

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (B)

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Readings Sunday – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 9

Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (B)
(*Corpus Christi*)
Tuesday St. Boniface
Friday The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Next Sunday The Tenth 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

On a hill near Cape Town, South Africa, just below the famed Table Mountain, a gun is fired every day at noon. The hill is known as Signal Hill. The firing of the gun once served a wonderful purpose. It signalled that a ship, on its way to or from India, had arrived in the harbour with a cargo of goods, and was in need of food and fresh water. A beautiful exchange resulted. There was receiving and giving. But this was a long time ago. The purpose of the gun no longer exists, yet it still takes place every day. The firing of the gun has become an empty ritual. Now the meaning has gone out of it. Most of the local people ignore it. Visitors are told, "If you hear a loud bang at midday, don't worry. It's only the gun going off." However the ritual still has a positive message. Most people know the story behind it. If the story were to be lost, then the ritual would become poorer still.

The Eucharist celebrates a wonderful event – the gift which Jesus made of his life on our behalf. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we tell the story again. But like anything that is repeated over and over again, there is a danger that this too can become a mere ritual. In the Eucharist Jesus nourishes us with the Bread of Life. But it isn't meant to be a "one way" giving. Having received from Jesus we are called to give something in return – not necessarily to Jesus but to one another. As we receive the Body of Christ we are called to BECOME the Body of Christ in our world, in the way we love one another and care for one another. We share the bread and from the chalice, "This is my Body, given for you... This is my Blood, poured out for you." Does this sharing affect us in our dealings with others? Does it remind us that we are called to pour ourselves out in the service of others? Do we still live self-centred lives even though we receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

For the Hebrews, remembering was not merely recalling. It was the making present to each generation the saving events of the past. Listen very carefully to the words of the Mass today, especially the Eucharistic Prayer when we recall the great events of the life of Jesus. The Eucharist is not just the making present of Christ's Body and Blood. It is a proclamation and a memorial of his life-giving death and resurrection. For us, as Christians today, the Eucharist is the heart of everything. But it can never be separated from the washing of feet, in other words, the call to serve and love others. The two realities are linked – being in communion with Jesus so that we can be in communion with others. It would be a great pity if the Eucharist became a mere ritual. Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist, so that we in our turn may give ourselves to others.

Psalms Response The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Gospel Acclamation I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Ladies Group

The next Ladies Group meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5th June** in St Ambrose Church Hall at 2.00pm.

Raffle: Kath Lloyd, Norma Quinn.

N.B. Could you please bring change for your subs!

Parish Administrator

Due to a change in circumstances, Helen recently left us for pastures new. As such the advert is available on line for the position of Parish Administrator working at Holy Family.

Closing date: Friday 8th June 2018.

Interview Date: Wednesday 4th July 2018.

This post is not subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check. To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs. Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1101 for an application pack.

Lourdes Music Group



The Music Group led by Fr Paul G, will be coming to the parish on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June** for a fundraising 'Singathon'. The group will be singing and playing over a 24-hour period to raise funds to help members with the cost of this year's pilgrimage. The group will lead the music at St Ambrose at the 6.00pm Mass and both morning Masses at Holy Family. The event will conclude with a **Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise at 3.00pm on Sunday 10th** in Holy Family ending with Benediction.

Lourdes Music Group Cake Sale

It has been suggested that, as has been done with the Youth SVP in times past, cakes donated by parishioners could go on sale after the Masses **next Sunday, 10th June** to help raise funds for the Music Group. Fr Paul and the group appreciate any support you can give. Details of cake drop off to be announced at Holy Family Masses today.

Children's Liturgy

It has been some while since this has been possible at Holy Family and once more I extend an invitation to anyone who might be interested in helping to run this as part of a team (ie not having to do it every week). It would be wonderful for our children to have the opportunity to encounter the Scriptures within their own liturgy. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Paul G.

S.P.U.C.

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.

Gardening Volunteers Wanted

Can you help to maintain the lawns and flower beds at Holy Family Church? Please put your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of church. Thank you in anticipation!



Wedding Congratulations

Many congratulations to **Katie & Michael** who were married at St. Richard's Church last weekend, and to **Karen & Stuart** who were married at St. Ambrose Barlow Church at the same time. We hope you will all be very happy together and we will remember you in our prayers at this special time.

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



St Ambrose Barlow Guides will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society on **Thursday 14th June**. We will be selling afternoon teas, £5 per person from 2pm in the afternoon until 5pm and then at our guide meeting from 7 til 9pm we will be having a cupcake evening with a raffle and a few fun games such as pin the cherry on the cup cake and cake bingo. Entry is £1 and all refreshments and games are charged at £1 per item.

For the afternoon event only, please book in advance as places are limited - contact Delia on 07753 929476 to reserve your afternoon tea between 2 and 3, 3 and 4 or 4 and 5pm.

Thank you for your support for this wonderful charity. Delia, Bernadette and all the guides

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1976.55
Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes	£ 309.25

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Provision for Priests in Retirement

The annual collection for **Priests in Retirement** goes towards the cost of providing accommodation for those who retire at the age of 75. If you want to Gift Aid your offering and don't use offertory envelopes, there are some Gift Aid envelopes at the back of each church.

Next Week

Monthly SVP Collection

'SVP' stands for 'St Vincent de Paul'. There is an SVP Group in most Catholic parishes whose sole purpose is to reach out to those who are struggling and in need in the community in which we live. The monthly SVP collection assists us in this ministry. Thank you for the support you give consistently throughout the year. It really does help to change lives

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(Continued)

Parish Forum

The next meeting of the Parish Forum takes place on **Tuesday, June 26th** at 7.45pm in Holy Family Church. The Forum is open to anyone who would like to come along and get more involved in Parish life.

Liverpool Synod 2020 - Deanery Holy Hours

Please try your very best to come along to the Holy Hours in the Deanery over the next few months. Thank you to all those who came to the first one, last Wednesday at St Joseph's, Leigh, which was led by Archbishop Malcolm. The Holy Hours are part of the preparations for the Archdiocesan General Synod in 2020. Each Holy Hour will be different. The next two Holy Hours in our Deanery will take place on the following dates and venues:-

- **Wednesday June 27th** at 7.30pm – St. Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley.
- **Wednesday July 18th** at 7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church, Leigh.

Parish Trip to Stratford, 28th June

More details regarding departure times very soon.

St Ambrose Barlow School Summer Fayre



This year's Summer Fayre will be held in the school grounds on **Saturday 30th June** from 12 noon-4.00pm. Please come down and support this fantastic family day, featuring a variety of stalls and entertainment including a 'Bake-off' Competition, pony rides and Emergency Service Vehicles.

A grand raffle will be drawn on the day with a first prize of £100 up for grabs as well as a selection of other prizes including bottles and chocolates.

Tickets for the raffle will be available *after 11.00am Mass at St Ambrose Barlow during June* priced at £1 a book, so everyone can join in even if you can't attend on the day.

Thank you for your support with this important event, all proceeds from which will go straight into supporting our school and children.

Eucharistic Assembly Liverpool

We have been informed that there are now some **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

Parish Trip to York - FULL!

Please note that the Parish trip to York on **Tuesday, December 11th** is now completely full. If you are still interested in going then please leave your name(s) and contact number with Fr. Paul (the Big One!) and you will be put on a reserve list. If any places become available you will then be invited on the trip asap. The cost should be approximately £10 per person. We will give you further details regarding pick-up points and times of departure and return much nearer the time.

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

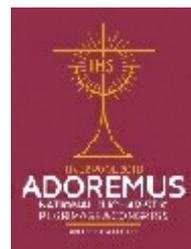
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

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: Today's reading tell us about the Last Supper and how Jesus gave himself to his disciples. Imagine you are one of the disciples at that last meal in the upper room with Jesus. He hands you a piece of bread and says to you 'this is my body' and a cup of wine saying directly to you 'this is my blood'..... how does this make you feel?

Pray: Bread for the world: a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others.
May we who drink pour out our love.
'Bread for the World' by Bernadette Farrell

Act: Look for ways in which you can fulfil the needs of those you encounter so that they may experience the living reality of Christ's body here on earth – give to charity, donate to a food bank, take the time to be with someone who needs a listening ear or a helping hand.

Challenge: Writing about the Lord's Supper, St Augustine imagines Jesus saying to him, "you will not, as with bodily food, change me into yourself, but you will be changed into me." How do you want to respond to the invitation from Jesus to be changed into him, to eat at his table and be drawn more deeply into him?
(Extracts from Pray As You Go)

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
 Bernadette Bates
 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
 Jamie Robbins
 Jean Tchibukdjian
 Jess Garrett
 Joan Wilkinson
 John Sleeman
 John Wall
 Kathy Kenyon
 Maisie Sweeney(age9)
 Margaret Case
 Margaret Dawson
 Margaret Hurley
 Margaret Ross
 Margaret Wall
 Marjorie Price
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Michael Wright
 Mildred Hughes
 Patricia Wilson
 Rev Jim Melia
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Sr Megan Haisley
 Steve Clorston
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin
 + addition this week
 John Neary

Week Beginning 3rd June	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Michelle Gannon 11.00 am Joan Mary Higgins	(Sat) 6.00 pm John West 11.00 am John Evans	(Sat) 6.00 pm Ernest James Daniels 9.30 am Bernadette Sproston
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Joan Clegg	<i>Mass at St.Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Jim Donelan		9.00 - 10.00 am <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
THURSDAY	10.00 am Mary Furey		9.15 am Stephen & Derek Langin
FRIDAY	10.00 am Jean Hoare <i>(Mass in St. Gabriel's School)</i>		<i>Mass in St. Gabriel's School</i>
SATURDAY	10.00 am Jack Hogg	10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm Elaine West	6.00 pm Len & Trudi Sandilands
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Kathleen Lyth 11.00 am John, Sue & Martin Hogg 3.00 pm <i>Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise</i>	11.00 am Raymond Hilton	9.30 am Kathleen Lyth

BAPTISMS
We welcome into our family of Faith

Charlie Sherwood
 Molly Rose Price
 Harry Michael Price
 Marshall Vincent Brown

May God bless them and their families.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Gertrude Sandilands

 Elizabeth O'Dea

 Kathleen Lyth

 R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
The Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Genesis 3:9-15*
 We are shown the consequences of the fall of Adam and Eve, and also God's promise of salvation.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*
 Paul is sustained in his trials by the firm hope that God has a permanent dwelling prepared for us in Heaven.

Gospel Reading *Mark 3:20-35*
 God's promise of salvation is fulfilled in Jesus, who overthrows Satan and establishes the Kingdom of God.