

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

15th July 2018

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 3  
**Readings** Sunday – Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)  
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 15

**Sunday** Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)  
**Monday** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
**Next Sunday** Sixteenth 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 First Reading from Amos and the Gospel Reading from Mark have an important message for us, the Christian Community today. In the book of Amos we are presented with the prophet being lambasted by a large crowd and told by them that he should never speak in the way he has been speaking again. Poor Amos, we may think. However, he does not need our pity. He is a man who utterly believes that what he says and does is just what he was told to do and say by the Lord. In the Gospel we witness how the disciples are given the power to anoint sick people and drive out demons from those who find themselves possessed. This power has come from Jesus and has been gifted to the apostles. These are people who can now minister as they have seen Jesus minister to others. There was nothing that could deter either Amos or the disciples from carrying on the ministry that had been given to them from a source much more significant and important than the opinion of the crowd. Even when opinion is gravely against them they have the confidence and the bravery to continue the Lord's business. They are people who keep their focus and somehow manage to continue believing even at those moments where doubt and disbelief would be a more realistic option.

It can sometimes seem that today there is a rising intolerance towards Christianity and the message it shares. In our society we are unlikely to meet the kind of persecution that is faced today by people of faith in other countries of the world. But we may well encounter ridicule or hostility towards our beliefs, as well as the apathy or disinterest towards religion that is shown by so many. Yet we are people who have been given a call, a vocation by the Lord. We know our identity as daughters and sons of God. We have been chosen and made holy by our God. The more we recognize these truths, the more we should not care what the "crowd" thinks about us. Being Christians today, as it always has been, is about being people of love, people of truth, people of justice, people of integrity, people of the Gospel. In this coming week let us be more conscious of the needs of those around us and let us see how we can be people who stand up for one another. Let us not stand quietly by when someone is calling out for help. Who knows, the day may come when it will be ourselves who are calling out for help and there may be no one to come and help us. Let us never give up living the life that we have been called by Jesus to live.

### Psalm Response

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

### Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.

# 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**.

## School Holidays

At last the school holidays have arrived. We wish all the children of the Parish, and all the Staff, a very happy Summer holiday. We hope the weather is good and the sun continues to shine. We do need some rain so it can rain at night! Please take note of the different venues for the Masses and services next week since quite a few of them will be in school.



## Thank-You and Farewell to Miss Morrow

By now many of you will know that Miss Morrow is finishing her time as Head Teacher at Sacred Heart School this week. She will be greatly missed. She has been a fantastic Head Teacher. We wish her every happiness and success in her new venture and thank her for the way she has helped in the education of so many children over the last decade or so. There will be a **special celebration Mass in St. Richard's Church on Tuesday at 10.00am** to celebrate Miss Morrow's time at Sacred Heart. We wish all those who are leaving our schools every success for the future.

## Liverpool Synod 2020 - Holy Hour

Please try your very best to come along to the third of the Holy Hours in the Deanery. The Holy Hours are part of the preparations for the Archdiocesan General Synod in 2020. The last of the Holy Hours in our Deanery for the time being will take place on:

**Wednesday July 18th at 7.30pm**  
**in Sacred Heart Church, Leigh.**

## Craft Group Move

Due to building demolition work the Craft Group that was based at Holy Family has moved to St Ambrose Barlow. Same time, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Wednesday afternoon. We will finish for the summer when the schools finish - this week!

## Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family

There will be **no Saturday morning Mass or Confessions at Holy Family for the next two weeks** as Fr Paul G will be on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of the children who have been welcomed into the Church through Baptism recently:-

**Harrison Ernest Fox, Arthur Armstrong, Borys Pajak & Billy-Jack Taylor.**

## Building Work at St. Richard's

Those who attend Mass at St. Richard's will notice that all the scaffolding is now in place. Work begins on the roof very soon. It should take approximately four weeks to complete. There may be some alterations to the times of the services, for example, we won't have Exposition on Wednesday morning until after the work is finished. Most importantly, please take 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.

## 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.

## 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**.

## MERU Women's Garden Project

A message from Josie Carter....

"On behalf of Soroptimist International Leigh & District Club, we would like to thank everyone who gave their old, broken and unwanted jewelry to the collection over the past few weeks. Special thanks to Mary Blears for her extremely generous donation. Your generosity will go a long way towards providing a future for the women in Meru and their families."

## LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1708.67
Apostleship of the Sea	£ 527.46
Peter's Pence (additional)	£ 5.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

### Monthly SVP Collection

*(SVP Case History, SVP Webpage)*

When Tom's wife died after 22 years of marriage he muddled along, unable to express the deep grief he felt. His local SVP Conference provided the friendship he needed. Plunged into a deep depression following the death of his wife, Tom felt isolated and alone. When his cooker also broke down, he felt as if things were conspiring against him. He contacted the SVP, grumbling that his 'dismal pension' wasn't enough to cover the cost of replacing it. We visited to find out exactly what he needed and discovered that the kitchen appliance had very little to do with it. The first time we met him he was grumpy and embarrassed to be asking for help. We listened to his needs over a cup of tea. We were able to find him a cooker fairly quickly, but far more importantly, Tom has become a very dear friend, with whom we have shared many, many cups of tea. As is so often the case, the cooker was the cover for a much deeper need.

Next Week

### Let The Children Live!

**Let The Children Live!** is a charity that works in Colombia with children from the streets and shanty-towns. These children are called 'the disposable ones' and they live, and sometimes die, in the streets and rubbish dumps of Colombia's cities. Their ages range from six-year-olds to teenagers and they are often unloved, unwanted, beaten, robbed, raped and murdered. The charity aims to safeguard the lives of these children from the poverty and violence of the streets and to make their lives worth living by giving them love, education and a future. It is currently working with 600 children and young people, both boys and girls. Check out their website: [www.letthechildrenlive.org](http://www.letthechildrenlive.org)

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## A Blooming Great Tea Party

With

**FANTASTIC LIVE MUSIC**

**FROM LOCAL SINGING DUO "MIKE AND ME"**

on

**Thursday 19th July 2018**

**Between 10.00am and 12noon**

**at St. Richard's Jubilee Hall,**

**Crab Tree Lane,**

**Atherton**

**To Raise Funds in aid of Marie Curie**

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## 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](mailto:e.lalley@rcaol.co.uk) or [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk).

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## Sacred Heart Club

**Quiz Night - Cash Prizes**

**Every Thursday**

**Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.**

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## Last Week

### Ordinations to the Priesthood

On Saturday 7th July, in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm ordained three men to the priesthood: Carl Mugan, Philip Carr and Anthony Kelly. Given that the last ordinations of diocesan clergy to the priesthood in the Cathedral had taken place about 50 years ago, this was a truly memorable and historic occasion. Please remember to pray for these three men as they now begin their priestly ministries in St Helens, Widnes and at the Cathedral.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

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## Pope Francis@Pontifex, July 8th

**Every occasion is a good one to spread Christ's message!**

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

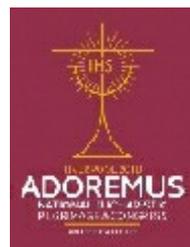
We thank you Father  
For the love you have shown us  
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.  
Keep us grateful each day  
For the blessings that surround us.

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:

This week's reading tells of the Apostles' first forays into spreading the word of Jesus. Jesus's words to his apostles as they set off remind us that we should have absolute trust and faith in God.

### Pray

Lord, for the times we fail to trust that you have our best interests in mind we ask your forgiveness. Help us to relax in your love and in the knowledge that you are with us in all things and at all times.

### Act

Is it possible to spend the week waiting on the Lord? Allowing his spirit into our lives to guide us in his path?

### Challenge

As many people start their summer holidays this week let us be considerate of those we encounter on our journeys, recognising that it takes all kinds to make a world.

### Newsletter

Please ensure that items for next week's newsletter are sent in by **Wednesday morning. i.e. Slightly earlier than usual, due to holidays.** 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  
 Baby Penny Rose  
 Bernadette Bates  
 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  
 Jamie Robbins  
 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  
 Steve Clorston  
 Ted & Harriet Langin  
 Thelma Humble  
 Thomas McLoughlin  
 Wyn Wright  
 Yvonne Mellin  
 + addition this week:  
 Gordon Harris

Week Beginning 15th July	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Summer Mass Times</i>	8.45 am Joan Higgins	(Sat) 6.00 pm Rose Kendrick  11.15 am Les Rushworth	(Sat) 6.00 pm Tom Murray  10.00 am Gertrude Sandilands
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.15 am Joan Clegg	10.00 am Thanksgiving Mass for Miss Morrow  2.00 pm Year 6 Leavers' Mass <i>(St. Richard's School)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am End of Year Mass with Holy Family School in Church  No Evening Mass 7.30 pm Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Leigh	10.00 am Year 6 Leavers' Mass <i>(St. Ambrose Barlow Church)</i>	No Exposition this week and none until further notice.  12.15 pm Funeral Service for Catherine Gill
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mass in Sacred Heart School		9.30 am Year 6 Leavers' Mass <i>(Sacred Heart School)</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Mass at St. Richard's		9.15 am Malcolm Laithwaite
<b>SATURDAY</b>	No Mass or Confessions	10.00 am Exposition and Rosary  6.00 pm Robert Bronowicki	6.00 pm Vernon John Dobbs
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8.45 am Eiblin Paterson	11.15 am Bernard Hughes	10.00 am Peter Burke

## BAPTISMS

*Congratulations to the families of the children who have been welcomed into the Church through Baptism recently. We welcome into our family of Faith:*

Harrison Ernest Fox  
 Arthur Armstrong  
 Borys Pajak  
 Billy-Jack Taylor

*May God bless them and their families.*



*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

Catherine Gill  
 Vernon John Dobbs

R.I.P.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**NB Saturday Confessions** – there will be no Saturday morning Mass or Confessions at Holy Family for the next two weeks as Fr Paul G will be on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Confessions 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 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 23:1-6*  
 The leaders of Israel are indicted for their neglect of the people, but better leaders are promised.

**Second Reading** *Ephesians 2:13-18*  
 By his death Christ broke down the wall between Jews and Gentiles, and united all people as children of the one Father.

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 6:30-34*  
 We see the care of Jesus for his apostles as well as his compassion for the other peoples.