

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

5th August 2018

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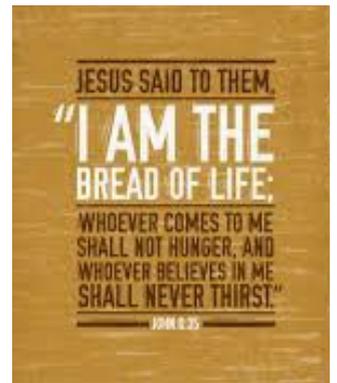
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http://stmaryschs.org.uk/ – **Deanery website:** www.leighdeanery.co.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 18

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Monday Feast The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday Memorial St. Dominic, Priest
Thursday St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe
Friday Feast St. Lawrence Deacon & Martyr
Saturday Memorial St. Clare, Virgin
Next Sunday Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the miracle of the loaves and fishes, Jesus had fed the people with ordinary food, and did so with great generosity. Afterwards he and his disciples crossed the lake. But the people followed them. Jesus knew that they followed him in the hope of receiving more of the same kind of food. But this time Jesus refused to give it to them. He wouldn't do what business people do – give people what they want. It's called catering to consumers' tastes and pleasures. Producers simply provide what there is a demand for. Their sole aim is to try to meet the needs of the market or the potential buyer's taste. For a spiritual leader to do this would be a disaster. The spiritual teacher must challenge people to go beyond their tastes. It was the first temptation all over again: turn these stones into bread. The temptation to use his special powers to give the people all the material things they could possibly want. But Jesus knew that material things by themselves will never satisfy people. These needs can never be satisfied. Food is only the beginning. We eat in order to live; we don't live just to eat.

Jesus made it clear that the Son of Man had not come down from above merely to satisfy people's physical hunger. He came to give them heavenly bread that people will eat and never again be hungry. He challenged them to go deeper. He said, "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, food that the Son of man will give you." If Jesus had given the people more loaves and fishes he would have made himself very popular. At least in the short term. After the miracle of the loaves they called him a prophet and wanted to make him their king. But in the long term such a move would have betrayed them. To give priority to physical needs would be to diminish humanity, to treat them as no higher than beasts. Jesus challenged them to face the deeper hunger; the spiritual hunger. He urged them to seek food for that, food that he could give them. But when he taught them about spiritual food, and about eternal life, they began to murmur and turned their backs on him. We too can be tempted to live for material things alone. It's not that we deny the spiritual, but that sometimes we may neglect it. Physical food sustains life temporarily. But the food Jesus gives sustains life permanently for it can lead us to eternal life in Heaven. Who would not want to eat this food?

As we celebrate the Eucharist each week let us remember that it is here when Jesus gives his Body, the Bread of Life. Let us never take this great gift for granted for it is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us, as we acknowledge that his Son Jesus is with us always.

Psalm Response The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can to the Father except through me.



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.

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**.

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

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.

Holy Day of Obligation The Solemnity of the Assumption on Wednesday 15th August.

As we would on a Sunday we come to Mass to celebrate this Feast in Honour of Our Lady. Masses will be 9.15am St Ambrose, 12noon St Richards, 7.00pm Holy Family.



Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

All the people of the parish and the deanery were remembered in prayer during the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes last week.

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	£ 1820.53
SSAFA	£ 267.82

Thank you for your generosity.
SECOND COLLECTIONS
Today

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

Next Week

Housing Justice

Housing Justice is the national voice of Christian action in the field of housing and homelessness. The charity supports night shelters, drop-ins and hundreds of practical projects nationwide by providing advice and training for churches and other community groups who work with homeless people. Website: www.housingjustice.org.uk

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>

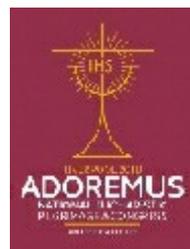
Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

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:

Jesus tells the people to do just one thing in order to work for God – to believe in the one he has sent. It sounds straightforward enough.... but the complexity and the implications of believing in Jesus, the Son of God and Saviour of the World are manifold

Pray

Lord, at times we are overwhelmed by all that we are asked to do.
Yet you are always there walking beside us, supporting us, guiding us along your path.
May we never lose our trust in you.

Act

Jesus is the bread of life. Before receiving him in Holy Communion this week, let us ask him to open our hearts and minds to the wonderful gift he has given us.

Challenge

Find ways in which you can be bread for others this week.

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 5th August	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY <i>Summer Mass Times</i>	8.45 am Elizabeth Lunt	(Sat) 6.00 pm Mary McHugh 11.15 am Leslie Almond & Mary Alice Ellison	(Sat) 6.00 pm Gertrude Sandilands 10.00 am Adam Van Cleef
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	11.30 am	9.15 am The Unborn Child	<i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Betty Neary		<i>No Exposition this week and none until September.</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Paul Dixon
FRIDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am A Special Intention
SATURDAY	10.00am Rose Ford	10.00 am Exposition and Rosary 6.00 pm Parishioners	6.00 pm Fr.Philip Orrell
NEXT SUNDAY	8.45 am Margaret Hibbert	11.15 am Mildred Hughes	10.00 am Cecilia Daniels

Please pray for those who have died recently:



Margaret Dermody

R.I.P.

God our Father,
 Your power brings us to birth,
 Your providence guides our lives,
 and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
 their lives change but do not end.
 I pray in hope for my family,
 relatives and friends,
 and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
 Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.
 Unite us together again in one family,
 to sing Your praise forever and ever.
 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 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *1 Kings 19:4-8.*
 Fed by an angel, a broken and dispirited Elijah is able to walk all the way to the mountain of God.

Second Reading *Ephesians 4:30-5:2.*
 St.Paul urges the people of Ephesus to walk in the way of love and thus live up to their calling.

Gospel Reading *John 6:41-51.*
 Jesus is the new manna from Heaven. Those who eat this food will live forever