

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

22nd July 2018

DEANERY TEAM

Priest: Fr. Paul Seddon
Tel: 01942 883395
Email: paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk
St. Margaret Clitherow Parish Enquiries
Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady
Tel: 01942 673517
Email: kjmgrady@hotmail.com

Priest: Fr. Paul Grady
Tel: 0161 790 2390
Email: frpaulmgrady@hotmail.com
Email: margaretcclitherow@yahoo.com
Priest: Fr. Colin Fealey
Tel: 01942 673517 or 731280
Email: stjosephs@live.com

Deacons: Rev. Robert Hewertson & Rev. Anthony Arrowsmith

Schools: www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk – www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk
www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk – saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk - saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk
http://stmaryschs.org.uk/ – **Deanery website:** www.leighdeanery.co.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 4
Readings Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 16

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Monday Feast of St. Bridget, Patron of Europe
Wednesday Feast of St. James, Apostle
Thursday Saints Joachim and Anne
Next Sunday Seventeenth 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

In May 1730 a young priest, exhausted by his exertions preaching in and around the city of Naples, was encouraged to take a good rest and to go away for a while with some friends to the quiet and peacefulness of the Amalfi coast. The group set off towards the Bay of Salerno and took a boat along the coast. They put in at Amalfi and there met a friend who suggested they go higher up the mountainside to a peaceful place called Scala. There, high up in the hills, they could see the beauty of the world around them and could enjoy the tranquility of earth, sea and sky. Having arrived in Scala, the little group of priests met local people and soon were joined by shepherds who came down from minding their sheep to get to know these new arrivals in their quiet corner of the world. The young priest and his companions soon discovered that these local people, so pleasant and very friendly, were also very much neglected in matters of faith and religious practice. So the holiday soon turned into a time of mission and the group set themselves to evangelize these neglected people. This event was the beginning of a new religious order that would become the Redemptorists, and the young priest who had travelled to Scala in search of peace and quiet became the founder of the order and a great teacher and pastor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori. From this initial experience, Alphonsus grew to develop the particular insight of seeking out those people who feel most abandoned and helping them.

Today, in the Gospel, Jesus, too, seeks to take his little group away to a quiet place and rest, only to find that when their boat puts into shore, a large crowd of people are already there before them and are waiting for them. The planned quiet time must now give way to the needs of this hungry group of people, people who are hungry for God's Word delivered to them by Jesus himself. The insight of these people has a profound effect on Jesus. He is deeply moved by what he sees. The people seem lost and lacking in direction. They seem vulnerable to every wind that blows. Mark, writing this Gospel story, says the people were like "sheep without a shepherd". Shepherds, as we know, provide leadership and guidance for the sheep, finding new pastures for them and keeping guard over them in the watches of the night, so that the predators may not attack them or harm them. So many people in the world can be like sheep without a shepherd, easy prey for those who take advantage of them. Life should not be like this. Everyone deserves to be loved and cared for, but yet the world is full of people who are sorrowful and needy. This is why the quiet time had to wait. Jesus saw the needs of the people and responded straight away. The world needs shepherds. Without the care and love and protection of a good shepherd we will all be lost. Let us pray that we can be good shepherds to each other and always heed the call of THE Good Shepherd, Jesus, as he beckons us to follow him each day.

Psalm Response The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

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**.



School Holidays

We wish all the children of the Parish, and all the Staff, a very happy Summer holiday. We hope the weather is good and the sun continues to shine. Stay safe and have a lovely break.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Leaflets with prayers for each day of this week's pilgrimage are available at the back of church for you to take part in the pilgrimage from home. Please be assured of Fr Paul's prayers at the shrine of Our Lady.

Reduced Number of Masses this week

Please take note of the times and venues for the reduced number of Masses this week whilst Fr Paul G is in Lourdes.

Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family

There will be **no Saturday morning Mass or Confessions at Holy Family this week** as Fr Paul G will be on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Building Work at St. Richard's

Those who attend Mass at St. Richard's will notice that the work on the roof is continuing. The men are working hard to complete the repairs on schedule whilst dodging the rain showers and ensuring that the water doesn't get into church. It should take another three weeks to complete. It is most important that you take 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.



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

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**. i.e. This week!

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!

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.

88th Annual Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

More than 1,200 pilgrims led by Archbishop Malcolm

The 88th Annual Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes began on Friday, 20 July.



The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, is leading the pilgrimage travelling with over 1,200 pilgrims, who are also accompanied by Bishop Tom Williams, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool and the Lourdes Music Group led by our own Fr Paul Grady.

The theme of this year's pilgrimage is 'Lourdes, do whatever he tells you'. Some 400 of the pilgrims travelled by air on three special flights from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, with 100 travelling as assisted pilgrims. A total of 400 young people are taking part in the Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling by coach from nine points across the Archdiocese for the 26-hour journey.

A highlight of the pilgrimage will be at 8.30am on Wednesday morning, 25 July, when Mass will be celebrated in the Grotto where it is believed the Virgin Mary appeared to St Bernadette on 18 occasions in 1858. On Thursday 26 July the pilgrims return to the Basilica of St Pius X for the Mass of Anointing of the Sick and in the afternoon the Esplandade Altar will be the setting for a Farewell Service. The pilgrims return to Liverpool on Friday 27 July.

More details and a copy of the full timetable are available at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1830.65
SVP	£ 344.98

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Let The Children Live!

Let The Children Live! is a charity that works in Colombia with children from the streets and shanty-towns. These children are called 'the disposable ones' and they live, and sometimes die, in the streets and rubbish dumps of Colombia's cities. Their ages range from six-year-olds to teenagers and they are often unloved, unwanted, beaten, robbed, raped and murdered. The charity aims to safeguard the lives of these children from the poverty and violence of the streets and to make their lives worth living by giving them love, education and a future. It is currently working with 600 children and young people, both boys and girls. Check out their website: www.letthechildrenlive.org

Next Week

SSAFA – supporting our Forces and their families

SSAFA stands for 'The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association'. SSAFA is a national charity supporting those who serve in our Armed Forces, those who used to serve and the families of both.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Foodbank Collection

As you may know, since before Christmas, at St Ambrose Barlow, they have had a permanent box in the porch to collect any donations from parishioners to help the local Foodbank. It seems a good idea to extend this to Holy Family and St Richard's as it has been such a success. Boxes will be available soon with suggestions of suitable items, in case you feel you would like to contribute. Many thanks for your kindness.

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.



Eucharistic Assembly Liverpool

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.



Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night - Cash Prizes

Every Thursday

Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.

Repair Fund of £40m Prepares Cathedrals for First World War Commemorations

The £40m First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund, launched by the Government in 2014 to conserve and repair England's cathedrals ahead of First World War centenary events, has significantly reduced immediate risks, enabling a number of Catholic cathedrals to carry out major works of repair which would otherwise have been wholly unaffordable. For the full story see: <http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Cathedral-Repair-Fund>

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

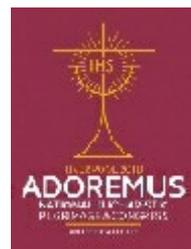
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

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:

This week's reading reminds us of the importance of taking time out to restock our inner selves, restore lost energy, reflect on our lives and re-centre ourselves in the Lord.

Pray

Lord, at times we become so engrossed in our own lives, so focused on our own needs that we forget about you and we forget about those around us. Restore us Lord, renew us and fill us with your love that we may reach out to others in your name.

Act

Make sure that those around you have the time and space to refocus their lives.

Challenge

Stop and BE for a while. Give yourself time to reflect so that you may face future challenges with renewed vigour.

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
 Baby Penny Rose
 Bernadette Bates
 Bernard O'Donnell
 Bridie Molyneux
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Derek Maude
 Eddie Shaw
 Edward Leach
 Emma Oldham
 Enid Kenwright
 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
 Steve Clorston
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin

Week Beginning 22nd July	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY <i>Summer Mass Times</i>	8.45 am Eiblin Paterson	(Sat) 6.00 pm Robert Bronowicki 11.15 am Bernard Hughes	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vernon John Dobbs 10.00 am Peter Burke
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Marie Applegarth	<i>Mass at St.Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Thomas Murray		<i>No Exposition this week and none until September.</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St.Richard's</i>		9.15 am Pat Hughes
FRIDAY	<i>Mass at St.Richard's</i>		9.15 am Kathleen Lyth
SATURDAY	<i>No Mass or Confessions</i>	10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm Betty Grundy	6.00 pm Sean Hanley
NEXT SUNDAY	8.45 am Gertrude Sandilands	11.15 am James Hurst	10.00 am Eileen Boardman

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith:

Joseph Critchley

May God bless him and his family.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

**Catherine Gill
 Vernon John Dobbs
 Jamie Robbins
 Eugenie Cheetham
 Pat Alexander**

R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

NB Saturday Confessions – there will be no Saturday morning Mass or Confessions at Holy Family this week as Fr Paul G will be on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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 Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *2 Kings 4:42-44*

The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha gave to hungry people was a sign of God's concern for his people.

Second Reading *Ephesians 4:1-6*

St.Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.

Gospel Reading *John 6:1-15*

Like Elisha, Jesus feeds the people miraculously.

Pope Francis@Pontifex

Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together in the situations we are called to live every day. (July 18th)

Try reading the Gospel for at least five minutes every day. You will see how it changes your life. (July 15th)