

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

13th May 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)
Weekdays – Easter Week 7

Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)
(World Communications Day)
Monday Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle
Tuesday Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday St. Paschal Baylon
Next Sunday Pentecost Sunday (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

At the beginning of the Church's life Peter stood up before an assembled crowd of 120 people, a number symbolic of the whole house of Israel, and by extension the whole human race. He stood up to address the human family. His first task was to heal and restore the "twelve apostles", those foundation stones of the Church's existence. The Twelve were specially chosen by the Lord to be the foundation of his Church, his family of followers. As parents are to their children, so the apostles became like parents to the rest of Christ's faithful. This new Israel, the new people of God, is founded on the twelve apostles, who were the Lord's companions from the beginning right up until the day he was taken from their sight. They had eaten and drank with him – such powerful human experiences – before and after his resurrection from the dead. Now they would be his witnesses to the whole world and to every generation that came after. The faith that is preached is founded on this rock-solid base of people who were there and who knew him so well. If we are to preach the love of God in this world, it is as well to have a firm foundation for such a story. The world is not impressed by idle dreams or fantasies. So the triumph of good over evil, the story of the death and resurrection of the Lord, needs the firm foundation of the witness of those who were there, who saw it for their own eyes, and in turn share the story today through the Gospel.

So it was that Jesus, at the Last Supper with his disciples, prayed for them and also for us, and asked his Father to keep them "true to your name". It is this quality and this witness of life that will be the moving factor in causing God's love to grow in human lives. People who are true to God's name witness to goodness in a world surrounded by evil. They witness to kindness in a cruel world. They witness to hope in a world sunk in despair. Judas, who became disillusioned with Jesus, lived to regret his actions in betraying him, but he did not live long enough to be rescued from despair. In collaborating in the death of Jesus he felt that he had burnt all his bridges. There was nothing left to live for. But hope does spring eternal and the Lord IS risen from the dead. In our world today, in our life now, the Lord offers us his grace, the grace to be true to his name in our own place and in our own circumstances. Our own life is our challenge. We are not going to be removed from the world, but we can, with God's grace, be protected from the evil one. Our witness of life is to be in touch with one another, to help restore one another, and to help in gathering into unity the scattered children of God.

Psalm Response The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

HCPT Appeal

Many thanks to our friends from HCPT who came along last weekend to speak at some of the Parish Masses. Thanks especially to all of you who gave so much money to send children to Lourdes next Easter. Altogether, including the 11.00am Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow and the two Masses at St. Richard's, we raised £2229.33p. Well done everyone! Enough money to send several children to Lourdes next year.

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Please remember all the children who are making their First Holy Communion in the next few weeks. They have been attending all the "With You Always" meetings. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time.

St. Richard's 500 Club May winners

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| £100 | 440 | M. Barton |
| £50 | 186 | A. Jones |
| £25 | 258 | D. Holt |
| £15 | 448 | K. Cooper |
| £15 | 240 | A. Baxter |

Thank you for your continued support.

Atherton Pentecost Service

Churches Together In Atherton are holding a special Pentecost Service outside Atherton Parish Church **next Sunday, May 20th at 4.00pm. (Please note change of time.)** The service will consist of a few hymns and readings to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which came upon the apostles at Pentecost.

Food Bank Basket

This collection at St. Ambrose Barlow will be continued while it is needed. Many thanks to all who have donated – please do not stop!

Help Required

We are looking for additional help to maintain the grounds at St. Ambrose Barlow in Astley. If you feel you can spare an hour or two on a regular basis or would like more information please contact Peter Mellin, Des Deignan or Steve Cooper for further details.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our family of Faith

Kausi Brook

Francesca Speight

May God bless them and their families.

WEDDING

Congratulations to

Florence Li & Alex Chan

who are getting married at

St. Ambrose Barlow Church on Friday.

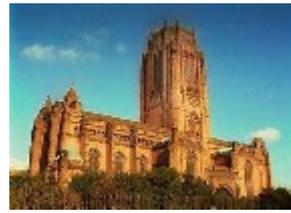
May the Lord bless and strengthen their love always.

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.

Pentecost 2018 – Hope in Harmony Sunday 20th May 2018, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Join us on Pentecost Sunday for an afternoon of music and unity as we celebrate the strong links between Liverpool's two Cathedrals.



Starting at Liverpool Cathedral with a short act of worship we will process along Hope



Street. During the procession different choirs from our two cathedrals will fill Hope Street with music and celebration. The proceedings will culminate in a mass choral performance and singing of the Hallelujah chorus on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

You can join us for the whole procession or any part along Hope Street where you will also find the Makers Market.

Meru Women's Garden Project

Atherton Churches Together have agreed to help Soroptimist International, Leigh & District Club, raise money for a unique project which has been set up in Meru, a region of Kenya. The project aims to help 194 women create vegetable gardens which will not only feed their families but also allow them to sell any surplus to raise money and send their children to school. To do this we are collecting old, broken, perfect and not so perfect jewellery that can be exchanged for cash by weight. So the more we collect the more money we make for the project.

A box for the donated items will be placed at the back of St. Richard's Church for the next few weeks. The entire Parish is invited to take part. Please help if you are able to do so. Further information can be found at meruwomen.org Or you can contact Josie Carter on 07845973353.

This is a Soroptimist International, Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) project working with the charity child.org.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

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| Offertory | £2293.16 |
| HCPT (St. Richard's & St. Ambrose Barlow) | £2229.33 |
| SVP | £ 185.39 |

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Catholic Communications Network

World Communications Day is kept in the Catholic Church worldwide today, Sunday 13th May. The day is about highlighting the way the Church uses the media to proclaim the Gospel. The second collection will go to support the Catholic Communications Network, which is the Church's media office in the UK. Website: www.catholicnews.org.uk

Next Week

Friends of the Holy Land

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) is a charitable organisation supporting the Christians of the Holy Land, who are suffering greatly. The work of FHL is entirely non-political and is carried out with the backing and blessing of Anglican and Catholic Bishops in England and Wales. Have a look at the website:

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

'Orpheus In The Underworld'

The Three Towns Operatic Company are staging a production of Offenbach's "Orpheus In The Underworld" in St. Joseph's Hall, Leigh, **from Tuesday 15th to Saturday 19th May**. **So this is your last chance to purchase tickets.** Tickets are priced at £11 & £13, with concessions available. For more details and to book tickets please contact 01942-605369 or 01942-676594 or visit www.thethreetowns.net

Liverpool Synod 2020

Following on from the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter before Christmas, Liverpool Archdiocese are embarking on a three year project aimed towards a General Synod in 2020. As part of the preparations we will be holding a number of Holy Hours very soon as we focus on prayer for the first year. The Archbishop will be leading some of these Holy Hours in the different areas of the Archdiocese. So an early notice that the Holy Hours in our Deanery will take place on the following dates and venues:-

- **Wednesday May 30th** at 7.30pm – St. Joseph's Church, Leigh. (Led by Archbishop Malcolm)
- **Wednesday June 27th** at 7.30pm – St. Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley.
- **Wednesday July 18th** at 7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church, Leigh.

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 0151-52201047 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 - Sign-Up

Please sign up on the list at the back of Church if you would like to go on the Parish trip to York on **Tuesday, December 11th**. The cost should be approximately £10 per person depending on how many people wish to go. We will give you further details regarding pick-up points and times of departure and return much nearer the time.

Theatre Dates for 2019

The Rise and Fall of Little Voice - Thursday 31st January 2019 - Matinee 2pm
The Importance of Being Earnest - Thursday 13th June 2019 - Matinee 2pm
Venue : Albert Halls, Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1RU.
Ticket price (band A) £17.50pp

I have secured 20 seats for each production. If interested please contact Pat Mullaley, on [01942 702224](tel:01942702224). As previous, patrons make their own transport arrangements.

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

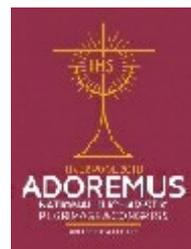
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

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 John's Gospel we hear Jesus praying to the Father for his followers. He prays that God will keep his disciples united as Jesus and the Father are united as one; that God will protect them from the evil one; that God will keep them in the truth.

When Jesus prayed for his disciples, he was praying for us as well. Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. He knew that we would need God's protection, and he knew that we would also need God's guidance. We know that God heard Jesus' prayer. He hears our prayers too. When we present our needs to God, we follow Jesus' example of prayer.

Pray: Jesus taught us to pray - Our Father....

Act: Jesus wants us to share fully in his joy. It is in this spirit of Easter joy that we are sent out into the world to draw all people into that relationship of love which each and every one is invited to be a part. Make efforts this week to live out the joy of the Gospel of love in every part of the life we live.

Challenge: Jesus seems to pray for things just once, and then leave them to his Father to remember the request and deal with it. Do I need more of that confidence when I pray? Take time this week to place yourself in the hands of the Father, letting him work through you in whatever way he chooses.

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.

Sacred Heart Church, Hindsford Community Website
www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk

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 Sleeman
 John Wall
 Kathleen Lyth
 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

| Week Beginning 13th May | Holy Family | St. Ambrose Barlow | St. Richard's |
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| SUNDAY | 9.00 am Madeleine Sighe 11.00 am Joe Daly (First Communion Mass) | (Sat) 6.00 pm The Sheridan Family 11.00 am Philip Smith | (Sat) 6.00 pm Sheila Pendlebury 9.30 am Eileen Boardman |
| MONDAY | | | |
| TUESDAY | | 9.15 am Jim McKnight | 9.15 am Catherine Conway 11.00 am Funeral Service for Marie Dootson |
| WEDNESDAY | 7.00 pm Deceased Members of the Maude & Taylor Families | | 9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1.30 pm Funeral Mass for Alan Hedley |
| THURSDAY | 10.00 am David Connor | | 9.15 am Alan Christian |
| FRIDAY | 10.00 am Fr John Grady (Mass in St Gabriel's School) | 1.00 pm Wedding Service for Florence Li & Alex Chan | 9.15 am Carmel Henderson |
| SATURDAY | 10.00 am Betty Murphy 12.00 noon First Communion (St Gabriel's) | 10.00 am Exposition and Rosary 6.00 pm John Burke | 6.00 pm Fr. Michael O'Neill |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 9.00 am Betty Neary 11.00 am Allan Hilton (First Communion Mass) | 11.00 am Annie Murphy | 9.30 am Mary Charlton |



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Thomas Higgins
 Edith Kelly
 Dorothy Rigby
 Marie Dootson
 Anne Jones
 Alan Hedley

R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading *Acts 2:1-11*
 On the final day of Passover, Jesus' disciples receive the Holy Spirit in a way that recalls the giving of the Law to the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13*
 The fruits of the Holy Spirit are so much different from other gifts. Only the Holy Spirit can bring the fruits of love, peace, patience and gentleness.

Gospel Reading *John 20:19-23*
 The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will be Jesus' witness when he comes and, through the Spirit, Jesus' followers also become his witnesses to the world.