

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

19th August 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 4
Readings Sunday – Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 20

Sunday Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Monday St. Bernard
Tuesday St. Pius X
Wednesday Queenship of Mary
Friday Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Next Sunday Twenty-First 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

This weekend we continue to listen to John's discourse in the Gospel Reading. It began a few weeks ago with the feeding of the five thousand. Since then we have heard Jesus telling us that, though the bread we eat is perishable, the bread that he offers us will last forever. Jesus is the Bread of Life, the living bread that has come down from Heaven. Today Jesus invites us to go beyond the fulfilment of our physical needs and eat his body and drink his blood. In doing so we will be given a life that is beyond words, the kind of nourishment that feeds our souls and can transform us. When we eat his Body and drink his Blood we take in all that Jesus is: a person of mercy, compassion, forgiveness. We digest his way of being, his way of seeing his way of relating to the world and to God himself. Jesus was vitally concerned with those who were poor. As he went about his ministry he met great numbers of hungry people and he fed them. His disciples failed to see the deeper significance of these events at the time. For them the bread shared was bread, fish was fish, something for an empty stomach, which would become hungry again. When Jesus spoke of eating his own flesh and drinking his blood some were so horrified that they walked away. Those who remained gradually came to understand that Jesus was not talking about physical food (though he often provided that anyway) but something far more lasting. Today we know that this is fully realized for us when we take part in the Eucharist.

Participating in the Eucharist is not only a great gift for us but it brings with it a great responsibility. St. Augustine reminds us that those of us who receive the Eucharist are charged with becoming what we have received – that is, we become Christ for one another. We receive the Body of Christ to BECOME the Body of Christ. Like Augustine, Pope Francis, through his daily actions and interactions, reminds us that communion with Christ is deeply tied to communion with our sisters and brothers everywhere. It is no accident that the Communion Rite starts with the Lord's Prayer and the Sign of Peace. We ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Only then do we approach the table of unity and love to receive the mystery that unites us not only to Christ but to all our sisters and brothers. We call the Eucharist "Communion", and gathering around the table is our strongest sign of communion with Christ and with one another. Today the world will only come to encounter Christ by the witness, the prayer and the love of our desire to share his gifts with others. Receiving Christ's Body and Blood is never just about us. We receive so that we may reach out and share what we have received with everyone. In doing so we not only nourish our own souls but take on the responsibility of seeing and meeting the needs of those who hunger and thirst, not only for food but for love, for justice, for peace and for hope in a world where there is so much suffering and so much deprivation. As the beautiful hymn reminds us:
"Bread for the world, a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love."

Psalms Response
Gospel Acclamation

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept
him he gave power to become children of God.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Summer Mass Schedule

This year we are operating 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 are **8.45am Holy Family**, **10.00am St Richards**, **11.15am St Ambrose Barlow**.

Please remember that on Sunday 2nd September we will be reverting back to our usual Sunday morning Mass times. Thanks everyone for being so patient and understanding over the last two months. Having the Summer Rota has helped us think what it will be like when we have less priests and therefore fewer Masses. It has also made it easier to find supply priests to help us over the Summer.

Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family

This will be temporarily unavailable until mid-September. Confessions are always available on request.

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.

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 basis. 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.



Pope Francis Tweets

- Support your priests with friendship and affection. (Aug 4)
- More than anything else, the life of a Christian is a grateful response to a generous Father. (Aug 3)
- Charity is the most effective form of witness, because in it people see the love of God. (Aug 2)
- Every Church member has a responsibility to become holy, by taking care of others. (Aug 1)
- Before helping others, we need to have a personal encounter with God: we need time to pray and to listen to His Word. (Jul 31)

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£ 1853.88
Housing Justice	£ 290.54

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today
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

Next Week

Monthly SVP Collection

'SVP' stands for 'St Vincent de Paul'. There is an SVP Group in most Catholic parishes whose sole purpose is to reach out to those who are struggling and in need in the community in which we live. The monthly SVP collection assists us in this ministry. Thank you for the support you give consistently throughout the year. It really does help to change lives.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

World Meeting of Families 2018 - Dublin

The World Meeting of Families will take place in Dublin this week, from **21-26 August** 2018. Officially opening on Tuesday, the Pastoral Congress will take place on the following three days on the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World" chosen by the Holy Father. A Festival of Families cultural celebration is on the Saturday and the Meeting concludes with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration on the Sunday.

Pope Francis will be travelling to Ireland to take part 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 (more!)

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. Pilgrims will meet at the ACC Convention Centre on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September before two Pilgrim Masses are celebrated at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 9 September - at 9.30am with Archbishop Malcom McMahon as the celebrant and at 11.30am with Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrating and Archbishop McMahon preaching. The Congress will conclude with an outdoor Eucharistic Procession through the streets surrounding the Cathedral and Benediction.

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 - at St Francis Xavier Church, Liverpool. Other parallel events include an exhibition of items from the 1908 Eucharistic Congress, an International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles and events on 'Eucharist, the Bread of Life', 'Food for the Hungry: practical responses to physical hunger', plus events surrounding scripture, prayer and spirituality; Welcoming the Stranger, Eucharist in the World with Cafod; music: classical, gospel and modern; and self-guided walking tours of Liverpool.

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

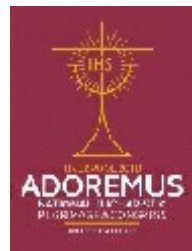
Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

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:

In today's Gospel reading the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology is revealed. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

(Loyola Press Sunday Connection)

Pray

My Lord and My God!
I Believe, Help My Unbelief!

Act

Consider the difference between those who "have no life in them" and those who do have life in them because of their faith, because of their close relationship with Jesus. In what ways does your faith, your relationship with Jesus give you life?

(Pray As You Go)

Challenge

Find ways to share the life you have within you with others you encounter this week.

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 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 19th August	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY <i>Summer Mass Times</i>	8.45 am Margaret Hibbert	(Sat) 6.00 pm John Burke 11.15 am Mary Sharples	(Sat) 6.00 pm Gertrude Sandilands 10.00 am Tony & Gill Brett
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Margaret Dermody	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Marie Peepie		<i>No Exposition this week and none until September.</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Mary & Martin Furey
FRIDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Margaret Aspden
SATURDAY	<i>No Mass or Confessions</i>	10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm Jozef Godzinski	6.00 pm Dorothy Hunt
NEXT SUNDAY	8.45 am Alice and Frank Giron-Conland	11.15 am Joan Rigby	10.00 am James Cawley Shaun Pendlebury

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith:

Stanley Fletcher

May God bless him and his family.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Margaret Dermody

Mary Ellams

Bernadette (Bernie) Bates

R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

No Saturday Mass or Confessions at Holy Family until mid-September

Saturday Confessions 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

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17*
 Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision – to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Second Reading *Ephesians 5:21-32*
 St. Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and his Church.

Gospel Reading *John 6:60-69*
 The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision – to stay with Jesus or to leave him.