

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

14th January 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 2

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
(Peace Sunday)

Wednesday St. Anthony

Next Sunday 3rd 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

Today's readings give us two vocation stories. The first concerns a young boy called Samuel, who lived in the ancient Hebrew temple at Shiloh. One night he heard a voice calling his name. Assuming it was the old priest Eli, he went to him, only to be told to go back to bed because Eli certainly hadn't called him. The same thing happened on two more occasions, and Eli realized it must be God who was doing the calling. He advised young Samuel that if he heard the voice again he should respond, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel did as he was told, and the outcome was that he "grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground." It seems that Samuel continued listening for God's Word and was always ready to follow the Lord. He became a great leader of God's people.

The second vocation story is in today's Gospel, and concerns two of John the Baptist's disciples. One day, as Jesus passes by, John says, "Look, there is the Lamb of God." The disciples begin following Jesus instead. He turns and asks, "What do you want?" Perhaps taken by surprise, they answer rather vaguely, "Rabbi, where do you live?" But in John's Gospel words like "live" or "stay" or "dwell" often have a deeper meaning. They are really asking, where do we meet you? Where do we encounter you? How do we get to know you? Jesus' answer is simple, "Come and see." They respond to his invitation. They stay with him all that day and they become his friends for life.

God has a call for everyone. It's a call to holiness, to intimate friendship with God and this vocation is fulfilled principally in the living out of our daily life and the various vocations it involves. Like young Samuel, who prayed, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening," we are called to have a listening ear or, better, a listening and loving heart, a heart open enough and alert enough to hear God's Word and respond to it. We listen to God's Word not only at Mass, or when we read the scriptures, but also when God wants to speak to us, softly and gently, through the people we meet, in the events that make up our lives, and in the inspirations that come to our hearts and minds.

There is sound advice for us behind the question Jesus puts to the two disciples in the Gospel. "What do you want?" he asks them. It's a question he always puts to those who want to be his followers. The answer he's looking for is not some smart flippant reply, but a very serious one, an answer on which we pin our lives. And the answer is not for God's benefit but for ours. It shows where our priorities lie in relation to God, to other people and to the world around us. Perhaps in a moment of silence in the Mass, we might hear the Lord asking us, "What do you want above all else?" If, in our stumbling way, we can reply, "I want you, I want to be your friend and your disciple. Where do you live?" Then he will answer, as he answered those first disciples, "Come and see." Come and you will see for yourself that you have answered the most wonderful calling of all.

Psalms Response
Gospel Acclamation

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

'With You Always' Programme (St.G & HF)

The 'With You Always' sessions continue this week:

St.Gabriel's School, Tuesday 16th at 2.30pm;

Holy Family Church, Thursday 18th at 3.45pm or 6.30pm.

Craft Group

The Craft Group has reopened after the Christmas and New Year break. It meets every **Wednesday afternoon** between 1.00pm and 3.00pm at Holy Family. All welcome. Admission £3.50 including all materials.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Saturday morning Padre Pio Prayer Group meetings have now been resumed in St. Ambrose Barlow Church at 10.00am on Saturdays.

Muscles Required

If anyone out there could lend their muscles for an hour or more **from 10.00 am on Saturday 20th January** it would be greatly appreciated. We are going to build the stage for panto and need help to move the scenery and scaffolding from the garages to the hall at St.Ambrose Barlow. The more the merrier. Thanks.

'With You Always' Programme (St.AB, St.R & SH)

An early notice to all those children who attend St.Ambrose Barlow School, St.Richard's School and Sacred Heart School, Hindsford, that the "With You Always" programme, the preparation course for First Holy Communion, will begin during Lent. We hope to finalize all the preparation dates within the next few days and the dates, along with the dates of the celebrations themselves, will be available very soon from school or in the Churches of St.Ambrose Barlow and St.Richard's. So please watch this space for more details.

'With You Always' Catechists Meeting (St.AB, St.R & SH)

A reminder to all the catechists who help to lead the "With You Always" programme for Sacred Heart, St.Ambrose Barlow & St.Richard's, that there will be a meeting in the Parish House at St.Richard's on **Tuesday February 6th at 7.00pm**. Please come along with lots of ideas!

Mass Offerings

Due to an increase in the number of Mass Intentions received at Holy Family it may be several weeks before intentions given in are able to be offered. Thank you for your patience.

Amended Counters Rota

An amended Counters Rota is now available at Holy Family.

Garden Bulbs

Thank you to everyone who bought bulbs after last Sunday's Masses at Holy Family. We raised £150 for CAFOD. Happy planting!

Parish Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parish Forum meeting at Sacred Heart Club last Thursday. (Apologies for this not being advertised in last week's newsletter.) A 'Summary of Income and Expenditure for St Margaret Clitherow Parish, 2016' was presented at the meeting. If anyone who was not at the meeting would like to see a copy of this please ask one of the priests.

The next meeting of the Parish Forum will be on Tuesday 13th March at St.Richard's at 7.30pm. All welcome!

Admissions Consultation

St Mary's Catholic High School are currently consulting on a change to their Admissions Criteria which would result in a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 280 to 260 with effect from September 2019. Further details, including Information on how you can respond, can be found on the St Mary's School website or via the following link <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools/Admissions-Consultations>

This consultation will run between **6 December 2017 and 31 January 2018**.

Act in Support of Catholic Education

Archbishop Malcolm wishes to contact us to encourage us to speak out for Catholic Education. He writes:

"Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government NOT to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools."

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for "Catholic Education" in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

By forcing Catholic schools to turn away Catholic school children on the basis of their faith, the very principle of a Catholic parent's right to choose a Catholic education is under threat. If you haven't already done so please fill in the simple form on the web site to take action and communicate with the **new Education Minister**.

St. Richard's 500 Club Winners for January 2018

£100.00	282	W.Boardman
£50.00	42	J.Duffy
£25.00	133	L.Mannion
£15.00	374	P.Lloyd
£15.00	70	Fr.P.Seddon

Thank you for your continued support.

St. Richard's 500 Club Membership

St.Richard's 500 Club needs more members. If you would like the chance to win up to £100 each month plus other cash prizes, why don't you join the 500 Club? For just £1.00 per month you will be entered into the monthly draw for cash prizes, and you will be raising money for the parish. If you are interested please contact either James Duffy on 07521931871, or Mick Farrimond on 01942 884662, and we will sort you out for the next draw.

St Margaret Clitherow 200 Club

Steve Cooper is now collecting names for this year's 200 Club. The 200 Club runs from January to April and it costs £20 to join (payable in one go or 4 monthly instalments). There will be a draw in January, February, March and April for £100 and £50. In late April there will be a cabaret evening in St Ambrose Barlow hall (Free to members). At that function a draw will be made for £1000, £100, £50 and 2 x £25. So for your £20 you have the chance to win a share a total of £1800. See Steve after Saturday / Sunday Mass or give him a ring on 07952 152371 to register for a number.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Burns Night 2018

Friday 19th January at St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall at 7.45 pm. Including "HAGGIS" supper and a "wee" dram or soft drink – £7.00. As this is a popular night please contact Des 07973 114365 for reservations.

Week of Christian Unity

The annual Week of Christian Unity begins on 18th January. Service for Christian Unity at Holy Family Church **Sunday 21st January at 4.00pm**, Rev Karen to preach. Compline at St John's, Mosley Common, **Tuesday 23rd at 7.00pm**. All welcome.

Justice and Peace Annual Memorial Lecture 2018

Dr Pete North, University of Liverpool Department of Geography and Planning, will be delivering the lecture "Towards Social and Solidarity Economies" on **Sunday 21st January**, 2.00pm - 4.00pm, at LACE, Croxteth Rd, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA. All are welcome.

Justice & Peace Meeting

The next meeting of the Deanery J&P group will be on **Wednesday 24th January** in the Holy Family Conference Room at 7.45pm (after the 7.00pm Mass). All are welcome.

Journey of Faith - RCIA

There will be a meeting of the group 'Journey in Faith' at Holy Family Presbytery on **Wednesday 24th January** at 7.45pm (after the 7.00pm Mass). Open to all adults thinking about becoming Catholic or who just want to come along and learn more about their faith.



Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night

Cash Prizes - Every Thursday
Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.

Rome Pilgrimage - 18-22 June 2018

We are pleased to confirm that this is going ahead. Details and booking forms are available in the Church porches.

Stratford Trip - 28th June 2018

In the next few days Fr. Paul is going to start phoning people round to confirm their place on the trip to Stratford. All the theatre tickets are now sold. There are just three seats left on the coach for anyone who may still be interested. The cost for the coach is £10 per person. The theatre tickets are £22 and £16. Can you please pay asap by cheque if possible, making the cheque payable to the Parish Account, "St. Margaret Clitherow Parish".

Reflect:

Today's Gospel is about the call of the disciples. Try to put yourself into the shoes of one of the two disciples. Just picture yourself standing in familiar surroundings as Jesus walks by. Can you get a sense of what that would be like? How do you feel to be in the presence of the Lamb of God? What would your initial reaction be? In reality, each of us is called by name to be followers of Jesus. How do we respond to that call?

Pray:

Lord, You call
But we do not answer.
You give
But we do not accept your gifts.
You love
But our hearts are closed to your love.
You reveal yourself to us
But we fail to see you.
Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts, our minds to you
So that you become a reality in our lives
And so through us, others may encounter you.
Amen

Act:

'So how do we live simply? Perhaps by small steps rather than grand gestures. We can think, for example, about the petrol we put in our cars and try to use less of it. We can think, too, about the food and drink we consume and the clothes we wear. If we want to live simply, we have to be prepared to pay a little more. St Ambrose was way ahead when he said, 'You are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor, but you are giving back what is theirs.....The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich.' '

Peter Stanford – first published in 'Lent Extra 2007: Redemptorist Publications

Challenge:

It's the start of a new year – can you challenge yourself to *livesimply* throughout 2018?

BISHOP FRANCIS JOSEPH WALMSLEY CBE RIP

1926 – 2017

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF THE FORCES (1979-2002)

The former Catholic Bishop of the Forces, the Right Reverend Francis J Walmsley CBE died peacefully on 26 December 2017 at St John's Convent, Kiln Green, Reading where he had lived since his retirement as Bishop of the Forces in 2002. His obituary may be found at <http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/2017/Bishop-Walmsley-RIP> May he rest in peace.

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.sacredheartchindsford.co.uk

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are Sick



Agnes Pilkington
All Cancer Patients
Ann Mellin
Anne Broad
Baby George
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
Jean Tchibukdjian
Jess Garrett
Joan Wilkinson
John Wall
Kathy Kenyon
Maisie Sweeney (age9)
Margaret Case
Margaret Dawson
Margaret Hurley
Margaret Ross
Margaret Smith
Margaret Wall
Marjorie Price
Mary Tiernan
Maureen Halliday
Michael Skiffington
Michael Wright
Patricia Wilson
Rev Jim Melia
Sandra Jones
Shelagh Welsby
Sr Megan Haisley
Ted & Harriet Langin
Thomas Higgins
Thomas McLoughlin
Wyn Wright

Those who have died, especially
Madelaine Sighe
Kathleen Oaks
Joni Horton
Mary Ellis
Pat Goring
Mary Ward

Week Beginning 14th January	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Joan Higgins 11.00 am Kathleen Roddy	(Sat) 6.00 pm Mary Walsh 11.00 am Joan Clegg	(Sat) 6.00 pm Pat Shaw 9.30 am John Hazeldene
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	11.00 am Funeral Mass for Pat Goring	9.15 am Mary Burke	9.15 am Veronica Dempsey 10.00 am Funeral Service for Kathleen Oaks
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Michael Grady		<i>No Exposition until Lent</i>
THURSDAY	No Mass today		9.15 am Malcolm Griffiths
FRIDAY	10.00 am Special Intention <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i> 12noon Funeral Mass for Mary Ellis		9.15 am Peter Yates
SATURDAY	10.00 am Martha Ryan	6.00 pm Tess Fallon	6.00 pm John Pearson
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Margaret Kelly, Daniel and Nellie Conneely 11.00 am Deceased members of the McGee & McNulty Family	11.00 am Yvonne Mellin	9.30 am Michael Flaherty

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £1910.77

Crib £ 229.06

Nugent Care £ 43.52

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today (Peace Sunday)

Pax Christi

Pax Christi is an international Catholic peace organisation providing support and resources for the Christian community in the UK. Website: www.paxchristi.org.uk

Next Week

SVP Monthly Collection



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Third Sunday of the Year (B)

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Jonah is asked by God to go to the city of Nineveh and call upon the people to repent. They renounce their evil behaviour and God is merciful to them.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away and we should not be too engrossed with material things.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls his first disciples and they follow him without having any idea where it will lead them.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith

Niamh Lowe

May God bless her & her family.

IN MEMORIUM

Fr Richard Coughlan R.I.P.
late Parish Priest,
St Ambrose Barlow

Anniversary 16th January