

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

9th September 2018

DEANERY TEAM

Priest: Fr. Paul Seddon
Tel: 01942 883395
Email: paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk
St. Margaret Clitherow Parish Enquiries
Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady
Tel: 01942 673517
Email: kjmgrady@hotmail.com

Priest: Fr. Paul Grady
Tel: 0161 790 2390
Email: frpaulmgrady@hotmail.com
Email: margaretcclitherow@yahoo.com
Priest: Fr. Colin Fealey
Tel: 01942 673517 or 731280
Email: stjosephs@live.com

Deacons: Rev. Robert Hewertson & Rev. Anthony Arrowsmith
Schools: www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk – www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk
www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk – saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk - saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk
http://stmaryschs.org.uk/ – **Deanery website:** www.leighdeanery.co.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 23

Sunday 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
(Education Day)

Monday St. Ambrose Barlow
Wednesday Holy Name of Mary
Thursday St. John Chrysostom
Friday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday Our Lady of Sorrows
Next Sunday 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
(Home Mission 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

On Tuesday this week many people around the world will remember a day when terrorism struck violently and atrociously in New York City. Tuesday 11th September 2001, or simply 9/11, is a day that has sadly gone down in history. Even those among us who were too young to remember it have surely heard about it and learned of its significance. It is an anniversary to be remembered and the people involved to be prayed for: those who lost their lives, their families and friends, those who were injured, those who now live with a greater degree of fear – and also those who brought this horror to reality. We can remember them all in our prayers. Those who were responsible for this horror were people who went about their business in secret. No one else was aware. No one else was expecting what was about to unfold. Those who were caught up in this atrocity, whether on the planes involved or in the buildings being targeted, knew nothing of what was about to happen. We may know something of how they responded and the messages of love they poured out in their last moments. But there is so much that we can never know.

As we listen to the Gospel this weekend we are privileged, as we know something that is going on in the story. Listening to the Gospel, we learn what Jesus was doing in private. It is not often in the Gospels that Jesus works miracles and wonders in secret: usually he teaches the crowd openly by his actions and example. The Gospel is teaching us today that, like the Lord himself, we can work miracles and wonders in secret. Jesus recognizes the terrible position of the man who is deaf and has a speech impediment, how he is viewed by the general population and suffers rejection by being held at a distance. Jesus refuses to allow this situation to continue, so he calls the man to him, so that the two of them might have a moment of privacy. It is here, at this very moment, that Jesus touches the man and makes all the difference in the world. Imagine how the man must have felt. Imagine hearing yourself speak clearly for the first time. Imagine being able to hear for the first time after years of muffled noise or complete silence. This is the experience of the man in the Gospel. This is the difference that Jesus is able to make.

Jesus is a wise teacher, teaching us in every way possible. In this Gospel he is teaching us that there is no single way in which we have to do things as Christians. Often we may feel that to be a faithful follower of Jesus we need to speak and act openly and publicly. Some of us may find this very difficult to do. Today's Gospel points to the fact that this is not always the most effective way. There are many occasions in our lives when we can be powerful witnesses to Jesus by what we do in private. These are the often unseen ways in which we show love and care to those in need: the visit to a person who is sick or housebound; the welcome we offer to someone who is lost or lonely; the generosity to the homeless person whom everyone else ignores; the constant love with which we support our children. All of these bear quiet yet faithful witness to Christ. Let us remember today the people of 9/11. Let us think about the enormous amount of love that poured out from the victims and the courage of those who tried desperately to save them. As we do so, let us resolve to live as people of love every day of our lives, with Jesus as our guide and example. May Jesus show us the way, a way that sometimes is very public, but other times done in secret and silence.

Psalms Response
Gospel Acclamation

My soul, give praise to the Lord.
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

“With You Always” Catechists’ Meeting

A reminder that 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 **this Tuesday, September 11th** at 7.00pm in St.Richard’s Parish House. Please let the older Fr.Paul know if you cannot make it.



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 on Wednesdays September 12th, 19th, 26th and October 3rd** (following Exposition when Exposition restarts on 19th September). All are welcome.

Feastday Mass



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

**St. Ambrose Barlow Church
this 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!

Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family

Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family will **resume on Saturday 15th September**. Confessions are always available on request.

Foodbank Donations

There is now a box/basket in each of the three churches for your donations. Goods need to be non-perishable such as tea, coffee, sugar, tinned meat and fish, soup, packet mash, tinned fruit and rice pudding. Also long life milk, biscuits, and cereals. Toiletries are also welcome.

Many thanks for your kindness.

St. Richard’s 500 Club August Winners

| | | |
|------|-----|--------------|
| £100 | 429 | M.Hampson |
| £50 | 347 | P.Taylor |
| £25 | 247 | J.Hargreaves |
| £15 | 120 | P.Mulcahy |
| £15 | 229 | M.Higgins |

St. Richard’s 500 Club September Winners

| | | |
|------|-----|------------|
| £100 | 229 | M.Higgins |
| £50 | 004 | W.Settle |
| £25 | 126 | P.Burke |
| £15 | 320 | D.Hulmes |
| £15 | 181 | J.B.Dawson |

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Deanery Forum

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Deanery Forum last week. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 14th November at 7.45pm in the Parish House at St Richard’s**. The Forum is open to anyone from the Deanery to come along and get more involved in Parish life. All welcome.

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.

Exposition at St.Richard’s

We will resume Exposition at St.Richard’s on **Wednesday 19th September at 9.00am**. The work on the roof isn’t quite finished but we should be OK to use the Church for prayer by this date. The insulation of the roof is now finished along with the roof itself, 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!

Craft Groups

The Craft Classes have restarted as follows:

- Holy Family / St.Ambrose Barlow Group - **Wednesdays** at St.Ambrose Hall, 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
- St.Richard’s Group - **Thursdays** at 10.00am in St.Richard’s Church Hall.

LAST WEEK’S PARISH COLLECTIONS

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Offertory | £1850.47 |
| The Samaritans | £ 257.27 |

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

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.

Next Week

Home Mission Sunday

The money raised from next Sunday’s Second Collection will fund a number of national projects, including the development of resources to support ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics. There are around four million baptised in our countries who never or rarely attend church. Please do help the bishops to resource this important work.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Eucharistic Assembly Liverpool

Today, **Sunday 9th September**, is the last day of the **National Eucharistic Congress** (also known as “**Adoremus**”) in Liverpool. Following two days of events in the city there will be Mass in Liverpool Cathedral at 9.30 am & 11.30 am followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession at 1.00 pm. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon said, “Liverpool Archdiocese is proud to welcome the National Eucharistic Congress, Adoremus, to our city. To show off our Catholic heritage is encouraging to Christians of all persuasions, and hopefully even to those of other faiths in these secular times.”

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Meeting

CAFOD’s Senior Emergency Manager Robert Cruickshank will be speaking about our work in the drought-ridden areas of East Africa and Ethiopia in particular. All welcome to this free event on **Monday 17th September, 7 - 9pm** at St Joseph’s, Penketh, Warrington WA5 2BB. RSVP for catering purposes to liverpool@cafod.org.uk or call Ged or Colette on 0151 228 4028.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Marriage and Family Life Department: Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The next series of meetings begins on **Wednesday 19th September 2018**. Meetings are in small groups and are free, confidential, informative and affirming. The course is for any person who is going through, or who has gone through, a relationship breakdown. Topics will cover: facing the effects of what has happened; communication and conflict resolution; letting go; managing other relationships; legal matters and being single and moving forward. Details of times and venue Contact: Maureen O’Brien Tel: 07967 753371 or Jacqui Selleck Tel: 07793 825815.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall, **Saturday, 29th September**, 9am - 12noon. More details next week.

Walsingham 2019 Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th April 2019

If you would like to go to Walsingham next year, please pay your £40 deposit by the end of September to Therese Thompson (Tel: 07780 064502) or Margaret Hawkins (St Edmund Arrowsmith parish). Thank you.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Colin has been invited by All Saints Travel, a Holy Land Pilgrimage specialist, to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019. The pilgrimage will run from **5th-12th December 2019**. Highlights of the trip include daily Mass at various churches associated with Our Lord’s ministry, a Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane, renewal of baptismal vows in the River Jordan and a boat trip on the Sea of Gallilee. The cost of the pilgrimage is £947 on a half-board basis, staying in a double/twin room. If you would like more information and a full itinerary or a booking form, then please speak to Fr. Colin or call the Parish Office at St. Joseph’s, Leigh.

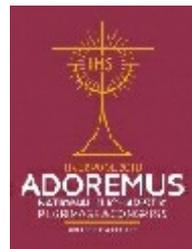
Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

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.



**We will be looking at excerpts from Creation Time over the next few weeks.
Week 2 Theme: Including the Excluded**

Reflect

In today’s Gospel, Jesus heals the deaf man. Why did he do this? How do you think the man’s life would be changed after he’d been healed?

Pray

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Act

We are reminded that every person is important in the eyes of God. This week talk to one person who is lonely or feels an outsider in our community.

Challenge

Think of one thing we can do to make our homes and churches more welcoming.

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
 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
 Stephen Howell
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin
 + additions this week:
 Jack Rothwell
 Olivia Hutchinson

| Week Beginning 9th September | Holy Family | St. Ambrose Barlow | St. Richard's |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| SUNDAY | 9.00 am Margaret Langan 11.00 am Patrick McCafferty | (Sat) 6.00 pm Mary Littlewood 11.00 am Raymond Hilton | (Sat) 6.00 pm Jean & John Neary 9.30 am A Successful Operation |
| MONDAY | | | |
| TUESDAY | | 9.15 am Joan Rigby | <i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.30 am Funeral Mass for Gordon Harris 7.00 pm <i>Deanery Feast Day Mass at St Ambrose Barlow</i> | 7.00 pm Feast Day Mass for People of the Deanery | <i>No Exposition until 19th September.</i> |
| THURSDAY | 10.00 am Mary Leatherbarrow | | 9.15 am Win Connor |
| FRIDAY | 10.00 am <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i> Martin & Betty Neary 1.15 pm Funeral Service for Angela Shiel | | 9.15 am Bernadette Bates |
| SATURDAY | 10.00 am Fr Anthony Kelly | 10.00 am <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> 6.00 pm John Swift | 6.00 pm Maria Baxendale |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 9.00 am Bernadette Bates 11.00 am Martin & Mary Furey | 11.00 am Mike Seddon | 9.30 am Joan Jones |

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our family of Faith:

Ted & Harriet Langin

May God bless them and their family.



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Carol Usher

Gordon Harris

Angela Mary Shiel

R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

N.B. Saturday Mass and Confessions at Holy Family will resume on Saturday 15th September.

Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading *Isaiah 50:5-9a*
The just person is sustained in all their trials by the firm belief that God is with them.

Second Reading *James 2:14-18*
Faith without good works does not last forever.

Gospel Reading *Mark 8:27-35*
Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what this really means.