

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

17th June 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 11

Sunday Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Monday St. John Rigby
Thursday St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Friday Feast of St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More
Next Sunday Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist (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

In the parable of the seed in today's Gospel, what is stressed is the certainty of the harvest once the sower has done their job in planting the seed well. It was meant to give encouragement to the early disciples who had become discouraged because very little seemed to be happening. It was telling them to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Like those early disciples we too want results and we want them fast. We live in an age of instant production. We seem to have "instant" everything and we are don't seem to be prepared to wait for something of better quality. We forget that certain things cannot be rushed. To grow to maturity as a human being can be the job of a lifetime. Many of today's labour-saving devices are good. They take some of the monotony and drudgery out of life and work. But there is a danger in living in the world of the push button which encourages the minimum effort, the least cost, the shortcut approach to everything. It may encourage us to take the easy option. For example, why bother to visit the sick or infirm when we can phone them or email them? There is no shortcut option for showing that you love and care for someone.

In Jesus' story the farmer did his part. He sowed the seed. Everything was now beyond his control. The one thing he wanted to see happen, namely for the seed to grow, was now beyond his power. All he could do was wait in patience and hope. These are not easy virtues. Yet, very often, life calls for these virtues. Some people think that they must always be doing something, as if everything and everyone depended upon them. There are moments when we have to take time out, to let things be, to trust, to be patient, to be humble, to simply wait. We have to acknowledge that we can't do everything. Spiritual development, and indeed human development, is a process. It will go on provided we do not resist it. In the great processes of growth, healing, recovery and spiritual progress we are only facilitators. We can plant the seed, but we can't make it grow. God has to take over. It is God who makes us grow. We should learn patience from watching nature. Things take time to grow. And they take time to ripen. Nature doesn't take shortcuts. All the seasons are needed.

We all need seasons too. Nothing is wasted. Look at the example of Jesus. Before beginning his public ministry, he spent 30 years in Nazareth. To some it might seem like a waste of valuable time; nothing could be further from the truth. In his humanity he needed those years. During this time he was growing quietly in the shadows. The parable of the growing seed shows us that there is an almighty power working for us. Our role is to sow the seed. Then we have to let God take over. If we do the right thing, the harvest will come. But can we be patient, can we wait, can we trust?

Psalm Response It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Lourdes Music Group

Many thanks for your generosity in prayer and pennies. The group reached its target of £1000 over the 24 hours to help young people travel this year with the group. Thanks also to all who helped provide cakes after the Sunday Masses.

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.

Churches Together in Boothstown

The AGM is **this Tuesday, 19th June at 7.30pm in St John's**. It is suggested that we bring food to share and that tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Deanery Pilgrimage to Rome

A number of people from the Deanery are travelling to Rome on Pilgrimage **this week**. We will remember you in prayer in the Holy City, especially as we visit St.Peter's and attend the Papal Audience with Pope Francis. During the visit we have the great privilege of celebrating Mass in the Crypt at St.Peter's so will pray for everyone from the Deanery at this Mass on Thursday June 21st.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly

This year's Assembly **Blessed are the Peacemakers: Resolving personal and political conflict** will be at LACE (L17 1AA) from 10.00am-4.00pm on **Saturday, 23rd June**. All are welcome to attend. Speakers include: Rt Hon Jane Kennedy, Celia McKeon, Frank Cottrell Boyce, Kemi and Natasha Ryan, Fr Nicholas Postlethwaite. For further information please contact Steve Atherton s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1080.

CAFOD Share the Journey campaign

Pope Francis launched Share the Journey, a global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. In support of this, as an act of solidarity, CAFOD is aiming to walk 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world – and is asking us all to take part by each walking a short distance and then totalling up the number of miles walked.

June 16th-24th is Refugee Week and to support this and Share the Journey we would like to have a **Walk to Mass Sunday** next weekend **June 23rd/24th**. Anyone who is able to walk part or all of the way to Mass is asked to fill in the distance they have walked on a sheet at the back of church and then the total mileage walked by our parish will be recorded and sent to CAFOD.

CAFOD has produced cards which include a story, prayers, questions for reflection and a message to send to the Prime Minister calling for global agreements which put the human dignity of people on the move at their heart. These will be available at the back of church next weekend for you to take and sign.

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.

Day for Life: Changes to Abortion Laws

Did you know...? Following the Irish people's vote to change the constitution in the Republic of Ireland to allow abortion a group of opportunistic MPs is trying to force through radical changes to current abortion laws which would remove most or all restrictions on abortions right up to birth. If you would like to know more please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/take-action and consider supporting their campaign to ask MPs to block any attempts by the abortion industry to hijack the Domestic Abuse Bill to introduce a radical abortion regime across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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

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.

Catholic School Governor Training

Governors from Catholic schools in the area are warmly invited to attend a training session 'Governance in a Catholic School'. This will be held at St. Joseph's Primary School, Mather Lane, Leigh, WN7 2PR on the evening of **Monday 9th July** from 6.00-8.00pm. The session covers material which is specific to the governance of a Catholic school and will not deal with matters common to governors of all schools. It is therefore particularly important that governors who may not be Catholic and have never before attended any 'Catholic' governor training are particularly encouraged to attend. There is no charge. Bookings please to i.beck@rcaol.co.uk or to f.coldicutt@rcaol.co.uk or telephone 0151 522 1071.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1967.54
SVP	£ 189.15
Lourdes Music Group	tba next week

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Day for Life

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

See also the items above on SPUC and changes to abortion laws.

Next Week

Peter's Pence

Peter's Pence is a collection taken in every Catholic Church in the world on or near the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. The money is sent to the Pope who uses it to help those in most need.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

After many months of waiting the trip to Stratford will take place very soon, on June 28th. The coach will be leaving **St. Richard's Church, Atherton, at 9.00am** and will then stop outside **St. Joseph's, Leigh, at 9.15am**. Please make sure that you are there on time since we will have to leave straight away in order to get to Stratford in good time. The coach will leave Stratford in the evening at 7.00pm, allowing us a lovely day out together and hopefully a good experience in the theatre in the afternoon watching "Macbeth".

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.

St Gabriel's School Summer Fayre

The St Gabriel's School Summer Fayre will be on **Saturday 7th July** 11.00am-2.00pm in school with activities, stalls, food and a bouncy castle. All welcome to come along.

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 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.

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

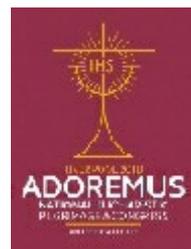
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

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 reading, Jesus tells two stories about "the Kingdom of God", which is depicted as something that has an astonishing process of growth from very small beginnings. We all know that for a plant to thrive it must be nurtured and our faith is like this too, otherwise it is in danger of dying. How can we nurture our faith?

Pray: Like the mustard tree
My branches stretch to shelter,
Reaching for ways to do your work.
Compassionate God, You know me.
Hold me and direct me
Help me to water the seeds of your kingdom.
Loving God of mercy,
justice and compassion,
Guide me towards the light of your truth.
Adapted from a Linda Jones prayer in 'liveSimply'

Act: What is Jesus challenging each of us to do? Can we respond to his call?

Challenge: How is your plastic challenge going? Have you found ways to reduce your consumption? Share your ideas with others.

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

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- 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
 - 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 (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 17th June	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Daniel & Nellie Conneely & Margaret Kelly 11.00 am Anne and Patrick Nelson	(Sat) 6.00 pm Mary McHugh 11.00 am Thomas Laing	(Sat) 6.00 pm Ann Warren Michelle Balcombe 9.30 am Dorothy Hunt Theresa Stanley
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Joan Clegg	<i>Mass in St Ambrose Barlow Church</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Joan Higgins		9.00 - 10.00 am <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
THURSDAY	<i>No Mass today</i>		<i>No Mass today</i>
FRIDAY	10.00 am Dorothea McGuire <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>		9.15 am Tina Hearty
SATURDAY	10.00 am Vocations	10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm Clara Brierly	6.00 pm Ken Gorse
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Ann Callan 11.00 am J.B. Griffin	11.00 am Graham Smith	9.30 am Anne Holt

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our family of Faith

Alexander Stuart
Tobiasz Harwood
Joseph Riley

May God bless them and their families.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Elizabeth O'Dea
 Sarah Hodgkiss
 Peter Burke
 Marie Alice Catherrall
 Tom Murray
 Vincent Carey

 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 Birth of St John the Baptist (B)

First Reading *Isaiah 49:1-6*
 The servant of the Lord speaks of his role to be a light to the nations.

Second Reading *Acts 13:22-26*
 Paul explains how in Jesus God raised up one of David's descendants.

Gospel Reading *Luke 1:57-66,80*
 The family and friends of John the Baptist celebrate his birth and wonder what he will become.