

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

7th October 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 27

Sunday 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Rosary Sunday - Special Prayer Nugent Care Society

Next Sunday 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families



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

A priest once used the story of the creation of Eve from Adam's rib in a sermon one weekend. He used it as a symbol of the unique closeness and intimacy that is possible between a man and a woman. The priest saw the story as a statement about the unique dignity of women and of woman's equality with man. But some women who discussed the homily after Mass had a very different understanding. "Typical," one of them said. "That reading says women are merely helpmates; that we are just there for men and exist just for them. Is that what they call enlightened?" Context is, of course, crucial in understanding any piece of writing, especially scripture. Our modern ears can easily interpret the Genesis story as regarding women as subservient. However the original intention was precisely the opposite. Today's' Gospel challenges us with a similar issue. We hear it through the prism of our particular questions about Church teaching on Marriage as a life-long sacrament, the pain of marriage breakdown and the position of children in society. But to understand what Jesus is saying, we also need to appreciate his context and the questions he was addressing. In Jesus' time, there were two main schools of thought on Marriage within the Jewish faith. One group taught that a man could divorce his wife only for a very serious reason. Others thought they could do it whenever. The Pharisees' question to Jesus was a test. They wanted Jesus to take sides, perhaps even to contradict the Law of God. Their question was not about the rights and wrongs of divorce and re-marriage as we might ask in today's worlds, but specifically about how much power a husband has over his wife.

Jesus refuses to buy into their assumptions. By ruling out divorce completely, Jesus is saying that a man can't treat a woman as an object, that a woman isn't a possession, as Genesis pointed out, but as his equal. Jesus' teaching on Marriage – and indeed his whole attitude and behaviour towards women and children, who were also a very vulnerable group of people in society at the time – only makes sense when seen in the context of Jesus' time and culture. It is a teaching about the essential dignity of every human being and about what it means for all relationships, especially Marriage. He calls us to respect and uphold the dignity and uniqueness of every person. Domination and control have no place in Marriage, in the home or in any relationship. Whether we are married or not, Jesus' words challenge us to examine the quality of our relationships and how we treat others. This will be the sign of our love and the quality of our discipleship.

Psalms Response May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

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

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Rosary Sunday



Pray
the
Rosary

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.

Deanery Mass Survey

Next weekend we will begin a survey to find out 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. The Mass Survey will take place during all Masses next weekend. If you miss it you can still get one of the survey sheets and fill it in as soon as you can.

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.



Children's Liturgy at Holy Family

Children's Liturgy at Holy Family – Watch this space – information to follow as soon as possible

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.



St Ambrose Barlow Panto 2019

The first planning meeting for all who are interested in taking part in this year's panto will be on Wednesday 10th October at 8pm in the church hall.

With You Always

The initial meeting with parents for this year's 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.**



Exposition at St. Richard's Church.

Now that the work on St. Richard's Church roof is now finished, apart from some of the scaffolding, we will resume Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday morning from 9am-10am. Please come along and join us in prayer.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Mass 7.00pm Wednesday 17th October at Sacred Heart Church for past and present members and their families.

Everyone welcome.



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	£ 1816.43
Aid for the Church in Need	£ 1586.34
CAFOD	£ 188.23
MacMillan Coffee Morning	£1,145.38
	(so far, final total tba)
Home Missions	£8.00

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

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.

Next Week

Prisoners Advice and Care Trust

The Prison Advice and Care Trust is an independent UK charity that provides practical services for prisoners and prisoners' families. First established as the Catholic Prisoners Aid Society in 1898, PACT works at several prisons across England.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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. [See timetable opposite](#) →

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

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 Gallilee.

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.

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

St. Richard's Parish Centre Coffee Morning

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 25TH
10.00am to 12noon**

**IN AID OF
WIGAN and LEIGH HOSPICE**

**ADMISSION £2.00 INCL REFRESHMENTS.
VARIOUS STALLS INCLUDING
CAKES, CARDS AND RAFFLE**

**Volunteers would be much appreciated
Please contact Eileen tel: 874928**

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The meetings for any adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or just want to find out more about the Faith are on Wednesdays at 7.45pm

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Timetable as follows.

Friday 12th October

10.00 am Morning Prayer and Mass (Opening of Exposition)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.00 pm Praying with Pope Francis (Prayer and Reflection)
8.45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction (and close of Exposition)

Saturday 13th October

10.00 am Morning Prayer and Mass (start of Exposition)
10.30 am Confessions (until 11am)
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
8.00 pm Taize Prayer (Prayerful Music)
8.45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction (and close of Exposition)

Sunday 14th October

8.00 am Morning Prayer (start of Exposition)
9.00 am Mass
11.00 am Mass
3.00 pm Evening Prayer and Solemn Benediction (to conclude Exposition)



Reflect

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us of the importance of family life. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

Pray

All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.

From Suscipe St Ignatius of Loyola

Act

We are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Be aware of the needs of those you encounter this week

Challenge

The latter part of the Gospel reading reminds us how we should trust in God. Try to let go this week and put yourself in the loving hands of Our Father.

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 Clitherow Please note spelling 'Clitherow'. 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 7th October	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00am David Pickering 11.00am Christopher Tickle	(Sat) 6.00 pm Andrew Neary 11.00 am Moira Fitzmaurice & Deceased Parents	(Sat) 6.00 pm Margaret, Esther & Kath 9.30 am Jean & Sarah Mary Herron
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		10.30 am Funeral Mass Maureen Dean	Funeral Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Martin Furey		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am Caroline & George Smallshaw <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>	11.00 am Funeral Mass Anne Heron	9.15 am Larry & Sheila Hughes
FRIDAY	10.00 am Margaret Mary Dermody <i>Mass in Holy Family Church to begin Quarant Ore</i>		9.15 Stephen Langin
SATURDAY	10.00 am Peter Topping	10.00 am Exposition and Rosary 6.00 pm Marie Stockton	6.00 pm Bill O'Connor
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00am Bernadette Bates 11.00am Golden Wedding	11.00 am David Gough	9.30 am Carmel Birkenhead

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.

Maureen Dean.

Marjorie Miles.

Bill O'Connor

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 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Wisdom 7:7-11.*
Solomon delivers a speech in praise of wisdom.

Second Reading *Hebrews 4:12-13.*
God's Word is effective and it is a source of true wisdom for us.

Gospel Reading *Mark 10:17-30.*
We hear the story of the good young man who refuses to follow Jesus because he is unwilling to part with his wealth.

