

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

21st January 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 3

Sunday 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Wednesday St. Francis de Sales
Thursday Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
Friday St. Timothy & St. Titus
Next Sunday 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
(Racial Justice Day)



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

"Hacksaw Ridge" is an Oscar winning film telling the extraordinary true story of Desmond Doss, a war hero who refused to carry a gun and kill people. He was the first conscientious objector to win the Medal of Honour, the USA's most prestigious military award, for his heroism as a medic during the Second World War. During battles in the Pacific the 26 year old risked his life again and again, carrying his injured companions to safety. He did this without ever carrying a weapon. He said this would go against his Christian faith. He took his faith very seriously. He took the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" to mean that, although he would serve his country, he could not take the life of another person. He was wounded himself in the battlefield whilst carrying injured troops to safety but always put others first. He was a man of peace even in times of war. His belief that he was called by God to a life of non-violence amidst the killing going on around him led him on a new and inspirational path in life.

Lots of different happenings or events can influence people to switch from one way of life to another. In today's Gospel we hear of four fishermen – Simon, Andrew, James and John – who leave their fishing nets behind when Jesus calls them to follow him. They left behind their daily routine at the Sea of Galilee as soon as they heard the call to a new way of life. God has a way of showing up in the ordinary places of life and interrupting the daily routine. This was also the experience of Jonah in today's First Reading. He was sent on a mission by God to the city of Nineveh. When these men accepted the invitation, their lives were changed forever. God's call led them into an uncertain but inspirational future.

Whatever our lives are like at the moment, however we spend our time, whatever circumstances affect our usual way of living, there is within our lives Jesus' call to "follow". It is the call to take part in God's saving work and to help build up his Kingdom. This work is always about moving to a larger vision, orienting life in a new direction and experiencing that our own story of life is connected to a much larger story of life, God's story. We are all part of God's story. It happens in the casting and mending of nets. It happens in the context of our everyday lives and activities: work, school, families, relationships and every decision that we make every day of our lives. These are the times and places when we can think of our faith and allow Jesus to call us to a new way of being ourselves.

The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. If we take Christian discipleship seriously then it can be a challenging path. It was not easy for the first disciples and it isn't very easy for us today. In other words, to follow Jesus is to follow the one who turns the world upside down. Christian discipleship is the commitment to live a Gospel life, a marginal life in this place, at this time, whatever the cost. True discipleship takes the side of those who are poor, minorities, outcasts, people who are sometimes reviled or rejected. True discipleship means being a witness for justice and peace even in situations of injustice or war. When we enter into our callings we have no idea how it will end up. We choose our careers and jobs hoping that we can use the gifts and talents God has given us. What might God be asking you to leave behind? What is standing in the way of you following Jesus today? The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. Christ is calling all of us to follow him. How will we respond?

Psalm Response
Gospel Acclamation

Lord, make me know your ways.
The Kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Holy Family Car Park

Barriers have now been installed at Holy Family to secure the car park after long-standing anti-social behaviour particularly in the area directly behind the presbytery. There are two gateways: the first coming up the drive is the entrance and the second nearest the hall is the exit. Please be considerate in parking to allow others to be able to drive in and out safely. Outside of church, hall and school use the car park will be locked.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we await the development of the hall and car park. More information to follow once I have it.

Fr Paul G

Week of Christian Unity

Service for Christian Unity at Holy Family Church **TODAY, Sunday 21st January at 4.00pm**, Rev Karen to preach.

Compline at St John's, Mosley Common, **Tuesday 23rd at 7.00pm**.

All welcome.

Justice & Peace Meeting

The next meeting of the Deanery J&P group will be on **Wednesday 24th January** in the Holy Family Conference Room at 7.45pm (after the 7.00pm Mass).

All are welcome.

Journey of Faith - RCIA

There will be a meeting of the group 'Journey in Faith' at Holy Family Presbytery on **Wednesday 24th January** at 7.45pm (after the 7.00pm Mass) for all adults interested in becoming Catholic or who are interested in learning more about the faith.

Craft Group at Holy Family

The Craft Group has reopened after the Christmas and New Year break. It meets **every Wednesday afternoon** between 1.00pm and 3.00pm at Holy Family.

All welcome. Admission £3.50 including all materials.

Craft Class at St. Richard's

The Craft Class in St. Richard's Parish Centre will resume on **Thursday February 8th** between 10am-12noon.

All welcome.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Saturday morning Padre Pio Prayer Group meetings have now been resumed in St. Ambrose Barlow Church at 10.00am on Saturdays.

'With You Always' Programme (St. AB, St. R & SH)

An early notice to all those children who attend St. Ambrose Barlow School, St. Richard's School and Sacred Heart School, Hindsford, that the "With You Always" programme, the preparation course for First Holy Communion, will begin during Lent. We hope to finalize all the preparation dates within the next few days and the dates, along with the dates of the celebrations themselves, will be available very soon from school or in the Churches of St. Ambrose Barlow and St. Richard's. So please watch this space for more details.

'With You Always' Catechists Meeting (St. AB, St. R & SH)

A reminder to all the catechists who help to lead the "With You Always" programme for Sacred Heart, St. Ambrose Barlow & St. Richard's, that there will be a meeting in the Parish House at St. Richard's on **Tuesday February 6th at 7.00pm**. Please come along with lots of ideas!

Admissions Consultation

St Mary's Catholic High School are currently consulting on a change to their Admissions Criteria which would result in a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 280 to 260 with effect from September 2019. Further details, including Information on how you can respond, can be found on the St Mary's School website or via the following link

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools/Admissions-Consultations>

This consultation will run between **6 December 2017 and 31 January 2018**.

Act in Support of Catholic Education

Archbishop Malcolm wishes to contact us to encourage us to speak out for Catholic Education. He writes:

"Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government NOT to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools."

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for "Catholic Education" in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

By forcing Catholic schools to turn away Catholic school children on the basis of their faith, the very principle of a Catholic parent's right to choose a Catholic education is under threat. If you haven't already done so please fill in the simple form on the web site to take action and communicate with the **new Education Minister**.

Justice and Peace Annual Memorial Lecture 2018 TODAY, Sunday 21st January, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Dr Pete North, University of Liverpool Department of Geography and Planning, will be delivering the lecture "**Towards Social and Solidarity Economies**" at LACE, Croxteth Rd, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA. All are welcome.

St. Richard's 500 Club Membership

St. Richard's 500 Club needs more members. If you would like the chance to win up to £100 each month plus other cash prizes, why don't you join the 500 Club? For just £1.00 per month you will be entered into the monthly draw for cash prizes, and you will be raising money for the parish. If you are interested please contact either James Duffy on 07521931871, or Mick Farrimond on 01942 884662, and we will sort you out for the next draw.



CAFOD
Café



The CAFOD Café will be open in Holy Family Hall after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses **next Sunday, January 28th**. On sale there will be delicious home made cakes as well as tea, coffee, soft drinks, toast, tea cakes – and bacon butties!! Proceeds will go to our CAFOD Connect2Ethiopia project. The Traidcraft stall, with an array of fair trade produce, will also be available. Please come along if you can. You will be very welcome.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

St Joseph's Player's Present their 2018 Pantomime
CINDERELLA
From Wed. 24th Jan. to Sat. 3rd February



Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night

Cash Prizes - Every Thursday
Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.



Rome Pilgrimage - 18-22 June 2018

We are pleased to confirm that this is going ahead. Details and booking forms are available in the Church porches.

Stratford Trip - 28th June 2018

In the next few days Fr. Paul is going to start phoning people round to confirm their place on the trip to Stratford. All the theatre tickets are now sold. There are just three seats left on the coach for anyone who may still be interested. The cost for the coach is £10 per person. The theatre tickets are £22 and £16. Can you please pay asap by cheque if possible, making the cheque payable to the Parish Account, "St. Margaret Clitherow Parish".

lives simply

Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading we hear how the apostles are called to discipleship. One of the striking points of the reading is the way in which the apostles followed Jesus instantaneously. There are no questions asked and no 'I just need to go and...' words spoken. What was it about Jesus that commanded such a response of faith, trust and commitment? Is it possible for each of us to respond to Jesus in the same way without hesitation or is there something in our lives that holds us back from that leap of faith?

Pray:

Loving Creator,
Transform our hearts so that we
Walk more humbly
Live more simply

And become the change we wish to see in the world.

(Kieran O'Brien 'lives simply a CAFOD resource for living...' Cafod)

Act:

How can we live lives of faith that demonstrate our trust in God. Can we let go of those material things that bind us and place ourselves in God's hands to be led where his Spirit leads us? Find one thing to let go of this week, it may be: something we long for which we don't really need; an item of clothing which we could pass to someone in greater need than ourselves; time to ourselves which may instead be spent with someone who needs comforting or support.

Challenge:

We can only respond to God's call if we can hear it. Take time out each day this week to really listen to God.

From the Archbishop's desk: January 2018

By Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

One of the hazards of being tall is that I look up more often than I should. Inevitably I trip over things from time to time which brings me down to earth with a bump. Sometimes people think I am being rude because I don't acknowledge them if they are below my line of sight, and that can get me into trouble too.

Of course, there are some advantages to being tall such as being able to see over the heads of a crowd or lifting luggage onto the rack in the train, but being able to look over and beyond our past and present experience and see further is something that everyone can do.

During the Christmas season, we were encouraged to look up by the shepherds who in seeing the night sky filled with angels glorifying and praising God, were led to someone who was very down to earth, God's son, Jesus. The wise men also looked up and saw a star which led them to the true King. They prostrated themselves on the ground before him and offered the homage due to a king.

So throughout the year ahead we should keep looking up because in broadening our vision and taking in the magnificence of the creation – even if (or maybe especially as!) it is likely that sooner or later we will trip over and find ourselves humbled – it is there that we will surely encounter the Lord.

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.sacredheartchindsford.co.uk

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are Sick



Agnes Pilkington
 All Cancer Patients
 Ann Mellin
 Anne Broad
 Baby George
 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 Smith
 Margaret Wall
 Marjorie Price
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Michael Skiffington
 Michael Wright
 Patricia Wilson
 Rev Jim Melia
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Sr Megan Haisley
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thomas Higgins
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright

Those who have died, especially

Kathleen Oaks
 Joni Horton
 Mary Ward
 Michael Harrison

Week Beginning 21st January	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Margaret Kelly, Daniel and Nellie Conneely 11.00 am Deceased members of the McGee & McNulty Family	(Sat) 6.00 pm Tess Fallon 11.00 am Yvonne Mellin	(Sat) 6.00 pm John Pearson 9.30 am Michael Flaherty
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Joseph and Mary Costello	9.15 am Kathleen Coop
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Alan Hughes, Thomas & Ann Carr		<i>No Exposition until Lent</i>
THURSDAY	<i>No Mass today</i>		<i>No Mass today</i>
FRIDAY	10.00 am Vin Sweeney <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i> 12noon Funeral Mass for Mary Ward		<i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>
SATURDAY	10.00 am Andrew Barry	6.00 pm Peter McMorrow	6.00 pm Tony McKiernan
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Joseph Delaney 11.00 am Deceased Members of the Hogg family	11.00 am Philip Smith	9.30 am Bernadette Sproston

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £2098.79
 Pax Christi £ 238.57
Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today
 SVP Monthly Collection
 Next Week
 (Racial Justice Day)
 Racial Justice

Catholic Association for Racial Justice

CARJ is an independent charity and an Agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, supporting and empowering minority ethnic Catholics in order to give them an effective voice in the Church and in the wider society.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday Confessions after 10.00 am Mass at Holy Family & after both 6.00 pm Masses in St Ambrose and St Richard's. Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)

First Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*
 God will send a prophet who will speak God's words to us.
Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*
 Paul advises the people to give undivided attention to the Lord.
Gospel Reading *Mark 1:21-28*
 Jesus in the synagogue demonstrates the power of God's Word to heal and save us.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith

Freya Buckley

May God bless her & her family.

Pope Francis @Pontifex
 Jan 9

A joyful soul is like healthy soil in which life can thrive and produce good fruit.