

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Easter Sunday (B)

1st April 2018

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http://stmaryschs.org.uk/ – **Deanery website:** www.leighdeanery.co.uk

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Days of Octave  
**Readings** Sunday – Easter (B)  
Weekdays – Octave of Easter

**Sunday** Easter Sunday (B)

**Next Sunday** Second Sunday of Easter (B)  
(Day of Divine Mercy)



## 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.

## AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

*Easter Day has dawned, a day like no other. A day filled with joy so great that we cannot begin to describe it. In these last days as we have remembered the events of the holiest week of the year we have experienced every human emotion: triumph, betrayal, suffering pain and desolation. Our remembrance goes back 2000 years and yet those emotions are very much alive in our world, in our lives today.*

*The joy that the resurrection of Jesus brought to his followers is also alive for us today. It is a joy that will never end. I was privileged to attend the funeral of Sir Ken Dodd last week in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral. One emotion, one word which shone through his life was happiness. He sang, "I thank the Lord that I am blessed with more than my share of happiness." Today we feel our own happiness as we celebrate the resurrection, and yet it is only a shadow of the happiness which is to come, which the Risen Lord wants for us.*

*Through the resurrection of Jesus we know that death has been conquered and that we are assured of eternal life with him, a happiness the like of which we have never experienced before, one which will last forever. The journey which is Holy Week reminds us of the trials of life through which we will rise to new life. Through the Cross Jesus has drawn all people to himself and through his resurrection he has transformed our lives and given us all the gift of eternal happiness.*

*If we let the light of the Risen Christ into our lives and those of our families it will bring an inner peace and happiness as we experience the mercy of God in the ordinary things of life.*

*May the Risen Lord bless us all during this Easter season.*

Yours in Christ,  
Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool.

**Psalm Response** This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

**Gospel Acclamation** Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

## PARISH NEWS

This Week



### Thank You

Thanks to all who have helped in any way during Holy Week in all our churches, your help and support is much appreciated. Also many thanks for the Easter Cards and greetings received by Frs Paul and Deacon Bob.



### CAFOD Lenten Café

Many thanks to all who supported the CAFOD Lenten Café at Holy Family this year. Altogether it raised £1,829,31 for CAFOD's Lent Appeal. This year, this total will be matched by the UK Government, so CAFOD will receive a total of **£3,658.62** due to your generous support.

Last Sunday's was not only the last of this year's CAFOD Lenten Cafés but also the last Café to be held in the Parish Hall at Holy Family. It is anticipated, though, that the CAFOD Café will continue to be held, in some form, on the last Sunday of the month whilst the new Hall is under construction. Further details will be given in the Newsletter. Thank you again for your continuous support.

### Holy Family Car Park

As the sale of the land around the old Scout Hall has gone through **we are no longer able to use the land for parking or access to the school.** Building works are due to commence in the coming weeks involving the demolition of both halls in preparation for our new centre. Thank you for your patience as there will likely be some disruption during this process, but the future is bright!



### Divine Mercy

This is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter on 8th April, i.e. **next Sunday**. There will be the 'Hour of Grace' at Holy Family which is a Holy Hour beginning with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with the opportunity for individual Confessions.

The hour will begin at 3.00pm and conclude with Benediction.



### Sacred Heart School, Hindsford

Sacred Heart Primary School in Hindsford, has been selected for "Tesco Tokens!" If you shop at Tesco in Atherton or Leigh please collect as many tokens as you can for the school – the little blue tokens where you are invited to support the charity of your choice on your way out of the store.

The school's allocated time is **from March 1st to April 30th**. The more tokens they get, the more money we will receive. Please help the school as much as you can.

### 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.

### Ladies Group

The next Ladies Group meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th April** at 2.00pm in St Ambrose church hall. Raffle - Anne Lewthwaite / Joyce Speakman.

### Eucharistic Ministers

There are copies of the St Paul Missal available for Eucharistic Ministers in Holy Family. Please collect from the office for use visiting the sick and housebound.



### 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. We have no objection if the odd gold, silver or diamond item gets in there but we are not expecting to find any treasures.

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](http://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.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



## 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.

## Archbishop's Letter - Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Following the letter from Archbishop Malcolm a few weeks ago, please find below contact details if you are interested in going on or helping out with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. We are awaiting more information leaflets too but you could still email or phone the Archdiocese independently if you like. If anyone is interested in travelling to Lourdes please



phone 07484911623.

To volunteer for any of the support teams visit the website at [Liverpool-lourdes.org.uk](http://Liverpool-lourdes.org.uk) or contact the Lourdes Office at [lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk)



## Parish Trip to York

A few people have mentioned that they would like to go on a trip to York later in the year. It has been a few years since we last had a Parish Trip to York. It is the birthplace of our patron saint, Margaret Clitherow, so it is something that we should always do from time to time. We will try to book a coach for December which coincides with the Christmas Markets, so that would be a good time to go again. We will let you know the date as soon as we can.



## Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night  
Cash Prizes

Every Thursday

Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.

## Reflect:

Christ rose from the dead to free us from sin and to restore us to new life in him. Do we ever stop to think about what this really means? Do we truly appreciate what Christ has done for us? How can we show our appreciation and understanding of Christ's Death and Resurrection to those we encounter on life's journey?

## Pray:

God within us,  
We thank you for the presence of your glory in the flesh of the ordinary.  
Give us a contemplative gaze, capable of detecting the signs of your presence and love in the people we meet and in the stuff of our daily existence.  
*Michael Winstanley SJB*

## Act:

Find ways to bring the spark of new life into the lives of others by showing appreciation for the work they do on a daily basis, often without recognition for what they do.

## Challenge:

Until the end of Eastertide, sort out one item every week which can be recycled by being re-sold.

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## RAF CENTENARY DANCE

As many of you will be aware the RAF are celebrating their Centenary this year. The Leigh branch of RAFA are holding a special Centenary Celebration Ball in St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh, on **Saturday April 14th**. For details of tickets please contact Marion on 07856364265.

## Craft Groups

The Craft Group at Holy Family meets **every Wednesday afternoon** between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Admission £3.50 including all materials. All welcome.

The Craft Class in St. Richard's Parish Centre meets on **Thursdays** between 10.00am-12noon. All welcome.

## 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](http://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  
 Jean Tchibukdjian  
 Jess Garrett  
 Joan Wilkinson  
 John Wall  
 Kathy Kenyon  
 Maisie Sweeney (age9)  
 Margaret Case  
 Margaret Dawson  
 Margaret Hurley  
 Margaret Ross  
 Margaret Wall  
 Marjorie Price  
 Mary Tiernan  
 Maureen Halliday  
 Michael Wright  
 Patricia Wilson  
 Rev Jim Melia  
 Sandra Jones  
 Shelagh Welsby  
 Sr Megan Haisley  
 Ted & Harriet Langin  
 Thelma Humble  
 Thomas Higgins  
 Thomas McLoughlin  
 Wyn Wright  
 Yvonne Mellin  
 +  
 additions this week  
 Steve Clorston  
 Mildred Hughes

Week Beginning 1st April	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	(Sat) 8.00 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil (Madeleine Sighe & Easter Intentions)  9.00 am Peter McArdle 11.00 am Frank and Margaret Fletcher	(Sat) Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Family  11.00 am Joe Rigby and Joan Rigby (Lately Dead)	(Sat) 8.00 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil (Nora McCrann)  9.30 am Ariela Koryl
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<i>No Mass today</i>	9.15 pm Mary Gould
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7.30 pm Jacky McAleese		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am Jack Hogg		9.15 am The Hurst Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>No Mass today</i>	<i>No Mass today</i> 11.00 am Funeral Service for John Paul Daly	9.15 am Peter Quinn
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00 am Michelle Gannon	6.00 pm Special Intention	6.00 pm Catherine O'Connor
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Veronica Walsh  11.00 am Josef Godzinski	11.00 am Michael & Beryl Skiffington, Angela Valentine, Eileen Bond and William & John Skiffington	9.30 am Kathleen Oaks

## LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £2080.76  
 Holy Places £ 261.81  
 Thank you for your generosity.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS Today - Easter Sunday

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. Website: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

## Next Week

**Catholic Blind Services**  
 The Catholic Blind Services assist the Church in her ministry with people who are blind or have a visual impairment. One aspect of their work is to prepare the large print Mass sheets that are available at the back of church.

## 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 Second Sunday of Easter (B)

**First Reading** Acts 4:32-35  
 For a moment the Church is perfect on earth as it is in Heaven. Yet it is in the imperfections of the Church that the Lord manifests his mercy and power.

**Second Reading** 1 John 5:1-6  
 Victory for Christians is always a victory over ourselves before we may presume to win others by faith.

**Gospel Reading** John 20:19-31  
 Peter speaks to the apostles and to the Church, but Thomas speaks for the apostles, because he speaks from his own struggle to believe.



Please pray for those who have died:

Mary Gould  
 Martin Alwill  
 Eileen Boardman  
 Joan Rigby  
 John Paul Daly