

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

18th March 2018

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 1  
**Readings** Sunday – 5th Sunday of Lent (B)  
Weekdays – Lent - week 5

**Sunday** 5th Sunday of Lent (B)

**Monday** Solemnity of St. Joseph  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

**Next Sunday** Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord (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

One of the most moving religious films of all time is called "Of Gods And Men". The film, based on the true story of a Cistercian monastery set in the Atlas mountains in Algeria, describes how the monks lived and worked with the local Arab population, helping them with both medical aid and education, and entering into fraternal dialogue with Muslim leaders and scholars. Then came the threat from terrorism and the decision as to whether to stay or return to Europe. The decision is taken through the practice of daily worship and reflection. Perhaps the most powerful part of the film is the self-examination done by the monks, with the support of prayer and the sacraments. The decision is not taken lightly, and all their fears and anxieties are given voice to and dealt with respectfully. In the end they decide to stay, knowing full well that they were choosing the path to martyrdom. Some of the terrorists, who have already pressurized them for medical assistance, return to kidnap seven of them and lead them off, eventually, for execution. As Fr. Christian de Cherge wrote in his testament, sent sealed up to his mother two years earlier, their lives in such circumstances would be given, not taken. They would be given to God, Algeria and its people. They saw their choice as one of continued dedication to the people they had chosen to live with out of love.

In the Gospels Jesus faces his death with the agony in the garden, where he is described as struggling with what is being asked of him by God the Father. Today's Gospel sees Jesus troubled in a similar manner. He sees himself as the grain of wheat that falls on the ground and dies. It is only by falling and dying that the wheat grain can yield a rich harvest. In a similar way we are asked to follow Jesus as the one who dies on our behalf and in so dying draws all people to himself. The experience of the monks in Algeria is a vivid example of how we are called to give of ourselves to God and to others, if we are truly to follow the example of Jesus. How do we respond with the same generosity that we see in Jesus and his followers? The monks found the way forward through the structure of their lives, their monastic prayer life and reflection, and the celebration of the sacraments together. We find Jesus in dialogue with others and with himself. He always retired to pray by himself, especially before making major decisions. It is through prayer, open discussions and the sacraments that we prepare ourselves constantly for whatever decisions we have to face, especially the decisions that will demand generosity and self-sacrifice on our part. As we continue our journey towards Easter let us devote ourselves more and more in following in the footsteps of Christ no matter what the cost may be.

**Psalm Response** A pure heart create for me, O God.

**Gospel Acclamation** If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

## PARISH NEWS

### CAFOD Lenten Café

The CAFOD Lenten Café will be open in Holy Family Hall after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses today and every Sunday during Lent. Proceeds go to the CAFOD Lent Appeal Every £1 given to the Appeal, up to £5m, will be match funded by the Government. This year we are again seeking sponsors for each week that the CAFOD Lenten Café is operating. If you would like to sponsor a session at £35, please contact (justinesilcock@gmail.com). The **Traidcraft** Stall will be available every Sunday in Lent, providing an excellent opportunity to buy a variety of fairtrade products. Please try some Traidcraft goods which will support this venture. Please come along if you can, You will be very welcome.

### With You Always Programme

Dates, venues and times for the next "With You Always" preparation program for Year 4 children attending St. Ambrose Barlow School, St. Richard's School and Sacred Heart School, Hindsford, are available either through school or at the back of Church. The next sessions will take place this Tuesday and Thursday:-

- St. Richard's School, Atherton – March 21st at 5.30pm.  
**(Please note that this is on Wednesday, NOT Tuesday).**
- St. Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall – March 22nd at 6.00pm.

### 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.

### Easter Flowers

Donations are now being accepted for the Memorial Flowers during Easter. Please place your donation in an envelope together with the names of those you wish to be remembered and hand it in to church or presbytery of your choice.



**Metropolitan Cathedral**  
of Christ the King Liverpool

### The Chrism Mass Liverpool Cathedral

This year takes place on Wednesday March 28th at 7.00pm. If you would like to go we have booked a coach to take us.

Please sign the sheet at the back of Church asap.

### Parish Trip to York

A few people have mentioned that they would like to go on a trip to York later in the year. It has been a few years since we last had a Parish Trip to York. It is the birthplace of our patron saint, Margaret Clitherow, so it is something that we should always do from time to time. We will try to book a coach for December which coincides with the Christmas Markets, so that would be a good time to go again. We will let you know the date as soon as we can.

### HCPT Golf Day



HCPT are running their annual Golf Day on Thursday May 24th at Westhoughton Golf Club. Fr. Paul has been asked to get together a couple of teams for the "shotgun start" golf day, which begins at 1.00 pm. If you would like to please contact Fr. Paul as

soon as possible – strictly on a first come, first served basis. Price is £30 per person including competition prizes and hot food.

## Services During Lent

As we approach the final week of Lent, why not come along to some of the services in the different Churches.

- Tuesday** 7.00pm – Stations of the Cross in St. Richard's.  
**Wednesday** 7.30am – Early Morning Lenten Mass in St. Ambrose Barlow.  
**Wednesday** 9.00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Richard's Church.  
**Wednesday** 10.00am – CAFOD Lenten Reflections in St. Richard's.  
**Wednesday** 6.30pm – Stations of the Cross in Holy Family Church.  
**Thursday** 7.00pm – Ecumenical Lenten Talks in Atherton Independent Methodist Church.  
**Friday** 7.00pm – Stations of the Cross in St. Ambrose Barlow Church.

Please come along and join us in prayer.

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

- Tuesdays:** 7.00pm at St. Richard's  
**Wednesdays:** 6.30pm at Holy Family, before the evening Mass.  
**Fridays:** 7.00pm at St Ambrose Barlow

### Early Morning Mass during Lent

- Wednesdays:** 7.30am at St Ambrose Barlow  
**Fridays:** 6.30am at Holy Family  
*Sign up sheet for readers and ministers at back of Holy Family*

### Lenten Reflections

*"On the Altar of the World. Praying with the Gospels, stories from our time and Laudato Si"*

will be taking place across the area this Lent. All are welcome to attend. The times and venues of the sessions are:

- St Richard's Parish House at 10.00am (after Exposition) on **Wednesday** 21st March.
- Holy Family at 7.45pm (after 7.00pm Mass) on **Wednesday** 21st March.

### Sacred Heart School, Hindsford

Sacred Heart Primary School in Hindsford, has been selected for "Tesco Tokens!" If you shop at Tesco in Atherton or Leigh please collect as many tokens as you can for the school – the little blue tokens were you are invited to support the charity of your choice on your way out of the store. The school's allocated time is from March 1st to April 30th. The more tokens they get, the more money we will receive. Please help the school as much as you can.

### Food Hamper

During Advent a hamper was placed in the porch at St Ambrose to collect food items which were then taken to the local food bank for distribution at Christmas. Several items have been donated since the Christmas period, therefore it has been decided to continue collecting until further notice. All donations will be taken to the food banks on a regular basis, so if you have anything you would like to donate, please place it in the hamper in the porch at St Ambrose Barlow Church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Bingo Bring & Buy

Guides are having a chocolate bring and buy bingo night to raise much needed funds to help with their subscription fees which are £916 this year. Please come along and support this event on Thursday 22nd March, from 7 til 9. Refreshments and raffle tickets will be on sale on the night, admission by chocolate/ Easter egg etc. Thank you for your support



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



## 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 area of the Archdiocese. So an early notice that Archbishop Malcolm will be leading a Holy Hour in St. Joseph's Church, Leigh, on Wednesday May 30th at 7.30pm. All welcome. More details nearer the time.



## Archbishop's Letter - Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Following last weekend's letter from Archbishop Malcolm, please find below contact details if you are interested in going on or helping out with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. We are awaiting more information leaflets too but you could still email or phone the Archdiocese independently if you like. If anyone is interested in travelling to Lourdes please phone 07484911623. To volunteer for any of the support teams visit the website at [Liverpool-lourdes.org.uk](http://Liverpool-lourdes.org.uk) Or contact the Lourdes Office at [lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk)



## National Eucharistic Congress - Liverpool

Many of you may be aware that Liverpool Archdiocese are hosting the National Eucharistic Congress in September this year. Since this is a national event tickets for the Congress are strictly limited. The Congress takes place between September 7th-9th in different venues in Liverpool city centre. Anyone who wishes to go do not have to attend the whole weekend. In fact, this would be rather difficult due to ticket availability. Each Deanery have been allocated just five tickets for the Friday event. We have been allocated 36 tickets for the Saturday – this includes tickets for priests and deacons. Sunday is a celebration of two Masses at the Cathedral (see below) so this is a little more flexible, although you will still need tickets for this event too. Venues and approximate times are as follows:-

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

If you would like to volunteer to represent the Deanery at the National Eucharistic Congress then please contact Fr. Paul (the Elder) as soon as possible. You will be provided with a booking form which you will need to fill in as part of your booking. First come, first served. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

**e.lalley@rcaol.co.uk or  
formation@rcaol.co.uk. or  
Eleanor Lalley 0151 522 1047**

## Reflect:

In today's Gospel Jesus shows his acceptance of his Father's will, which will lead to his crucifixion, rather than asking God to save him from his death.

Life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize a number of competing needs. It's easy to put our own needs first, but as Christians, we strive to put the needs of others before our own.

## Pray:

- Prayer for Generosity
- Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God
- Teach me true generosity.
- Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
- To give without counting the cost,
- To fight heedless of wounds,
- To Labour without seeking rest,
- To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward
- Save the knowledge that I have done your will.

Amen.

*St Ignatius Loyola*

## Act:

How do we respond to others in our family? Do we moan when we are asked to do something or do we willingly help out in whatever way we can? This week try to respond generously when a family member asks for help.

## Challenge:

We are all members of God's family too. Can we be equally generous to those of other nations or beliefs? Make a point of doing something to support those in need throughout the world through prayer or by giving to charity.

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## Divine Mercy

This is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter on 8th April. There will be the 'Hour of Grace' at Holy Family which is a Holy Hour beginning with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with the opportunity for individual Confessions. The hour will begin at 3.00 pm and conclude with Benediction.

## Eucharistic Ministers

There are copies of the St Paul Missal available for Eucharistic Ministers in Holy Family. Please collect from the office for use visiting the sick and housebound

## 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.

**Sacred Heart Church, Hindsford Community Website**  
[www.sacredheartchindsford.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartchindsford.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  
 Jean Tchibukdjian  
 Jess Garrett  
 Joan Wilkinson  
 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  
 Patricia Wilson  
 Rev Jim Melia  
 Sandra Jones  
 Shelagh Welsby  
 Sr Megan Haisley  
 Ted & Harriet Langan  
 Thelma Humble  
 Thomas Higgins  
 Thomas McLoughlin  
 Wyn Wright  
 Yvonne Mellin

Week Beginning 18th March	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Madeleine Sighe  11.00 am Seamus McNulty	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vincent Topping  11.00 am Michael Skiffington	(Sat) 6.00 pm The Geraghty Family  9.30 am Andrea & Rufino Kinamot
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.00am	9.15 am Catherine Yates	10.30 am Funeral Mass for Patricia Shea
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00 pm Maggie Lomas	7.30 am Eric Vincent Whiteside	9 - 10 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.30am Funeral Service for Christopher Critchley
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00am Jack Hogg		9.15 am Sorry, No Mass today Easter Assemblies in St. Mary's
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6.30 am Anthony Dermody <i>Mass in Holy Family Church</i> 10.00 am <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i> Ernest & Ena Thompson	12noon  Funeral Mass for Jean Carroll	<i>(In Sacred Heart School)</i> 9.30am The Arrowsmith & Donoghue Families <i>St. Richard's Church</i> 2.30 pm Funeral Mass for Kevin Hesketh
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00 am Eddie Farrell	6.00 pm Clara Brierley	6.00 pm Jeff & Pauline Eckersley
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Keith Lewis 11.00 am Kathleen Gannon	11.00 am Brian Lloyd	9.30 am Sarah Mary Herron

## LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £ 2238.63  
 SVP Monthly £ 314.18  
 Holy Land Cards £ 93.40

Thank you for your generosity.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

### Lenten Alms/ HCPT

(HCPT- St. Amb rose 6.00pm Sat)  
 (Lenten Alms - Holy Family 11.00 am Sun)  
 Each year, during Lent, the second collection goes to a charity of the Archbishop's choice. to distribute to those most in need.

Next Week

### Holy Places

The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday. The sites of Jesus's birth and of his death and resurrection have been undergoing restoration work and the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land announced in late March that the Vatican had pledged a further \$1 million for projects at the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions on Saturday - *Subject to change see newsletter*  
 Following the 10.00 am Mass at Holy Family  
 following 6.00 pm Mass at St Ambrose and St Richard's.  
 Also available where possible by request or by appointment.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord(B)

**Gospel for the Procession** *Mark 11:1-10.*  
 Actions speak louder than words and Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king.

**First Reading** *Isaiah 50:4-7.*

As he speaks the Word of God Isaiah bravely faces his foes.

**Second Reading** *Philippians 2:6-11.*

A hymn of praise for the glory of Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 14:1-15:47.*

The sky is darkened, the veil of the Temple is torn in two, and a soldier recognizes Jesus as the Son of God.

## BAPTISM

Please remember in your prayers the families of  
**Freddie Jordan & Ethan Whyte**  
 who are being baptised into the Parish this weekend

## Those who have died,

**Peter Quinn.**  
**Kevin Hesketh.**  
**Doreen Swanton.**  
**Patricia Shea.**  
**Joanne Stradins.**  
**Christopher Critchley**  
**Mary Gould**  
**Jean Carroll**

