

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

10th June 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 10

Sunday Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Monday St. Barnabus
Wednesday St. Anthony of Padua
Saturday St. Richard of Chichester
Next Sunday Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



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

Some of the people of the time mistakenly saw madness and evil in Jesus. He was not like other healers who used potions and incantations to make people better: Jesus lifted people from their crippling sense of worthlessness with a touch. Unlike the religious leaders of his day who were preoccupied with ritual correctness, Jesus taught that goodness and kindness pleased God most. He felt great warmth towards men and women who were honest about themselves and who recognized that they needed help. Many sensed that God had come among them. However, in today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus' family feared for his sanity and scribes from Jerusalem even accused him of being possessed. It is ironic that the ones who failed to recognize goodness when they saw it were the religious experts of the time. What they did not understand, they discredited. Since Jesus did not fit the conventional idea of what a holy person should be, they assumed he must be doing Satan's work. Jesus' reply is as startling now as it must have sounded them. Satan is tied up, he told them, like a strong man whose house is being burgled. Jesus was trying to show them that God had broken into all their lives; that the world need no longer be locked in Satan's dungeon of despair. Everywhere, forgiveness and reconciliation were releasing people and restoring their sense of well-being. Satan was powerless to stop it because Jesus could not be seduced by wealth or comfort. Pleasing God mattered to him more than popularity: his trust in God's love made him unafraid. By believing what God said and doing what God asked, Jesus disarmed the prince of devils – and against such faith, evil is powerless.

We live in a time when the difference between good and evil seems less clear than ever. Where honesty and selflessness are viewed as something weak or foolish, then even people of faith may convince themselves that wrong is right, and that wrongdoing is nothing to worry about because everyone else bends the rules. There may come a time when, like the scribes, we can no longer recognize God's presence in our world, nor understand how much in need we are of healing. We have, of course, a helper. It is the work of God's Holy Spirit to awaken us to truth and to change us from within. Today's Gospel presents a grave warning to anyone whose awareness of right and wrong has diminished. No one is beyond mercy, but to receive God's forgiveness, we must first want to receive it. So it is that we come before God, understanding we need his love and compassion. Humbly, we join the crowd who gathered at the home of Jesus in Capernaum, imperfect people like ourselves who desire to live in a way more pleasing to God. To us today Jesus says: You are my brother, my sister, my mother.

Psalms Response With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Lourdes Music Group



The Music Group led by Fr Paul G, will be coming to the parish **this weekend**, on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June** for a fundraising 'Singathon'. The group will be singing and playing over a 24-hour period to raise funds to help members with the cost of this year's pilgrimage. The group will lead the music at St Ambrose at the 6.00pm Mass and both morning Masses at Holy Family. The event will conclude with a **Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise at 3.00pm TODAY** in Holy Family ending with Benediction.

Lourdes Music Group Cake Sale

Thanks to all who helped provide cakes to raise funds for the Lourdes Music Group. Cakes donated by parishioners will be on sale after the Masses at Holy Family **TODAY, Sunday, 10th June**.



St Ambrose Barlow Guides will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society **this Thursday, 14th June**. We will be selling afternoon teas, £5 per person from 2pm in the afternoon until 5pm and then at our guide meeting from 7 til 9pm we will be having a cupcake evening with a raffle and a few fun games such as pin the cherry on the cup cake and cake bingo. Entry is £1 and all refreshments and games are charged at £1 per item.

For the afternoon event only, please book in advance as places are limited - contact Delia on 07753 929476 to reserve your afternoon tea between 2 and 3, 3 and 4 or 4 and 5pm.

Thank you for your support for this wonderful charity. Delia, Bernadette and all the guides

Children's Liturgy

It has been some while since this has been possible at Holy Family and once more I extend an invitation to anyone who might be interested in helping to run this as part of a team (ie not having to do it every week). It would be wonderful for our children to have the opportunity to encounter the Scriptures within their own liturgy. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Paul G.

S.P.U.C.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition calling for the Home Secretary to oppose any moves to restrict peaceful pro-life citizens' freedom of expression and freedom to pray outside abortion centres. Kindly support this petition by taking time to read the leaflet at the back of church and signing the petition form(s) which will be collected and forwarded to SPUC before the closing date, 27th July 2018.

Congratulations to St Gabriel's Primary School

Congratulations to St Gabriel's Primary School for being upgraded from good to outstanding in their recent RE inspection by the Archdiocese. The school was praised for its Catholic Life in its ethos, in its celebration of collective worship, and school life as a whole. Well done to everyone

St. Richard's 500 Club June winners

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| £150.00 | 076 | J.Harding |
| £75.00 | 085 | T.C.Raynor |
| £50.00 | 064 | L.Baker |
| £25.00 | 034 | T.Thompson |
| £25.00 | 314 | M.Fairclough |
| £15.00 | 440 | M.Barton |
| £15.00 | 131 | R.Garner |
| £15.00 | 279 | G.F.Hill |

Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Mass Schedule

This year we will operate the reduced Mass times for the whole of **July and August**. This allows us to once more try this out for when we have fewer priests. The Mass times will be 8.45am Holy Family, 10.00am St Richards, 11.15am St Ambrose Barlow.

Appointment of Fr Michael Fava QHC as Deputy Chaplain-General of the Army

On 18 May 2018 the Military Secretariat announced the appointment of Fr Michael Fava QHC, priest of the Diocese of Portsmouth, to be the next Deputy Chaplain-General to Her Majesty's Land Forces Army from November 2018. The role, in direct support of the Chaplain-General, is effectively that of Head of Army Chaplaincy Personnel, in the rank of Brigadier (or 'one star'). This selection is the first time that a Catholic Chaplain has reached such an appointment in any of the three Services.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

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| Offertory | £1895.12 |
| Provision for Priests in Retirement | £ 843.28 |

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Monthly SVP Collection

'SVP' stands for 'St Vincent de Paul'. There is an SVP Group in most Catholic parishes whose sole purpose is to reach out to those who are struggling and in need in the community in which we live. The monthly SVP collection assists us in this ministry. Thank you for the support you give consistently throughout the year. It really does help to change lives.

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Lourdes Music Group Sponsorship
at St Ambrose Barlow and Holy Family
(See This Week's Parish News)

Next Week

Day for Life

Next Sunday is the annual **Day for Life**. The second collection will go to support the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics) and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Parish Forum

The next meeting of the Parish Forum takes place on **Tuesday, June 26th** at 7.45pm in Holy Family Church. The Forum is open to anyone who would like to come along and get more involved in Parish life.

Liverpool Synod 2020 - Deanery Holy Hours

Please try your very best to come along to the Holy Hours in the Deanery over the next couple of months. The Holy Hours are part of the preparations for the Archdiocesan General Synod in 2020. The next two Holy Hours in our Deanery will take place on the following dates and venues:-

- **Wednesday June 27th** at 7.30pm – St. Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley.
- **Wednesday July 18th** at 7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church, Leigh.

Parish Trip to Stratford, 28th June

More details regarding departure times very soon.

St Ambrose Barlow School Summer Fayre



This year's Summer Fayre will be held in the school grounds on **Saturday 30th June** from 12 noon-4.00pm. Please come down and support this fantastic family day, featuring a variety of stalls and entertainment including a 'Bake-off' Competition, pony rides and Emergency Service Vehicles.

A grand raffle will be drawn on the day with a first prize of £100 up for grabs as well as a selection of other prizes including bottles and chocolates.

Tickets for the raffle will be available *after 11.00am Mass at St Ambrose Barlow during June* priced at £1 a book, so everyone can join in even if you can't attend on the day.

Thank you for your support with this important event, all proceeds from which will go straight into supporting our school and children.

Eucharistic Assembly Liverpool

We have been informed that there are now some **extra places available for the National Eucharistic Assembly**, also known as "Adoremus" (**7-9th September**). Tickets are available for the Saturday of the Congress but you will need to book them directly from the Archdiocese. The contact person is Eleanor Lalley on 0151-522-1047 and she will send you a booking form which you will need to return immediately. Or you can download the booking form from e.lalley@rcaol.co.uk or formation@rcaol.co.uk.

Parish Trip to York - FULL!

Please note that the Parish trip to York on **Tuesday, December 11th** is now completely full. If you are still interested in going then please leave your name(s) and contact number with Fr. Paul (the Big One!) and you will be put on a reserve list. If any places become available you will then be invited on the trip asap. The cost should be approximately £10 per person. We will give you further details regarding pick-up points and times of departure and return much nearer the time.

Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night - Cash Prizes
Every Thursday

Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.

Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

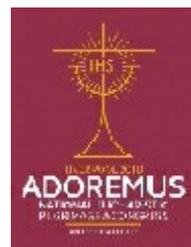
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

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.



Reflect: In today's Gospel Jesus wants us to understand that by doing God's will, we are part of a bigger family. Choosing to follow Jesus, being his disciple, means we must treat one another with kindness and mercy. We must become a family.

Pray: The Our Father sums up what it is to be a true follower of Christ. Pray the prayer we pray so often in the light of being a member of God's family. He is Our Father.....

Act: How do we react to those who have wronged us? Can we find forgiveness within our hearts?

Challenge: As Christians, we are called to show love for God and one another in the same way we show love for the members of our family. We do not choose the family we are born into, but we do choose to be part of Jesus' family. This week make an effort to show that you belong to God's family by, for example, being generous to those in need, being kind to others, praying for those less fortunate or becoming involved in supporting the local community. Be open to the chances and opportunities you have in your life to choose to follow Jesus.

Newsletter

Please ensure that items for next week's 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

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
 Bernadette Bates
 Bernard O'Donnell
 Bridie Molyneux
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Derek Maude
 Edward Leach
 Emma Oldham
 Enid Kenwright
 Eugenie Cheetham
 Fon O'Hara
 Freda Peake
 Gerald Hackett
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Irene Burke
 Irene McIntyre
 Jamie Robbins
 Jean Tchibukdjian
 Jess Garrett
 Joan Wilkinson
 John Neary
 John Sleeman
 John Wall
 Kathy Kenyon
 Maisie Sweeney (age 9)
 Margaret Case
 Margaret Dawson
 Margaret Hurley
 Margaret Ross
 Margaret Wall
 Marjorie Price
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Michael Wright
 Mildred Hughes
 Patricia Wilson
 Rev Jim Melia
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Sr Megan Haisley
 Steve Clorston
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin
 + additions this week
 Eddie Shaw
 Tom Murray

| Week Beginning 10th June | Holy Family | St. Ambrose Barlow | St. Richard's |
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| SUNDAY | 9.00 am Kathleen Lyth 11.00 am John, Sue & Martin Hogg 3.00 pm <i>Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise</i> | (Sat) 6.00 pm Elaine West 11.00 am Raymond Hilton | (Sat) 6.00 pm Len & Trudi Sandilands 9.30 am Kathleen Lyth |
| MONDAY | | | |
| TUESDAY | | 9.15 am Joan Rigby | 9.15 am Tony McKiernan |
| WEDNESDAY | 7.00 pm Paul Goggins | | 9.00 - 10.00 am <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| THURSDAY | 10.00 am Anthony Nield | 9.30 am Funeral Mass for Elizabeth O'Dea | 12noon Funeral Mass for Sarah Hodgkiss |
| FRIDAY | 10.00 am Jim and James Neary | | 9.15 am Joseph Baker |
| SATURDAY | 10.00 am Andrew Neary | 10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm Mary McHugh | 6.00 pm Ann Warren Michele Balcombe |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 9.00 am Daniel & Nellie Conneely & Margaret Kelly 11.00 am Anne and Patrick Nelson | 11.00 am Thomas Laing | 9.30 am Dorothy Hunt Theresa Stanley |

WEDDING
 Congratulations to
Michelle Dermody & Paul Callan
 who were married at Holy Family Church last weekend.
 May the Lord bless and strengthen their love always.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Elizabeth O'Dea
 Sarah Hodgkiss
 R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturday Confessions after 10.00 am Mass at Holy Family and after both 6.00 pm Masses in St Ambrose Barlow and St Richard's. Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Ezekiel 17:22-24*
 The prophet Ezekiel foretells the fall of Jerusalem. At the same time he tells of the establishment of a universal Kingdom by the Messiah.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*
 Since Paul's priority at all times is to please the Lord, he has no fear of appearing before him.

Gospel Reading *Mark 4:26-34*
 We hear two parables about the steady growth of the Kingdom of God from insignificant beginnings, a growth brought about by God himself.