

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Readings Sunday – Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 13

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Tuesday Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
Next Sunday Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Sea Sunday



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

Every now and then we wonder whether God loves us or not. It's a perfectly understandable question since we acknowledge God as a Creator, the Father of Jesus, and therefore someone for whom we might seem to be so very insignificant. Yet, when we read the Gospel today, there is more than enough evidence that God does indeed care about us and love us, even though sometimes he seems so far away. The Gospel today has two accounts of Jesus healing people. First, there is the unhappy woman who, for 12 long years, has suffered from a haemorrhage. It has left her weak and almost penniless – lots of doctor's bills but still no cure. Her condition renders her unclean in the sight of the Scribes and Pharisees, which is perhaps why she approaches Jesus unobtrusively from behind, so much so that he wonders who has touched him. She stretches out and touches his cloak and immediately she feels power going through her body and knows that she is healed. In addressing her affectionately as "daughter", Jesus gives her the courage to tell her story publicly. It is her faith, he explains, that has won the cure and now she can go forth in peace.

Then there is the little girl. She is just 12 years old when she becomes grievously sick. Her distraught father, one of the important local officials, seeks Jesus' help. It's a measure of his distress that he does not stand on his dignity. He casts himself down before Jesus and begs for his help. Jesus promises to come to see the child. But he delays, diverted by the healing of the woman perhaps. Then it is reported to him that the child is already dead. Patiently, the official waits for Jesus. He walks him towards what he fears will be his dead child. Yet even now he trusts in Jesus. He is wonderfully rewarded. Taking the child by the hand, Jesus says, "Talitha kum!" – "little girl, get up!". Then he gives the youngster back to her rejoicing parents, thoughtfully reminding them to give her something to eat.

In each case Jesus knows that his actions – his touching of the outcast woman, and his touching of a dead body, even that of a child – will make him ritually unclean in other people's eyes, yet it does not deter him from his mission of mercy. There are times when we all feel like God is far away, hardly interested in the likes of us. Today's Gospel shows how mistaken we can be. The Lord encounters, and is touched by, a woman who is regarded as untouchable. The Lord approaches a little girl when people are saying "She is already dead, don't trouble Jesus any further" and, by implication, "there's nothing he can do now". Each time Jesus works a miracle, it is a sign of his mighty power. But, perhaps more important than that, it is a demonstration of his deep love for ordinary people, little people like ourselves. Miracles are, of their nature, rare events, but what they reveal is something permanent and unconditional – God's loving concern for each and every one of us. This conviction brings joy into life. It nurtures our faith in difficult times. It encourages us never to give up hope. It assures us that, despite our littleness, we are important. So important that we are deeply loved and cared for by our great Heavenly Father. His care is not merely for a day or a year, not even for a lifetime. It is for eternity.

Psalm Response I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

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 - STARTS TODAY!

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**.

First Communion Thanksgiving

This Wednesday the children who made their First Communion at Holy Family will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass at **6.30pm** on Wednesday evening in Holy Family Church. The children will then celebrate a shared meal in school.

St Margaret Clitherow SVP

Our next meeting will be held at Holy Family on **Wednesday, 4th July at 7.15pm after the 6.30pm Mass**. Please note change of start time, following 6.30pm Mass. This is for all members so please come along if you can.

Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family

Due to the Ordinations in the Cathedral this coming Saturday of Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Mughan to the Priesthood there will be **no Mass or Confessions at Holy Family on Saturday**. As always Confession is available on request or after either of the Saturday evening Masses.



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.

Bag2school Clothing Collection

St Ambrose Barlow Guides are holding their annual clothing collection on **Monday 9th July**. Please start collecting your old clothes/shoes/bags/belts/bedding (not quilts), towels and soft toys. Bags are available in the back of church, however any bin bags are accepted.

Please drop off your bags at St Ambrose Barlow church **on or before Sunday 8th July**. You can also drop off at Guides every Thursday night up to and including 5th July. If you would like your bags to be collected, please contact Delia on 07753 929476.

Thank you for your continued support with this event, it is so easy for us all to do and raises around £150 for unit funds.

Delia and Bernadette

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.

Parish Forum - Deanery Forum

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Deanery Forum last week. Just to let everyone know that it has changed from the "Parish Forum" to the "Deanery" or "Pastoral Area" Forum to include the Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith. It is still a Forum, in that there is always an open invitation for people to simply come along and join in.

The next Forum Meeting will take place sometime in September. More details nearer the time.

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.

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.

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.**

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1932.41
Peter's Pence	£ 226.01

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

CHICKS (Country Holidays for Inner City Kids)

CHICKS stands for 'Country Holidays for Inner City Kids'. CHICKS offers free week-long respite breaks for underprivileged children from across the UK. Many of the children live in severe poverty, are being neglected, bullied, abused or live in care. Others have been bereaved or are full time young carers. The one thing they all have in common is that without CHICKS they would not get any respite from their home situations.

Website: www.chicks.org.uk

Next Week

Apostleship of the Sea

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The second collection will be for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Live Screenings at Cineworld

There are a number of very good looking Live Screenings taking place at Cineworld in Leigh. It has been good in the past to meet up with fellow parishioners. The next one is the RSC's "Romeo & Juliet" at 7.00pm on **July 18th**. As usual get your tickets early just in case and meet in the foyer beforehand.

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 in December 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.



Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night - Cash Prizes

Every Thursday

Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.

Appointment of new Chief Operating Officer for Archdiocese of Liverpool

The Archdiocese has announced the appointment of Martin Miller to the newly created post of Chief Operating Officer for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Martin, a Catholic now living in Manchester but originally from Glasgow, has seventeen years' experience of working in the Anglican Diocese of Manchester.

The Archbishop, who led the selection panel, said, "... This newly created post is a key part of the trustees' response to the review of the Archdiocesan offices last year ... Martin's appointment will ensure there is greater coordination between the departments and that parishes, schools and other diocesan agencies receive a service which is even more responsive to their particular needs." See www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk for more information.

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

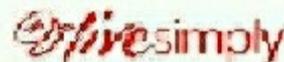
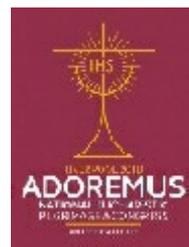
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

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:

Today we read of the faith of Jairus in believing that Jesus can cure his daughter and how Jesus restored his daughter to life. Do we turn to Jesus when we are troubled? Do we truly believe that he can cure us when our spirits or health need restoring?

Pray:

Jesus, you know me and all of the ways in which I doubt your power, your grace, and most of all, your love for me. Yet, I believe in your power to overcome and transform my unbelief. I do believe; Lord, help my unbelief.

Act:

Believe that Jesus can work through you in even the most difficult situations.

Challenge:

It's hot, but we need to conserve our water. How? Use a bucket instead of a hosepipe; reduce your time in the shower; make sure your washing machine had a full load before using it; use waste water to water the garden...

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



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 (10)
 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
 Steve Clorston
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin
 + additions this week
 Stephen Howell
 Baby Penny Rose

Week Beginning 1st July	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY <i>Summer Mass Times start</i>	8.45 am Maureen Mitchell	(Sat) 6.00 pm John Lee 11.15 am Thomas Higgins	(Sat) 6.00 pm Kevin Hesketh 10.00 am Mary & Dominic Curtis
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Mary Sharples	9.15 am Adrian Doyle 2.30 pm <i>Funeral Service for Malcolm Laithwaite</i>
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Gertrude Sandilands <i>First Communion Thanksgiving</i>		9.00 - 10.00 am <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
THURSDAY	10.00 am Elizabeth Lunt		9.15 am Peter Burke
FRIDAY	10.00 am Special Intention <i>(Mass in St Gabriel's School)</i>		9.15 am Mary Curtis
SATURDAY	<i>No Mass or Confessions</i>	10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm Philomena Lines	6.00 pm Gertrude Sandilands
NEXT SUNDAY	8.45 am Vincent Carey	11.15 am Graham Jones	10.00 am Kathleen & Fred Lyth

BAPTISMS
 We welcome into our family of Faith

Lemuel Chiemezie Iwu
 Chioma Sophie Ogunna

May God bless them and their families.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Peter Burke
 Tom Murray
 Malcolm Laithwaite
 Patricia Wilson
 Mildred Hughes
 Stephen Clouston
 Albert Cooke

R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

NB No Saturday Confessions or 10.00 am Mass at Holy Family next Saturday due to Ordinations at the Cathedral.

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 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Ezekiel 2:2-5*
 Whether they listen or not, the people will know that there is a prophet among them.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*
 It is when he is weak that Paul is strong, through the grace of God dwelling within him.

Gospel Reading *Mark 6:1-6*
 Jesus is amazed at the people's lack of faith.