

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 19

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Tuesday St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Next Sunday Twentieth 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

Elijah spent a lifetime battling against idolatry which was rampant in his time. This brought him into conflict with Queen Jezebel, who wanted to kill him. So he fled into the desert to escape. But there everything caught up with him. Having given his all, he felt drained. So he lay down and asked God to take his life away. Then, he supposed, all his troubles would be over. Elijah was perhaps one of the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. Yet here we see him weak, exhausted, terror-stricken, and just wanting to die. Far from being shocked at this we should take heart from it. Elijah was a great man. Greatness can't be conferred on people; they have to achieve it. And they do so, not by avoiding difficulties, but by confronting them and overcoming them. But even the great know moments of weakness, doubt and fear like the rest of us.

Elijah was running away from something that was going to follow him. Instead of granting his wish, God sent an angel to him with food and drink. There may not have been anything supernatural about the incident. The "angel" could possibly have been the prophet's own servant whom he had left a short distance away. Still, it was an expression of God's care for his prophet. In any case, strengthened by this food from Heaven, Elijah was able to make his way to Horeb, the mountain of God. At Horeb he had an experience of God's presence. The purpose of this experience was not to encourage escape on his part. It was meant to comfort and strengthen him so that he could go back and face the danger he had left behind. And this is exactly what he did.

Prayer and religion are not meant to be an escape from life but are there to help us face it. From our own daily journey in search of God, and in our effort to live the life of a Christian, we return again and again to prayer and to the sacraments. Not, however, purely for refuge or escape, but for rebirth and renewal of courage and energy, so that we may commit ourselves again to the journey. Our faith is there to comfort us in times of trouble and to console us in times of sorrow. It is there to give us hope, to encourage us to keep going on our journey to and with God. There is a religion of devotion, and a religion of commitment. Faith can be a crutch to us at times but it can also be a pair of wings to help us fly. The Christian life is not about evasions, escapism, soft options, comfort. It is about the very opposite to these. The God who loves us, expects the best of us, nothing less. God gives us a special food to nourish us. The food that Elijah received enabled him to walk up the mountain of God. The food that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist enables us to walk all the way to his eternal Kingdom in Heaven.

Psalms Response

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

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**.

Holy Day of Obligation The Solemnity of the Assumption on Wednesday 15th August

As we would on a Sunday we come to Mass to celebrate this Feast in Honour of Our Lady.

Masses will be:

- 9.15am St Ambrose**
- 12noon St Richards**
- 7.00pm Holy Family.**



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:-

- 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.



Flash Sale Today!

Stock clearance sale of Traidcraft produce, usually sold in the now closed Parish Hall, will take place in the church porch after the 8.45am Mass at Holy Family **today**. Bargains galore! Last week's sale raised £113.



Red Mission Boxes

The latest collection from the red mission boxes in Holy Family amounted to £622.47p. Many thanks to all concerned for your continued help in supporting missionary work.

Building Work at St. Richard's

After a lengthy meeting with the contractors and the workmen this week, it was agreed that, so far, the work at St. Richard's is going very well and is ahead of schedule. Hopefully it should all be completed in the next few weeks. It is most important that you take extra care when you are near the scaffolding, especially when the men are working on the roof. Take extra care and keep safe. If there needs to be any changes to services we will let you know asap.

We will resume Exposition on Wednesday mornings in September.

Mass Collections

St. Richard's are looking for volunteers to help count the Mass collections on a monthly rota bases. Everyone is welcome. For more information please phone James on 07521 931871.

Children's Liturgy at Holy Family

There has been some interest and we will try to restart children's liturgy initially once a month after the summer. If anyone else is interested please speak to Fr Paul G.

Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose Barlow

Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose Barlow Church during the summer holidays. Sessions will resume again in September. Have a great summer!

Deanery Forum

The next meeting of the Deanery Forum will now take place on **Wednesday September 5th at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart presbytery, Leigh**. Please note the change of date from the last meeting. The Forum is open to anyone from the Deanery to come along and get more involved in Parish life. All welcome.

Feastday Mass

An early notice that the annual Celebration of the Feast of St. Edmund Arrowsmith & St. Margaret Clitherow will take place in **St. Ambrose Barlow Church on Wednesday September 12th at 7.00pm**.



Please come along and join us in prayer.

A good laugh and
a long sleep
are the two best cures
for anything
Irish proverb

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£ 1923.77
Catholic Deaf Association	£ 247.36
CAFOD (St. Richard's)	£ 53.32

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Housing Justice

Housing Justice is the national voice of Christian action in the field of housing and homelessness. The charity supports night shelters, drop-ins and hundreds of practical projects nationwide by providing advice and training for churches and other community groups who work with homeless people. Website: www.housingjustice.org.uk

Next Week Samaritans

The Samaritans are available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress, despair or suicidal thoughts. "Whatever you're going through, call us free any time, from any phone on 116 123. We're here round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call us on the phone. This number is FREE to call. You don't have to be suicidal to call us." Website: www.samaritans.org

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

World Meeting of Families 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from **21-26 August 2018**, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World".

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Pope Francis has confirmed that he will be travelling to Ireland to take part in World Meeting of Families 2018 and has asked for our prayers for the treasure of Families in this month of August, "**That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity**".

Full details of the World Meeting of Families may be found on the website: www.worldmeeting2018.ie



Eucharistic Assembly Liverpool

From 7-9 September 10,000 pilgrims from across England and Wales will come to Liverpool for the first national Eucharistic Congress to be held by the Roman Catholic Church in this country for 110 years, the last having been in London in 1908.

A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of clergy, religious and laity to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

Alongside the main Congress there will be a Youth Congress.

There are still a few 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.

In addition to the main events a **parallel programme** of 27 different free events has been organised in churches and other venues close to Liverpool City Centre. These include a commentary and presentation by Liverpool writer Jimmy McGovern following a screening of his BAFTA award-winning drama 'Broken', about an inner-city priest from the North of England. This will happen at St Francis Xavier Church, Salisbury Street, Liverpool L3 8DR, where filming for the series took place. Exposition, Mass and refreshments followed by an episode at 1.30 pm with commentary by the writer and discussion. Friday & Saturday, 7 & 8 September, 11.00 am – 3.30 pm. For ages 15+ (because of mature themes in the TV series).

Other parallel events include an exhibition of items from the 1908 Eucharistic Congress in the Metropolitan Cathedral together with an International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles.

See www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk for full Congress details.

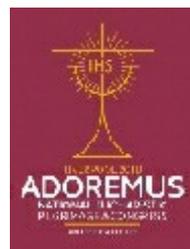
Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

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:

A phrase from today's Gospel resonates: "No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father." If Jesus is right, you listened to today's Gospel, are reading this passage, because God brought you to this time and place. How does it feel to hear that?

Pray

Lord, at times we allow ourselves to focus on the extravagances of life.

Help us to cherish the simple things around us.

Help us to regain the sense of wonder a young child has.

Open our eyes to your presence in everything and everyone we see.

Amen.

Act

The image of bread is of a daily staple, something that nourishes, sustains, and enables us to grow. What and whom do you need in your own life, day by day, to keep you going?

Challenge

How can you be bread for others?

Newsletter

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

Clergy Addresses

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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
 Baby Penny Rose
 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
 Gordon Harris
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Irene Burke
 Irene McIntyre
 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
 Rev Jim Melia
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Sr Megan Haisley
 Stephen Howell
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin

Week Beginning 12th August	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY <i>Summer Mass Times</i>	8.45 am Seamus McNulty	(Sat) 6.00 pm Parishioners 11.15 am Mildred Hughes	(Sat) 6.00 pm Fr.Philip Orrell 10.00 am Cecilia Daniels
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Edward Ellison	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY <i>Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady</i>	1.30 pm Funeral Service for Margaret Dermody 7.00 pm Philip Paterson	9.15 am Joan Clegg	<i>No Exposition this week and none until September.</i> 12.00 noon People of the Parish
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Vida Knotman
FRIDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am John Carter
SATURDAY	10.00 am Peter Scaife	10.00 am Exposition and Rosary 6.00 pm John Burke	6.00 pm Gertrude Sandilands
NEXT SUNDAY	8.45 am Margaret Hibbert	11.15 am Mary Sharples	10.00 am Tony & Gill Brett



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Margaret Dermody
 Mary Ellams
 Bernadette Bates

God our Father,
 Your power brings us to birth,
 Your providence guides our lives,
 and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
 their lives change but do not end.
 I pray in hope for my family,
 relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
 Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.
 Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.
 Amen.

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 Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Proverbs 9:1-6*
 Wisdom is described in terms of a banquet. Christians will see this as a foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet.

Second Reading *Ephesians 5:15-20*
 The wise Christian will make the most of the present time, being alert to the will of God, and shaping their conduct accordingly.

Gospel Reading *John 6:51-58*
 Jesus shares the great promise of eternal life for those who eat his Body and drink his Blood in the Eucharist.