

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

28th January 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 4
Readings Sunday – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Wk 4

Sunday 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
(Racial Justice Sunday)

Wednesday St. John Bosco

Friday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Next Sunday 5th 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

When the evangelist Mark begins telling his story of the ministry of Jesus, he shows us how Jesus is invested with the power of the Holy Spirit at his Baptism and thus acts with authority. The power that moves Jesus has its source in God; the authority that Jesus displays, both in actions and words, is the authority of God himself. When Jesus begins teaching, the people are deeply impressed; they can see for themselves the difference between how Jesus teaches and how other religious leaders teach. When Jesus teaches, something actually happens! It is not a matter of words decorating the air. Jesus' teaching creates an impression because people can see the change for good it has upon the broken and the crippled and the dispossessed.

In today's Gospel Jesus' teaching is seen in action. In the first public work of his ministry there is confrontation between two super powers: the power of God and the power of darkness. While Jesus is teaching in the synagogue, he is interrupted by the shouts of a man possessed, a man who has no authority over his body or spirit. He is possessed. He is not in charge or in control of his own life. When Jesus speaks, he commands the power that dominates this man's life to leave him alone. At Jesus' command the man is freed. The people are astonished and marvel at Jesus' teaching: "Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it." When Jesus teaches, he shares not only his wisdom but his power. Jesus' actions are his principle teachings. This is unique authority. He uses his power to liberate people from the evil forces that dominate their lives. And when others see what he is doing with his teaching, they begin to wonder who this Jesus really is.

At the beginning of his ministry Jesus seems to meet with unmixed approval and success. You can hear the applause. But later, as we know, things will change and the applause will die down. When people want to shelter from his teaching and ignore his worth, they will distract themselves by focusing on his background, his address, his family, his supporters. His listeners will haul in the usual array of defence mechanisms to protect themselves from his insight. They will begin to question his authority, criticize his values, denounce his preferences. Jesus, however, seems to be aware that the road from approval to violence is a short one, and that he is not excused from facing the rejection that all the prophets before him had to face. The important point is that Jesus stays committed to using his power for good. He continues to exercise his authority to liberate those who are bound up and to confront those who lay burdens on the weak. No matter what the popular opinion is Jesus struggles on. If he receives authority from Heaven then he looks to Heaven for support. Ultimately he is responsible to God the Father, from whom all power and authority come.

As we strive to live out our faith to the full, there will be times when we don't always receive approval from others, when people seem to act as barriers rather than helpers. Jesus never promised his disciples peace on earth – no matter what the recent Christmas cards may say – but peace one day with God in Heaven. Let us hope and pray that this will always be at the forefront of our minds and hearts as we, like the disciples, say our "Yes" when he asks us to follow him.

Psalms Response
Gospel Acclamation

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the
mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

PARISH NEWS This Week & Next 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



CAFOD Café



The CAFOD Café will be open in Holy Family Hall after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses **TODAY**. 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.

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

Dates, venues and times for the next "With You Always" preparation programme for Year 4 children attending St.Ambrose Barlow School, St.Richard's School and Sacred Heart School, Hindsford, are now available, either through school or at the back of Church. Please fill in an application form and return it completed to the Church or the School Office as soon as possible.

'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!

Ladies Group

A Charity Bingo Bring & Buy sale will be held at the next Ladies Group meeting on **Tuesday 6th February** at 2.00pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. Everybody welcome.

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 10.00am-12noon.

All welcome.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents, prayers and good wishes on the occasion of my 90th birthday. A special thank you must go to James Lewis and his family for the lovely party they arranged for me at their home I really appreciate their kindness and I enjoyed it very much. Thanks to everyone that came to celebrate with me I will never forget it.

God Bless you all.

Bill Burke



Ash Wednesday

An early notice that **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th**. The priests of the Deanery will be busy that day distributing Ashes in the schools and also during the following Mass times:-

- St.Ambrose Barlow @ 7.30am
- St.Richard's @ 12noon
- Holy Family @ 7.00pm

Services During Lent

Once again there will be a number of devotions and services taking place during the Season of Lent. Please try to do something extra as we walk with the Lord through the desert. There will be Stations of the Cross, early morning Lenten Masses, a Taize Prayer Service, Ecumenical Talks, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. More details regarding days and times next week. Please come along and join us in prayer.

Advance notice that there will be the early Mass on the **Fridays of Lent at 6.30am at Holy Family**, and that Stations of the Cross this year at Holy Family will be at **6.30pm on Wednesdays** before the evening Mass.

Anyone willing to lead the Stations please sign up at the back of church. Booklets and versions of the Stations are available from the parish office.

Parish Administrator at Holy Family

In addition to the priests being contactable by email, Helen the parish administrator at Holy Family is now contactable for enquiries and booking of baptisms on margaretclitherow@yahoo.com

HCPT Coffee Morning

There will be an HCPT Coffee Morning at Holy Family after Masses on **Sunday 11th February**.

200 Club Draw

The January winners of St Margaret Clitherow 200 Club were:

- £100 - number 35, Abigail Barton
- £50 - number 70, Catherine Dootson

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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



Family Quiz Night

at St Stephen's School, Astley

There will be a quiz for all the family at St Stephen's on **Friday 16th February** from 7.30pm. Tickets £4 or £10 for a family - includes refreshments (but bring your own booze). Please ring Jenny on 01942 876310 or Margaret on 01942 870851 to book your place (for catering numbers). You can pay on the door.

St Patrick's Eve Singalong Night **Sacred Heart Club, Hindsford** **Friday 16th March**

Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start; finish after 11.00pm
Admission Free

An evening of mostly Irish, Country and Traditional songs led by The Cambridge Crew (from Liverpool) plus guest singers with popular songs from the 1960's onwards. Hot pasties will be on sale at the interval.

Stratford Trip - 28th June 2018

All the theatre tickets for Stratford are now sold out. There is still just **ONE** seat 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".

live simply

Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the authority of Jesus and his skill as a great teacher. Jesus's upbringing is likely to have been as normal as any other young person of his age and yet he was able to stand before a group of people in the synagogue and speak with authority. How could this be? We need to remember that Jesus was completely open to the promptings of his Father through the Holy Spirit and it was this trust and faith in God, this ability to listen to the words of God in his heart that enabled him to speak as he did and to live his life in a way that reflected his teaching.

Pray:

Lord, open our hearts to the promptings of your Holy Spirit so that we may be in touch with your Truth and in doing so

have the courage to share your word with others in the way we live and interact with each other. Amen.

Act:

Actions speak louder than words – do we live our lives in a way that reflects what we believe, or are we just Sunday Christians?

Challenge:

Find ways in which you can support those children throughout the world who do not have the benefit of an education - for whom the act of going to school can be a perilous journey, or who may miss out on an education due to financial constraints.

Prayer For Racial Justice

O God, who created all people in Your Holy Image, who loves the stranger, who cares for the downtrodden, walk with those who face discrimination, protect them from harm, help them see Christ in our community.

Guide those who fan the fires of discrimination to open their eyes to the beauty of all your creation and respect the human dignity of all people.

Open our hearts to those who face hatred and injustice because of their race, their background, their ethnicity that we might better help them belong.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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 **until 31 January 2018**.

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
 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
 Yvonne Mellin

Those who have died, especially

Michael Harrison
 Teresa Foster

Week Beginning 28th January	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Joseph Delaney 11.00 am Deceased Members of the Hogg Family	(Sat) 6.00 pm Peter McMorrow 11.00 am Philip Smith	(Sat) 6.00 pm Tony McKiernan 9.30 am Bernadette Sproston
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	2.00 pm Funeral Service for Michael Harrison	9.15 am Joan Clegg	9.15 am <i>Mass in St Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Anthony Walsh		<i>No Exposition until Lent</i>
THURSDAY	10.00 am Betty Neary		9.15 am Gerry Burke
FRIDAY	10.00 am Deceased Members of the Furey Family <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>		9.15 am Colin and Delia Brett 10.00 am Funeral Service for Teresa Foster
SATURDAY	10.00 am Keith Lewis	6.00 pm Mary Kerrins	6.00 pm Jean Neary
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Brenda McDonald 11.00 am Mike Harrison	11.00 am Phyllis Whelan	9.30 am Arthur Lucas

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£2005.77
SVP	£ 391.53
Mary's Christmas Pots (CAFOD)	£200.00
Burn's Night	£ 188.40

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

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.

Next Week

Survive Miva Appeal

Survive-Miva is a Catholic lay association based in Liverpool which exists to provide one vital element for the success of the Church's health and pastoral work in areas of great need - a means of transport. Check out their website: www.survive-miva.org

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

Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)

First Reading *Job 7:1-4, 6-7*
 Job gives free rein to express the suffering in his life.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*
 Paul sees it as his duty to preach the Gospel and offer it free of charge.

Gospel Reading *Mark 1:29-39*
 Jesus continues to bring God's rule among us by giving healing to the many sick people who seek him out.