

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

6th May 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
Weekdays – Easter Week 6

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Thursday Solemnity of the Ascension
Holy Day of Obligation

Next Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)
(World Communications 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

We will never know how many lives have been transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit. God has done remarkable things in the lives of many people down through the ages, starting with the disciples at Pentecost. We think of the experience of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius of Loyola, both wealthy young men who dreamed of glory on the field of battle. Instead the Holy Spirit helped them discover their true vocation in the service of Christ, to rebuild and renew the Church. Their lives had been formed by the expectations of the time to find happiness through the things that their money could buy. But God had different plans. Mother Theresa – St. Theresa of Calcutta – had another experience. She thought that she could do God's will as a teaching sister in Loreto until she experienced the poor people dying on the streets of the city outside the safe confines of the convent walls. Again God had other ideas for her as she left the security of her religious house to establish the Missionaries of Charity, devoted to the care of the poorest of the poor.

In these weeks after Easter, the readings remind us of the changing fortunes of the disciples, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. We see their growing awareness of how the Risen Lord continued to be with them and how he shared the Holy Spirit with them to help them understand all that Jesus had taught them. We discover with them that Jesus calls us in our turn to be his friends and to know his love for us. He wants us to continue his mission by bringing his love and peace to the people of our own lives today. The disciples' old ideas had to change. They had to let go of their own prejudices and fears and allow God to use them to build the Church, a community of love and service for all people, especially the poor. So it is with us. We are ordinary people, sometimes struggling with our own lives, our fears, our weaknesses. But we believe that Jesus is risen from the dead. We believe that he continues to be present in our world in us. We believe that he uses us to bring his mercy and love to the world. If the Holy Spirit can transform Peter and the rest of the disciples into a group of people who evangelized so many 1000s, then we must believe that God's Spirit can transform and renew us too into the people he longs for us to be, and help spread the Good News to all those that we meet.

Psalm Response The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation Jesus said, "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."

PARISH NEWS

This Week

HCPT Appeal

This weekend some of our friends from HCPT will be at some of the Parish Masses to make an annual appeal for help in sending children to Lourdes at Easter. They will be with us at St. Richard's (Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.30am) and St. Ambrose Barlow (Sunday at 11.00am). Please make them very welcome. They have a wonderful message to share with us.



Feast of the Ascension

Please note that **Thursday this week** is the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass times are as follows:-

9.15am – Ambrose Barlow
12noon – St. Richard's
7.00pm – Holy Family

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Please remember all the children who are making their First Holy Communion in the next few weeks. They have been attending all the "With You Always" meetings. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time.

Parish Forum

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting of the Parish Forum last Tuesday. The next meeting 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.

St Ambrose Barlow 200 Club April winners

£100 winner Number 35 Abigail Barton.
£50 winner won Number 173 Norma Quincy.

Grand Draw 2018:

£1000 winner Steve Sharples number 202
£100 winner Michelle Balcombe number 86
£50 winner Mary Barton number 32
£25 winner Roy Allen number 53
£25 winner Janet Jackson number 114

Congratulations to all this year's winners. Thank you for your continuing support. This year the 200 Club raised £1158 for parish funds.

APF/MILL HILL Mission Boxes

The latest collection from the red mission boxes in Holy Family amounted to £913.35p.

Sincere thanks to all contributors and collectors. Your efforts are very much appreciated.



Help Required

We are looking for additional help to maintain the grounds at St. Ambrose Barlow in Astley. If you feel you can spare an hour or two on a regular basis or would like more information please contact Peter Mellin, Des Deignan or Steve Cooper for further details.

Food Bank Basket

This collection at St. Ambrose Barlow will be continued while it is needed. Four carrier bags full of food were delivered to Leigh Food Bank for Leigh / Atherton just before Easter. Many thanks to all who donated – please do not stop!

Meru Women's Garden Project

Atherton Churches Together have agreed to help Soroptimist International, Leigh & District Club, raise money for a unique project which has been set up in Meru, a region of Kenya. The project aims to help 194 women create vegetable gardens which will not only feed their families but also allow them to sell any surplus to raise money and send their children to school. To do this we are collecting old, broken, perfect and not so perfect jewellery that can be exchanged for cash by weight. So the more we collect the more money we make for the project.

A box for the donated items will be placed at the back of St. Richard's Church for the next few weeks. The entire Parish is invited to take part. Please help if you are able to do so. Further information can be found at meruwomen.org Or you can contact Josie Carter on 07845973353.

This is a Soroptimist International, Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) project working with the charity child.org.

Atherton Pentecost Service

Churches Together In Atherton are holding a special Pentecost Service outside Atherton Parish Church on **Sunday May 20th at 3.00pm**. The service will consist of a few hymns and readings to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which came upon the apostles at Pentecost.

Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night
Cash Prizes
Every Thursday
Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£2034.05
SVP (additional)	£ 346.11
Priests' Training Fund (addtl)	£ 25.50

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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Other Masses: the second collection will be for the SVP.

Next Week

Catholic Communications Network

World Communications Day is kept in the Catholic Church worldwide next Sunday, 13th May. The day is about highlighting the way the Church uses the media to proclaim the Gospel. The second collection will go to support the Catholic Communications Network, which is the Church's media office in the UK. Website: www.catholicnews.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

'Orpheus In The Underworld'

The Three Towns Operatic Company are staging a production of Offenbach's "Orpheus In The Underworld" in St. Joseph's Hall, Leigh, **from Tuesday 15th to Saturday 19th May**. Tickets are priced at £11 & £13, with concessions available. For more details and to book tickets please contact 01942-605369 or 01942-676594 or visit www.thethreetowns.net

Liverpool Synod 2020

Following on from the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter before Christmas, Liverpool Archdiocese are embarking on a three year project aimed towards a General Synod in 2020. As part of the preparations we will be holding a number of Holy Hours very soon as we focus on prayer for the first year. The Archbishop will be leading some of these Holy Hours in the different areas of the Archdiocese. So an early notice that the Holy Hours in our Deanery will take place on the following dates and venues:-

- **Wednesday May 30th** at 7.30pm – St. Joseph's Church, Leigh. (Led by Archbishop Malcolm)
- **Wednesday June 27th** at 7.30pm – St. Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley.
- **Wednesday July 18th** at 7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church, Leigh.

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 0151-52201047 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 - Sign-Up

Please sign up on the list at the back of Church if you would like to go on the Parish trip to York on **Tuesday, December 11th**. The cost should be approximately £10 per person depending on how many people wish to go. We will give you further details regarding pick-up points and times of departure and return much nearer the time.

Theatre Dates for 2019

The Rise and Fall of Little Voice - Thursday 31st January 2019 - Matinee 2pm

The Importance of Being Earnest - Thursday 13th June 2019 - Matinee 2pm

Venue : Albert Halls, Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1RU.
Ticket price (band A) £17.50pp

I have secured 20 seats for each production. If interested please contact Pat Mullaley, on [01942 702224](tel:01942702224). As previous, patrons make their own transport arrangements.

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

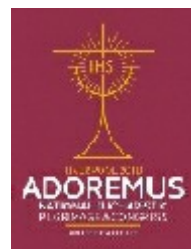
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

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 follows on from last week's Gospel and describes the kind of service that Christians are called to offer to others. Those who know Jesus well, will love one another. Knowledge of God leads to love, which in turn leads to action - actions for others which embody Jesus's love for us.

Pray:

Lord, open my heart and mind to the unconditional love you have for me. May knowledge of your love give me the strength and courage to express that love to those I meet on my life journey.

Act:

Take time this week to discover and explore the many ways in which God reveals his love to you.

Challenge:

God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that we might live... How could you and your community express this love in a society that seems to have forgotten the true meaning of love?

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 Clitheroe Please note spelling 'Clitheroe'). Thank you.

Sacred Heart Church, Hindsford Community Website
www.sacredheartrchindsford.co.uk

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
 Kathleen Lyth
 Kathy Kenyon
 Maisie Sweeney (age 9)
 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

Week Beginning 6th May	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Robert Grady 11.00 am Patrick McCafferty	(Sat) 6.00 pm Dr. John Wood 11.00 am Mary Howe	(Sat) 6.00 pm Jamie Robbins 9.30 am Jean Neary
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Joan Clegg	9.15 am Kevin Hesketh
WEDNESDAY	<i>No evening Mass</i>	10.00 am Funeral Mass for Thomas Higgins	9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1.30 pm Funeral Mass for Edith Kelly
THURSDAY <i>FEAST OF THE ASCENSION Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9.30 am <i>in Holy Family School</i> 2.00 pm <i>in St Gabriel's School</i> 7.00 pm Joseph Silcock	9.15 am Joan Rigby	12.00 noon Shaun Pendlebury
FRIDAY	10.00 am Michael Shearer <i>(Mass in St Gabriel's School)</i>		10.00 am Funeral Mass for Dorothy Rigby
SATURDAY	10.00 am Sheila Wilson 12.00 noon First Communion (St Gabriel's)	6.00 pm The Sheridan Family	6.00 pm Sheila Pendlebury
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Madeleine Sighe 11.00 am Joe Daly (First Communion Mass)	11.00 am Philip Smith	9.30 am Eileen Boardman



Please pray for those who have died recently:

James Moran
 Thomas Higgins
 Edith Kelly
 Dorothy Rigby
 Marie Dootson

R.I.P.

Pope Francis Tweet

I am deeply moved by the death of little Alfie. Today I pray especially for his parents, as God the Father receives him in his tender embrace. (28th April 2018)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading *Acts 1:15-17,20-26*
 Matthias is chosen to restore the number of apostles to twelve.

Second Reading *1 John 4:11-16*
 To acknowledge Jesus is to live in love.

Gospel Reading *John 17:11-19*
 As Christians today our vocation is to be true to God's name.