

Parish of St Margaret Clitheroe

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

30th September 2018

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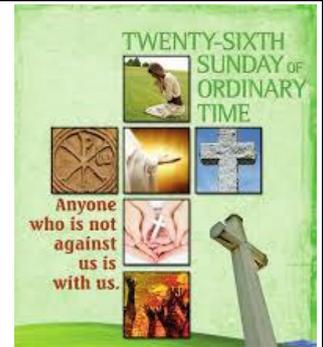
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http://stmmaryschs.org.uk/ – **Deanery website:** www.leighdeanery.co.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 26

Sunday 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Monday St. Teresa of the Child Jesus
Tuesday The Guardian Angels
Thursday St. Francis of Assisi
Next Sunday 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Rosary Sunday - Special Prayer Nugent Care Society



LEIGH DEANERY

Parish of St. Margaret Clitheroe

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.

DEVELOPMENT OF LEIGH DEANERY .

At all the Masses last weekend we announced the news that our deanery, the Deanery of Leigh, is to be expanded to incorporate a number of parishes from the Deanery of Ashton-in-Makerfield. This means that the parishes of St. Lewis' in Croft, St. Catherine & All Saints in Golborne and Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, will now be part of the Leigh Deanery. We have known for a few months that there may well be an expansion of many of the deaneries in the Archdiocese but this has taken us a little by surprise and we will need to do some work to manage the necessary changes that will have to take place.

For example, the new Leigh Deanery will now have five priests instead of four. But, instead of looking after seven churches, we will now have ten. At present we have eleven Masses at the weekend. We will very soon have sixteen. We will also be chaplains to fourteen different schools, including two high schools, as well as all the care homes and nursing homes in the area. We are very clearly going to be very busy.

At the moment there is some help in Hindley Green. Many of you will have met Fr. Hugh Strowbridge in the past. Fr. Hugh will help out wherever he can, along with a number of other priests who we are trying to contact at the moment. This is so that we can keep the same Sunday Masses the way for at least a few weeks whilst we think over the situation. We will obviously have to come up with a very different strategy as soon as possible. We really need to re-arrange the Mass times so that they can be covered by four priests.

As soon as we have more news about the enlargement of the Deanery we will let you know, but please keep the Deanery – people and priests – in your prayers. This is a VERY important time for us all. There will have to be changes and we need to manage and embrace the changes together as much as we possibly can.

Psalm Response The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Children's Liturgy at Holy Family

Could all those who have expressed an interest in helping please speak to Fr Paul G this weekend to ensure he has contact details for you and hopefully be able to secure a date in the next few weeks to re-launch this important part of parish life.



Creation Time

1st September – 4th October 2018

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 once again produced Creation Time Reflections for parishes to use. 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. Sessions will be held at St Richard's House at **10.00am on Wednesdays September 19th, 26th and October 3rd** (following Exposition when Exposition restarts next Wednesday, 26th September). All are welcome.

Foodbank Donations

There is now a box/basket in each of the three churches for your donations. Goods need to be non-perishable such as tea, coffee, sugar, tinned meat and fish, soup, packet mash, tinned fruit and rice pudding. Also long life milk, biscuits, and cereals. Toiletries are also welcome. Many thanks for your kindness.

Lost Property in St Ambrose Church

A red pouch / bag was left in St Ambrose church weekend 25th /26th August. It has been placed in the safe for safekeeping.

Ladies Group

The next meeting for the Ladies Group will take place on Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm in St Ambrose Church Hall. Raffle: Hilda Almond & Maureen Craddock

St Ambrose Barlow Panto 2019

If anyone would like to appear in this year's panto please let Steve Cooper know. Over 16s only please. See Steve after the 11.00 Sunday mass or ring him on 07952 152371.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday October 5th

On Family Fast Day, Friday October 5th, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us by eating more simply - perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal - and giving the money we save to help others around the world. In other words, we are being asked to live more simply so that others may simply live. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the back of church today and give what you can. Many thanks.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Soup Lunch

Come and share in a simple **Soup Lunch** on **Friday October 5th** and help CAFOD to help others. The lunch will be at:

St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall between 12:00 and 2pm.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along – and bring a friend.

Thank you to Sainsbury's in Leigh for their contribution to the food

Aid to the Church in Need

This weekend we extend a very warm welcome to members of the North West team of "Aid To The Church In Need" who will visit the churches of the Parish to talk about the work of the charity and to seek our support. They will also have small piety stalls in the different churches selling items including books, gifts and devotional items. Please make them very welcome and support them if you can.

Lay Funeral Ministry

Lay Funeral Ministry was introduced to the Liverpool Archdiocese by the previous Archbishop, Patrick Kelly, in response to discussions held during the "Leaving Safe Harbours" consultation. Conclusions were reached that the severely declining numbers of priests in the Archdiocese were leading to concerns regarding providing funeral care. Firstly, there were long delays for families waiting for a funeral, which was deemed to be unacceptable when this ritual forms such a vital part of the grieving process. Secondly, many priests were feeling overwhelmed by the numbers of funerals they had to do and so were questioning whether, in fact, they were providing families with the pastoral care they truly deserved and level of care the priests really wanted to provide.

It is important to be clear that what is new is not the thinking behind the idea of Lay Funeral Ministers, but rather its implementation, which comes from the "Order of Christian Funerals", published in the 1990s. Here, we read that Lay Funeral Ministers are commissioned to lead funeral services when there is no Requiem Mass or no priest or deacon available. A Lay Funeral Minister can lead the Prayer Vigil before a funeral, lead the funeral service, the committal and the prayers at the graveside or in the crematorium. Lay ministers are offered – they are NOT compulsory. Families can still wait for the availability of a priest or a deacon.

The Order of Christian Funerals also points out that there are different funeral rites and that a Requiem Mass may not always be appropriate for every individual. In this situation, we must see it as good that people can still turn to the Church to give death meaning and respect and to find closure through the funeral ritual. At times of bereavement, families come to the Church needy and in pain, they are sometimes afraid, and we do well to heed the often repeated call from scripture to "comfort my people."

In all of this it must be stressed that Lay Funeral Ministers do not offer a second-class service and do have training and preparation for ministry. It is seen as a way of responding to the baptismal call of "the priesthood of all believers" and a way of building community and supporting clergy. They work with families to create a ritual that is both personal and within the bounds of Church requirements from liturgical, spiritual and theological standpoints. They do this by sitting with bereaved families and listening with an attitude of love, by being aware that a funeral is a celebration of life but also the Catholic Community's celebration of our belief in the Resurrection. Being a Lay Funeral Minister is a very real and often very raw opportunity to reach out to people, to be the face of Christ and the Church and to pass on the Good News of eternal life.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£ 1845.40
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£ 328.41
Home Mission:	£ 10.65

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Aid for the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need helps Christians who suffer persecution or oppression for their faith in more than 130 countries around the world. You can find out more at: www.acnuk.org

Next Week

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Deanery Mass Survey

An early notice that, during the month of **October**, we are going to have a survey of where and when people attend Mass in the whole of the Deanery. This is so that we can look at which Masses are best attended, for example, and, if necessary, are there any changes we can make to help make Mass attendance easier and more efficient. We will be presenting the Mass Survey on the first Sunday of October. If you miss it you can still get one of the survey sheets and fill it in as soon as you can. More details soon.

New Pastoral Area Youth Group

The first meeting for the **LAUDATE SI Pastoral Area Youth Group** will take place on **Tuesday 9th October** at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery, Leigh. If you are in Year 6 to Year 13 you are welcome to come along and join the group.

Rosary Sunday

There will be a Holy Hour at Holy Family to celebrate this Feast as it falls this year on **Sunday 7th October**. This will begin at 3.00pm with the recitation of the Rosary and conclude with Benediction. All welcome.

Forty Hours (Quarant Ore)

This will be held at Holy Family **12th – 14th October**. All are welcome to come at any point, just as 10,000 people came to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in Liverpool for the Adoremus conference. Sign up sheets for times will be available at the back of church as soon as possible.

Deanery Forum

Many thanks to all those who came along to the last Deanery Forum meeting. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 14th November at 7.45pm in the Parish House at St Richard's**. The Forum is open to anyone from the Deanery to come along and get more involved in Parish life. All welcome

Year 7 Mass of Welcome

This week we formally give a warm welcome to all the new Year 7 students at St. Mary's High School. Most of them are getting more used to being at high school now, hopefully not getting lost around the place like Fr. Paul still does! You can guess which one! On Thursday this week St. Mary's are holding their annual Mass of Welcome in St. Joseph's Church in Leigh at 7.00 pm. please keep them and all the students and staff in your prayers. We wish you all a wonderful year.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Colin has been invited by All Saints Travel, a Holy Land Pilgrimage specialist, to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019. The pilgrimage will run from **5th-12th December 2019**. Highlights of the trip include daily Mass at various churches associated with Our Lord's ministry, a Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane, renewal of baptismal vows in the River Jordan and a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee.

The cost of the pilgrimage is £947 on a half-board basis, staying in a double/twin room. If you would like more information and a full itinerary or a booking form, then please speak to Fr. Colin or call the Parish Office at St. Joseph's, Leigh.

With You Always

The initial meeting with parents for this years First Communion Programme for Holy Family and St Gabriel's will be as follows: Tuesday 9th October at 3.00pm in St Gabriel's school; Tuesday 16th October at 6.00pm in Holy Family Church.

RCIA

The meetings for any adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or just want to find out more about the Faith will start again on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.45pm in Holy Family Presbytery

Walsingham 2019

Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th April 2019

If you would like to go to Walsingham next year, please pay your £40 deposit by the end of September to Therese Thompson (Tel: 07780 064502) or Margaret Hawkins (St Edmund Arrowsmith parish). Thank you.

Prayer in preparation for Synod 2020

We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,
So now send us out
To share what we have received
With our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
That you are calling us to be:
A community that listens, that trusts,
That lives with courage
And that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
Be a source of healing, of new life
And a deeper trust in you.
We ask this in faith
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



We will be looking at excerpts from Creation Time over the next few weeks.

Week 5 Theme: Do we take Jesus' message to heart?

Reflect:

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we are all in a position to do good for others.

Pray

"This is what Yahweh asks of you: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" [Micah 6:8].

... And may the Lord bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Act & Challenge

Laudato Si' #52 We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference. '

Find ways to make your voice heard for what is right this week.

Newsletter

Please ensure that items for next week's newsletter are sent in by Wednesday evening. Thank you.

Clergy Addresses

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Fr Paul Grady: Holy Family Presbytery, 208 Chaddock Lane, Boothstown, Worsley, Manchester M28 1DN

Finance

All monies should be paid into the Parish account of St Margaret Clitheroe Please note spelling 'Clitheroe'). Thank you.

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are Sick



Arthur Leggett
 Agnes Pilkington
 All Cancer Patients
 Anne Broad
 Baby George
 Baby Grace
 Baby Luke
 Bernard O'Donnell
 Bridie Molyneux
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Derek Maude
 Eddie Shaw
 Edward Leach
 Emma Oldham
 Enid Kenwright
 Eugenie Cheetham
 Fon O'Hara
 Freda Peake
 Gerald Hackett
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Irene Burke
 Irene McIntyre
 Jack Rothwell
 Jean Tchibukdjian
 Jess Garrett
 Joan Wilkinson
 John Neary
 John Sleeman
 John Wall
 Kathy Kenyon
 Maisie Sweeney (10)
 Margaret Case
 Margaret Dawson
 Margaret Hurley
 Margaret Ross
 Margaret Wall
 Marjorie Price
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Michael Wright
 Olivia Hutchinson
 Rev Jim Melia
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Stephen Howell
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin
 If any of the above are now better please tell margaretclitherow@yahoo.com

Week Beginning 30th September	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Thanksgiving 11.00 am Gordon Harris	(Sat) 6.00 pm Wyn & Alf Brown 11.00 am Laura Urmston & Father	(Sat) 6.00 pm Leo Dillon 9.30 am The Leonard Family
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am James Houten 10.30am Funeral Service for Marjorie Miles	9.15 am Hazel Greenhough
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Helen & Edward Wardle		<i>Sorry No Exposition</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15am Carmel Finn
FRIDAY	10.00 am Helen & Edward Wardle <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>		<i>Mass in St.Gabriel's School</i>
SATURDAY	10.00 am Jack Hogg	10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm Andrew Neary	6.00 pm Margaret, Esther & Kath
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00am David Pickering 11.00am Christopher Tickle	11.00 am Moira Fitzmaurice & Deceased Parents	9.30 am Jean & Sarah Mary Herron

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith:

Thomas Henry Killeen

May God bless him and his family.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Anne Heron.
 Florence Prescott.
 Marjorie Miles.
 Bill O'Connor.
 Maureen Dean.

R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday Confessions after 10.00am Mass at Holy Family; after both 6.00pm Masses in St Ambrose and St Richards.

Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Genesis 2:18-24.*
 God made man and woman for each other. The bond of marriage means they are no longer two but one.

Second Reading *Hebrews 2:9-11.*
 By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Christ becomes a friend and a Saviour to all people

Gospel Reading *Mark 10:2-16.*
 Christ teaches that the marriage bond comes from God and is therefore indissoluble