

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

29th July 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Readings Sunday – Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 17

Sunday **Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**
Tuesday St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Wednesday St. Alphonsus Liguori Bishop & Doctor
Saturday St. John Vianney, Priest
Next Sunday **Eighteenth 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

A priest celebrating Mass in a Dublin parish and preaching on today's Gospel referred to the miracle of the loaves and fishes as a miracle of generosity. And it is easy to see why. First of all there is the marvellous generosity of the boy, who, with his gift of five loaves and two fish, made the miracle possible. It was a small thing in itself, but for the little boy it was a big sacrifice to make because it was all he had. There are many people who are willing to make a contribution out of the relative plenty that they have, but very few who are willing to give when it means going without themselves. Then there is the astonishing generosity of Jesus. Not only did he feed all the people, but he saw to it that each got as much as they wanted. Even so, there were twelve full baskets at the end.

The priest left the altar at the end of the Mass in Dublin, happy in the belief that he had preached a nice little sermon. As he was un-vesting in the sacristy an elderly woman came in to enquire if anyone had left a shopping bag. She said she had brought it into Church with her, but now couldn't find it. The sacristan gave her the bad news. No one had left a bag. The priest was expecting her to get upset, wondering who would steal a bag in the House of God, but she said no such thing. Without a trace of anger or bitterness, she simply said, "Perhaps the person who took the bag needs it more than I do."

"What was in the bag?" the priest asked.
"Two loaves of bread," the woman replied.

Her answer delighted the priest. But it also humbled him, because he knew that if he had been in her position he would not have been so generous in his response to the theft of his property. He was also humbled for another reason. He was preaching generosity, yet this woman was practicing it. Her generosity came straight from the heart.

The Lord nourishes us here in the Eucharist banquet as surely and as generously as he fed the people in the desert. He nourishes us so that we in our turn may be able to nourish others. Generosity should have a central place in the life of every Christian, and we get many opportunities in our everyday dealings with others to practice it. It's not just about giving things, but also and more especially about giving of ourselves – of our time, our energy and especially our love.

Psalms Response You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

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

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.

Building Work at St. Richard's

After a lengthy meeting with the contractors and the workmen this week, it was agreed that, so far, the work at St. Richard's is going very well and is ahead of schedule. Hopefully it should all be completed in the next few weeks. It is most important that you take extra 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!

Ladies Group

The next ladies group meeting will be on Tuesday 7th August at 2.00pm in St Ambrose parish hall.

Raffle - Joyce Nuttall. Susan Gaskell

P.S Please bring change for your subs

Midweek Mass Times

Please check the Newsletter each week for the times of Masses during the week. If one of the priests is away then the other will cover and say Masses as listed below..

The Mass time schedule would be as follows:-

- **Tuesday 9.15 am St. Ambrose Barlow**
- **Wednesday 7.00 pm Holy Family**
- **Thursday 9.15 am St. Richard's**
- **Friday 9.15 am St. Richard's or**
10.00 am St. Gabriel's School
(during term time)

Please note that this ONLY applies when there is only ONE priest in the Parish. These times can change if a Funeral comes in. So please check the Newsletter for up to date details.

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

Mass Collections

St. Richard's are looking for volunteers to help count the Mass collections on a monthly rota bases. Everyone is welcome. For more information please phone James on 07521 931871.

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

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £ 1909.35

Let The Children Live! £ 498.46

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

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

Next Week

Catholic Deaf Association

The Catholic Deaf Association is an association of deaf and hearing people who support each other and promote services for deaf people in the community. Have a look at their website: www.cda-uk.com

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>

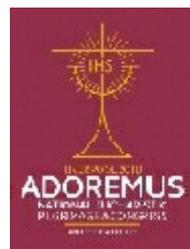
Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

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:

The feeding of the 5000 reminds us that the Lord will always be there for us, supporting us and providing us with the gifts we need to do his work.

Pray

Give us, O Lord,
a generosity of spirit.
May we always be sensitive to those in our midst who are suffering.
May we who eat
be bread for others.
May we who drink
pour out your love

Act

Be generous this week, sharing what you have with those who have not.

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

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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
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin

Week Beginning 29th July	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY <i>Summer Mass Times</i>	8.45 am Gertrude Sandilands	(Sat) 6.00 pm Betty Grundy 11.15 am James Hurst	(Sat) 6.00 pm Sean Hanley. Marie Dootson 10.00 am Eileen Boardman
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	11.30 am Funeral Mass for Pat Alexander	9.15 am Thomas Higgins	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	2.00 pm Funeral Mass for Mary Munnelly		<i>No Exposition this week and none until September.</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Gordon North
FRIDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Fred Simpson
SATURDAY	10.00am Jack and Paddy Hession	10.00 am Exposition and Rosary 6.00 pm Mary McHugh	6.00 pm Gertrude Sandilands
NEXT SUNDAY	8.45 am Elizabeth Lunt	11.15 am Leslie Almond & Mary Alice Ellison	10.00 am Adam Van Cleef



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Pat Alexander
 Mary Munnelly
 Jamie Robbins
 Eugenie Cheetham

R.I.P.

Those in Sickness

O Jesus, You suffered and died for us; You understand suffering; Teach me to understand my suffering as You do; To bear it in union with You; To offer it with You to atone for my sins And to bring Your grace to souls in need.

Calm my fears; increase my trust. May I gladly accept Your holy will and become more like You in trial. If it be Your will, restore me to health so that I may work for Your honour and glory and the salvation of all men.
 Amen.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday Confessions after 10.00am Mass at Holy Family; after both 6.00pm Masses in St. Ambrose and St. Richards.

Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15.*

God feeds his people in the desert

Second Reading *Ephesians 4:17, 20-24.*

Paul urges the people of Ephesus to live lives that are in keeping with their baptism calling

Gospel Reading *John 6:24-35.*

Jesus declares that he himself is the true bread from Heaven.

