collection from the red mission boxes in Holy Family amounted to £537.47. All your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today	Nugent Care
Next Week	Prisoners Advice and Care Trust

Nugent Care

Nugent Care is one of the leading charities in the North West, caring for children, disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages. It fulfils a major social welfare role by acting as both service provider and major employer. The scale of work is immense and ranges from care homes to special schools, adoption services to volunteer work and community groups. Web site: www.wearenugent.org

Prisoners Advice and Care Trust

The Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) is a national charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families. We support people to make a fresh start, and minimise the harm that can be caused by imprisonment on people who have committed offences, on families and on communities. Web site: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 1st October	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am David Pickering 11.00 am Christopher Tickle 12.30 pm Baptism	(Sat) 6.00 pm Parishioners 11.00 am Margaret Dixon	(Sat) 6.00 pm Margaret, Esther & Cath 9.30 am Maria McCoy 6.30 pm Kathleen Heggarty
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Pat Hughes	<i>Mass at Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Ann Callan	9.15 am Ray Hilton St Mary's Y 8 - All Welcome	9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am Fr Michael Buckley		9.15 am Peter Topping
FRIDAY	10.00am John O'Malley <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>		<i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>
SATURDAY	10.00 am Martin Furey	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i> 6.00 pm Teresa Roberts	6.00 pm Margaret Aspden
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Geoff Molyneax 11.00 am Anthony Walsh 12.30 pm Baptism	11.00 am David Gough	9.30 am Simon Ward 6.30 pm Betty Neary

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Michael Seddon	Maria McCoy
James Pickering	Joseph Grady
Thomas 'Paddy' Jones	Teresa Roberts

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	Sr Megan Haisley
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	Edward Leach
Patricia Wilson	Joan Higgins
Irene Burke	Gerald Hackett
Margaret Wall	John Wall
Jess Garrett	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**10.30 am after Mass at Holy Family on Saturday;
After both the 6.00pm Masses on Saturday evenings
at St. Richard's and St. Ambrose Barlow.
Confession wherever possible is available by request or
by appointment.**

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Family of Faith

**Fred Francis Hammersley, Phoebe Jemima Smith,
Neo Acer Smith and Cian Joseph Smith**

May God bless them and their families

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading

Israel is compared to a well-cared for vineyard which fails to produce fruit.

Second Reading

St. Paul warns the converts at Philippi against anxiety, and advises them as to how they should live in order to enjoy the peace of God

Gospel Reading

The parable of the wicked vine-dressers tells of God's goodness to his people, and of their failure to respond in kind.