

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

2nd September 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 22
Sunday 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
(Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)
Monday St. Gregory the Great
Saturday Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
(Education 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

In today's Gospel Jesus is accused of breaking with sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten tradition of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good food hygiene, but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing this they are numbered among the unclean. According to the written Law, ceremonial washing was required only of priests before they entered the sanctuary in the Temple. By the time of Jesus, however, the ritual of hand-washing, before every meal and between each course, had extended to include all pious Jews. This unwritten tradition of legal interpretation – the oral law – was regarded by the Pharisees to be as binding as the written Law. And they expect Jesus to share their religious outlook.

Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, quoting the prophet Isaiah to underline his point:

**"This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations."**

In clinging to human tradition, they ignore the commandment of God. Jesus wants to free people from the weight of a stifling tradition that concentrates on approved performance. Jesus goes on to teach the people a revolutionary doctrine which puts him at odds with his own religious tradition: nothing that a person eats can defile them, only what comes from their heart. In this Jesus declares all food clean and shifts the focus of moral attention to how people choose and what they actually do. For Jesus, eating with unwashed hands is imaginary defilement. So is eating unapproved food. Uncleanness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart.

Jesus is interested in the stirrings of the human heart, the personal issues that preoccupy us and influence our choices and behaviour. The territory within, with all its complex emotions and desires, holds Jesus' attention. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them conform socially. This is why he says so often, "Set your hearts first on the Kingdom of God." Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centred on God, they are free from the litany of human regulations. For many of his hearers, what Jesus said was bad news because it contradicted the tradition they honoured. But we call it Good News – Gospel – because it is a word that liberates us from a world of endless regulations. It also challenges us and invites us to live a religion of the heart. To have a heart for Jesus and his values is all we can do if we want to be his disciples today.

Psalm Response The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
You have the message of eternal life.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

End of Summer Mass Schedule

We are now back to the regular Sunday Morning Mass times:-

- Holy Family at 9.00am.
- St.Richard's at 9.30am.
- St.Ambrose Barlow at 11.00am.
- Holy Family at 11.00am.

Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family

This will be temporarily unavailable until mid-September. Confessions are always available on request.

Ladies Group

The next Ladies Group meeting will be this **Tuesday, 4th September** at 2:00pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. Raffle: Doreen Henderson and Pauline Wilson.



Creation Time

1st September – 4th October 2018

Pope Francis has asked us to mark this period with prayer, reflection and action in relation to the Earth and our place upon it and so the Liverpool Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission and CAFOD Liverpool have once again produced Creation Time Reflections for parishes to use. Like the resource we used last year, this one can be used as a course or as a series of one-off sessions following each of the five Sundays and comprises the Sunday's Gospel, case studies, quotations from Laudato Si as well as opportunities for reflection, prayers and an invitation to action.

Sessions will be held at St Richard's House at 10.00am (following Exposition when Exposition restarts) on Wednesdays **September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and October 3rd**. All are welcome.

Craft Groups Restart

The Craft Classes will resume this week as follows:

- Holy Family / St Ambrose Barlow Group - **Wednesday 5th September** at St Ambrose hall, 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
- St Richard's Group - **Thursday 6th September** at 10.00am in St.Richard's Church Hall.

Deanery Forum

The next meeting of the Deanery Forum will now take place this **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.

Exposition at St.Richard's

Due to the continuation of the building work at St.Richard's we will resume Exposition once it is all finished. The work is going well, although they have lost a few days due to the rain. The insulation of the roof is just about finished, so, hopefully, we should be back to normal very soon. Thanks for all your patience. We are hopefully going to have a very warm Church this year!

Astley Christian Fellowship

Invite you to an **evening with Charlie Conaghan** at the Church at 530 Manchester Road, Astley M29 7BP on **Monday 3rd September, 7.45 for 8.00pm**. A former Glasgow street fighter now a prison minister. Come and hear what has made this dramatic change. For more info contact Andrew on 07746 952212.

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.

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!

"With You Always" Catechists' Meeting

There will be a meeting of all the catechists who help with the First Holy Communion Preparation course for St.Richard's, Sacred Heart (Hindsford) and St.Ambrose Barlow on **Tuesday September 11th** at 7.00pm in St.Richard's Parish House. Please let the older Fr.Paul know if you cannot make it.

Feastday Mass

The annual Celebration of the Feast of St.Edmund Arrowsmith & St.Margaret Clitherow will take place in

St. Ambrose Barlow Church on Wednesday 12th September at 7.00pm.



Please come along and join us in prayer. All are invited into the Church Hall at St Ambrose Barlow after Mass for tea, coffee, soft drinks and a cake!

Deanery Mass Survey

An early notice that, during the month of October, we are going to have a survey of where and when people attend Mass in the whole of the Deanery. This is so that we can look at which Masses are best attended, for example, and, if necessary, are there any changes we can make to help make Mass attendance easier and more efficient. We will be presenting the Mass Survey on the first Sunday of October. If you miss it you can still get one of the survey sheets and fill it in as soon as you can. More details soon.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory (19th August)	£1739.01
The Samaritans (19th August)	£ 200.10
Offertory (26th August)	£1836.89
SVP (26th August)	£ 287.16

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

The Medaille Trust

The Medaille Trust is a charity founded to help women, young men and children who have been freed from human-trafficking. This trust is based in the UK because human-trafficking goes on in our own country. Even in Manchester, there are children and young people kept as sex slaves!

Next Week

Catholic Education Service

The Catholic Education Service is an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It negotiates with the Government and other national bodies in order to safeguard and promote Catholic education.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Eucharistic Assembly Liverpool

Next weekend, from 7–9 September, the **National Eucharistic Congress** (also known as “Adoremus”) will be held in Liverpool. Venues and approximate times are as follows:-

- Friday September 7th – ACC Convention Centre, Liverpool between 10.00 am - 5.45 pm.
- Saturday September 8th – ACC Echo Arena, Liverpool between 9.30 am - 5.00 pm.
- Sunday September 9th – Mass in Liverpool Cathedral at 9.30 am & 11.30 am.
- Outdoor Eucharistic Procession at 1.00 pm.

In addition to the main events there is the **Adoremus Liverpool Parallel Programme**, full details of which are on the web site: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk.

What is Eucharist?

<i>Eucharist is... sacrifice</i>)	<i>See</i>
<i>Eucharist is... thanksgiving</i>)	<i>last</i>
<i>Eucharist is... pilgrimage</i>)	<i>week's</i>
<i>Eucharist is... Real Presence</i>)	<i>newsletter.</i>

Eucharist is... Personal Vocation

Our sending out from Mass reminds us that we were changed too by our Baptism in which we received a call from God that is both universal and personal. That is our call to holiness and we are nourished in the Eucharist so that we can respond to that universal vocation by living in the way our personal vocation demands of us. With Blessed John Henry Newman, we can pray at Mass that many people will be open to the call of God in their lives.

Eucharist is... Food for the Journey

We might do well to take a moment to thank God for all that we have received, materially and in prayer. All that we have faced in our lives we did not face alone. Always God's strength and God's love were at work in our hearts even when, and perhaps especially when, we did not know it at all. We can pray for those for whom the journey is hard. But we can pray too that God's strength and love will be at work in our hearts to make us bread broken for others, bringing the nourishment of God's love to the weary and downcast.

Eucharist is... a challenge to become what we receive

In receiving Holy Communion at Mass and in saying “Amen” to the declaration that this is the Body of Christ, we accept the challenge Saint Augustine told us this is: to become what we receive. We walk as a body of people with Christ at its head and centre, showing us the way. We walk as a body of people in which each plays a part. We walk together as one body in which each part is needed and each valued.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Marriage and Family Life Department:

Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The next series of meetings begins on Wednesday 19 September 2018. Meetings are in small groups and are free, confidential, informative and affirming.

More details next week.

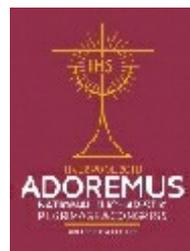
Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

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:

In today's Gospel Jesus and his disciples are challenged for not obeying the letter of the law. Jesus's response is that it is important to follow the commandment of love for others. How we behave towards one another reveals our true nature.

Pray

Lord,
Let me not be so quick to judge others.
Let me find your goodness in each person.
May your goodness shine from me.
Amen

Act

Be aware of how you react to those around you. Allow compassion to colour your interactions.

Challenge

Allow your interactions with others this week to be an expression of the conversion of your heart to God and to God's ways.

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 Clithrow Please note spelling 'Clithrow'). 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
 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
 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 2nd September	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY Normal Sunday Mass Times Resume Today	9.00 am Fr Terry McCann 11.00 am Seamus McNulty	(Sat) 6.00 pm Kevin McHugh 11.00 am Mary McLoone	(Sat) 6.00 pm Rose Shaughnessy 9.30 am The Donelan Family
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Joan Clegg	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm John Chitti		<i>No Exposition this week until further notice.</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Mary Ellams
FRIDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Golden Wedding Anniversary
SATURDAY	<i>No Mass or Confessions</i>	10.00 am Exposition and Rosary 6.00 pm Mary Littlewood	6.00 pm Jean & John Neary
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Margaret Langan 11.00 am Patrick McCafferty	11.00 am Raymond Hilton	9.30 am A Successful Operation

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our family of Faith:

Ava Rose Atherton
 Oscar Lewis Williams

May God bless them and their families.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Bernadette (Bernie) Bates

Carol Usher

Gordon Harris

R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

No Saturday Mass or Confessions at Holy Family until mid-September

Saturday Confessions 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

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Isaiah 35:4-7a*
 The prophet Isaiah urges the people to take courage, because God is coming to save his people.

Second Reading *James 2:1-5*
 Class distinction should have no place among Christians.

Gospel Reading *Mark 7:31-37*
 Jesus cures a Gentile man who is deaf and has a speech impediment.