

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

3rd September 2017



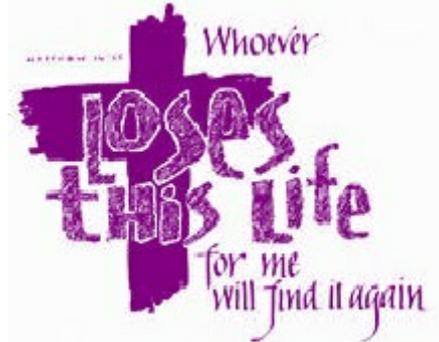
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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<b>Psalter</b>	Week 2
<b>Readings</b>	Sunday – 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 22
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b> <b>St. Ambrose Barlow</b> ( <i>Education Day</i> )



## 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

Very often people wonder why there is suffering in the world. The question is often put to God himself – why, if he is a loving God, does he allow suffering? It's not an easy question to answer in one sentence. It could perhaps take a lifetime of finding out. The quick answer is to say that suffering is part of life – we perhaps cannot escape it completely. So Jesus suffered to make sense of our suffering, to bring us hope that suffering does and will come to an end. He went there before us on the Cross. The readings this weekend remind us that Jesus knew he had to suffer. Also Jeremiah spoke of the approaching suffering of Jerusalem and his own troubled relationship with God. In today's Gospel Jesus prepares his disciples for his approaching ordeal in Jerusalem. He speaks of it as if it is necessary – not a necessity that lies in nature, not some tragic fate, but the will of God made known through the prophets. Like Jeremiah, Jesus has to face the stark truth that his relationship with God involves personal anguish, suffering and rejection. More than that, it will lead to a violent death. Peter is appalled at this prospect and tries to deflect Jesus from the path that lies ahead. After having declared Jesus to be the Christ – in last week's Gospel – Peter now denies that Jesus must suffer. Peter wants to banish suffering from the agenda, but Jesus brings it to the forefront of the conversation.

To understand Jesus means to understand the Cross. This is the essence of his teaching and this is why Peter is denounced so strongly – Jesus actually refers to him as "Satan". Peter is seen as the Tempter. His ambitions and desires, Jesus says, belong to the realm of Satan. Peter wants Jesus to be immune from frustration, suffering and agony. The Christ of his dreams is all glory and prestige, untouched by vulnerable humanity. It is a world away from the Christ that Jesus has grown into, a future of suffering which he is about to enter. The way of the Cross that Jesus accepted is one that could be conquered only if it was accepted. Jesus' Way of the Cross passed through streets and markets, passed by houses and palaces, near people's windows and doors. While it happened people went about their daily business. Some people would not have even noticed him. As Christians we live in the assurance that our way of the cross does not go unnoticed. Jesus is our suffering companion. He is our strength and his power is mighty in our weakness. If the Cross is the price to be paid for love, then carrying it is love's proof in action.

**Psalm Response** For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

**Gospel Acclamation** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

## PARISH NEWS

This Week

### Sunday Mass Times Back to Normal

September is here! The Summer Sunday Mass Times trial is over. Sunday Mass times are now **back to normal**, including the 6.30 pm Sunday evening Mass.

We will review how the trial went at the Parish Forum meeting this Tuesday, 5th September in St Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. Come along and say what you think about it!

### St. Ambrose Barlow Ladies Group

The next Ladies Group Meeting will take place **this Tuesday, September 5th** at 2.00 pm in St. Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall. This will be a charity Bingo – Bring & Buy sale event. The charity will be decided on the day.

### Parish Forum

The next meeting of the Parish Forum takes place **this Tuesday, 5th September** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Ambrose Barlow.

At this meeting we will review how the Summer Mass schedule went. All welcome.



### Annual Feastday Mass

The annual Feastday to celebrate the lives of our patron saints

**Edmund Arrowsmith & Margaret Clitherow**

will take place

**this Wednesday, September 6th at 7.00 pm**  
**in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Leigh.**



### The Craft Class

The Craft Class will resume **this Thursday 7th September** at 10.00 am in St. Richard's Church Hall.

### 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 Tuesdays **September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th** and October 3rd at 11.00am followed by a shared lunch
- **St Richard's House** on Wednesdays **September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th** and October 4th at 10.00am, following Exposition
- **St Joseph's Presbytery (Green Room)** on Fridays **September 8th, 15th, 22nd** and 29th at 12.30pm, following 12 noon Mass.

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

### Midweek Mass Times

Please check the Newsletter each week for the times of Masses during the week in each Church. If one of the priests is away then the other will cover and say Masses in the other churches too.

So the usual weekday Mass time schedule would be as follows:-

• 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

### Macmillan Coffee Mornings Dates for your Diary

**St Richards Parish Centre - Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Thursday September 28th, 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

Various Stalls, Raffle etc.

Admission £2 including unlimited Coffee & Tea and a delicious cake.

Helpers would be very much appreciated.

To volunteer, please phone either Eileen on 874928 or Margaret on 884893.

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

**Saturday 30th September, 9.00am to 12.00 noon**

For further details or donations please contact Mary Barton.

### 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)

### Sacred Heart Hindsford Website

[www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk)



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus rebukes Peter as a stumbling block to him as Peter tries to divert Jesus from his path of salvation to all. What are the stumbling paths on our road as we try to follow in the footsteps of the Lord? Is it something material which we feel we cannot do without? Is it a mental block where we are more concerned about other peoples perception of ourselves rather than being true to ourselves? Is it a physical block, where we generate excuses preventing us from doing something in the best interests of others? Each of us has a particular area in our lives which is a challenge for us. How can we deal with these challenges so that we may live a life more fully in the Lord?

### Pray:

God of love, you call us  
To transform your world  
So that all might flourish –  
To act justly and with hope  
So that all might live in peace.  
May we answer your call.

Lord of hope, you call us  
To care for the earth and its people  
So that all might flourish –  
To love tenderly and generously  
So that all might have enough.  
May we answer your call.

*(Creation Time Week 1 prayer CAFOD)*

### Act:

Having identified your individual stumbling blocks, take action this week to try to remove them from your life.

### Challenge:

Try to live by the saying 'less is more' this week. An example of how you might do this is by cutting down on the amount of meat you eat. Can you introduce a 'meat free Monday' into your life?

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**Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor seriously ill in hospital**

21st August 2017

In a letter sent to all the Bishops of England and Wales, the President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, has shared that the Cardinal's health has taken a defining turn and that he is now in hospital.

Cardinal Cormac asks most sincerely for prayers, Cardinal Nichols writes, knowing that "these loving prayers are a source of great strength and comfort as he calmly ponders on all that lies ahead, all in God's good time. May the Lord strengthen him in faith and trust and may the prayers of the Church, which he loves so much, comfort and uphold him."



### "Fatima At Home" Day

A reminder that, after our recent Pilgrimage to Fatima, we have decided to have a "Fatima At Home" Day in October, to celebrate the centenary of the last Apparition of Our Lady to the children.

So an early warning, a note for your diaries, that we will have a "Fatima At Home" event during October on the following dates:-

- **Friday October 13th**  
**Holy Hour in St. Richard's Church at 7.00pm.**
- **Saturday October 14th**  
**Mass of Anointing in St. Richard's Church at 12noon.**

In September we will start having planning meetings to prepare for the occasion so please watch this space for further details.

### 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).

### LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1784.31
Monthly SVP Collection	£ 357.60

Thank you so much for your generosity.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today	The Medaille Trust
Next Week	Catholic Education Service

**The Medaille Trust** is a charity founded to help women, young men and children who have been freed from human-trafficking. This trust is based in the UK because human-trafficking goes on in our own country. Even in Manchester, there are children and young people kept as sex slaves!

The **Catholic Education Service** is an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It negotiates with the Government and other national bodies in order to safeguard and promote Catholic education.

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 3rd September	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Pat Hughes  11.00 am Kevin Higgins	(Sat) 6.00 pm The Sick of the Parish  11.00 am Leslie Almond	(Sat) 6.00 pm Amy & Fred Hogg  9.30am Mary & Martin Neary 6.30pm Una & Bartley Furey
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.15 am Mary Sharples	<i>Mass at Ambrose Barlow</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Parish Feastday Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Leigh at 7.00 pm <i>No Mass at Holy Family</i>		9.00 - 9.45 am Exposition Blessed Sacrament
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am Fr. Gavin Landers		10.00 am Funeral Mass for Margaret Aspden 1.00 pm Funeral Mass for Michael Flaherty
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00 am Staff & Children of St. Gabriel's School <i>Mass in St. Gabriel's School</i>		<i>Mass in St. Gabriel's School</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00 am Margaret Dixon	10.00 am <i>Padre Pio Prayer Group</i> 6.00 pm Brian Gerrity	6.00 pm John & Jean Neary
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Fr. Terry McCann 11.00 am Denise Bradley	11.00 am Donoghue & Roberts Families	9.30 am Thomas & Alice O'Neill 6.30 pm Michael Flaherty

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

*Those who have died, especially:*

Joan Knight	Joan Baxter
Susan Mary Bradley	Michael Flaherty
Margaret Aspden	

*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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions at Holy Family 10.30am after Saturday morning Mass. Also available by request or by appointment.  
After 6.00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Richard's.  
Confession also available by request or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Family of Faith  
**Isla Grace Liptrot**  
**Eva Poppy Middleton**  
May God bless them and their families.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

**First Reading** *Ezekiel 33:7-9*  
The appointed leaders bear the responsibility to point out to wrong-doers the error of their ways and to try to get them to reform.

**Second Reading** *Romans 13:8-10*  
If we truly loved our neighbours we would not harm them in any way.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 18:15-20*  
We hear about the duty of every Christian to correct an erring brother or sister. But there is a proper way of doing it.