

St Margaret Clitherow & St John Rigby

Parishes In Leigh Pastoral Area

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

19th January 2020

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Weekdays - Ordinary Wk 2
Sunday **Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**
Peace Day
Tuesday St Agnes
Friday St Francis De Sales
Saturday Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

LEIGH DEANERY

Parish of St. John Rigby

Sacred Heart
Hindley Green
Sacred Heart
Hindsford

St. Richard's
Atherton

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Ambrose Barlow
Astley

St. Gabriel's
Higher Folds
Holy Family
Boothstown

Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sacred Heart
St. Joseph's

Twelve Apostles
Leigh

Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and All Saints

Golborne

Parish of St. Lewis Croft

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

The Liturgy today very much follows up the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrated last weekend. In today's Gospel we hear how John – NOT John the Baptist this time but John the Gospel writer – counters the arguments of John the Baptist's followers. He shows how John the Baptist himself acknowledged that Jesus ranked before him, because, as he put it, "he existed before me". Jesus, in his humility, accepted baptism from John. But what happened on that occasion revealed his true identity: the sight of the Holy Spirit descending on him in the form of a dove convinced John that Jesus was in fact the Messiah and would day baptize his followers with the same Holy Spirit. So the Gospel reveals John the Baptist bearing witness to Jesus, proclaiming that he is the "Lamb of God" who takes away our sins, he is "the Chosen One of God", he is eternal, he is the Messiah. Later John would sum up his relationship with Jesus in these humble words, "He must grow greater, I must grow smaller."

At every Mass, just before Holy Communion, we hear the very words of John the Baptist when he first announced the presence of Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him to takes away the sins of the world." What a blessing it is if we take that announcement as a reminder that we too are called to be like John the Baptist to other people. Pope Francis often warns of the dangers of being "self-referential", of putting ourselves at the centre of everything, the centre of our own thoughts and desires and hopes. Today John the Baptist stands before us as an inspiring example. Filled with love for Jesus, he is always ready to deflect attention from himself in order to direct it towards Jesus. We, who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, are all invited, by God's grace, to follow the example of John the Baptist. We are called to point towards Jesus not simply by word of mouth, at the appropriate time, but above all by daily lives lived by his standards – lives that simply do not make sense unless, like the life of John the Baptist, they are centred upon the Lord.

Psalm Response

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!



Synod 2020 Update

SYNOD 2020 - The Story So Far

Please make sure you take home a Synod leaflet and prayer card if you have not already done so. In his Pastoral Letter Archbishop Malcolm mentioned that over 20,000 people had responded so far in the Synod process. So we are going to continue our response by looking at the Synod themes that have emerged from all the sharing:-

- **How We Pray Together**
- **Presentation Sacred Heart HG after Mass 25 Jan 20**
- **Meeting Sacred Heart Club 2 -3.30 pm Sat 1st Feb 20**

**The opportunity in St. Margaret Clitherow
St Ambrose Barlow After Mass 9.15 am Tues 28 Jan 20
Holy Family after mass Wed 7.30 am 28th Jan 20**

● **Building Community, Nurturing Belonging**

For each one of the above themes there will be a listening session and, in the Parish of St John Rigby, we will present each theme at the weekend Masses every month, where you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions. So please take one of the leaflets and one of the prayer cards home with you today.

Please remember to return your responses to the third theme, "How We Pray Together" as soon as possible.

Don't forget if you wish to forward your proposal online it's www.synod2020

A reminder that you are welcome to attend any or all of the SYNOD 2020 talks.

A Message from The Synod Office Team

Dear friends,

Having reflected on the experience of both our Synod Talks at Hope and the Reflective Evenings led by Irenaeus on the Synod Themes, we have made the following venue changes for these events in 2020.

Our **Synod Talks** on 17 February, 9 March, and 20 April will now be held at LACE (Croxth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA) [Moved from Liverpool Hope University].

The **Reflective Evenings** will now be as follows:

Tuesday 21 January and Thursday 27 February at St Joseph's, Wrightington [Unchanged].

Wednesday 29 January and Wednesday 4 March at Our Lady Help of Christians Portico (L34 2QT) [Moved from St Philomena's].

Full details of these changes are on the Synod Website.

Best wishes,

Fr Philip, Fr Matthew, Jacqui, and Matt
The Synod Office Team

Note: The text of our second Synod Talk - Faith & Theology in Later Life by Dr Ros Stuart-Buttle - is now available on the Synod Website. www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures

PARISH NEWS

Exposition at St.Richard's Church

For the time being we will not be having Exposition in St.Richard's Church on Wednesday mornings. In recent months numbers attending have dropped quite a lot. Also, with the change in the structure of the Parish and the Deanery, there are a number of other things taking place on Wednesday mornings, especially in the different schools.

We will have Exposition again during Lent along with a similar time of evening prayer in different churches once a month. We will let you have more details about this as soon as possible.

St Ambrose Barlow

The Pantomime "DICK WHITTINGTON"

The St Ambrose Barlow Players are happy to present this fairytale for your pleasure and enjoyment!!!

Performances:

Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th February at 7.30pm

PLUS

Saturday 29th February Matinee at 2.30pm and

Evening Show at 7.15pm

Tickets: Adults £6.00, Seniors £5.00 and Primary School Children £4.00

The GREATEST SHOW in town - Don't miss it!!!

Tickets are available by contacting Des on 07973 114365.

St. John Rigby Parish Forum

A reminder that the next meeting of the Parish Forum for St.John Rigby will take place on **Thursday January 23rd** in the meeting room, "The Gordon Room", at Sacred Heart Church in Hindley Green. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Hindley Green

At Sacred Heart Mass 5 pm on Saturday someone will be asking you to support Prostate Cancer in memory of Jimmy Rafferty who sadly died just before Christmas.

Badges are on sale at a cost of £2 to support this worthwhile cause

HCPT

There will be a raffle to raise funds for HCPT on

16th FEBRUARY 2020 at Holy Family

WITH YOU ALWAYS

Letters for application have been given out in St Ambrose School to be returned by this coming Friday.

Dates of meetings will be distributed as soon as possible

ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

The first meeting of the Parish Council for the newly reorganised St Margaret Clitherow Parish will be on

Wednesday 5th February in Holy Family at 7.45 pm following the evening Mass. Parishioners from the communities of St Gabriel's, St Ambrose Barlow, and Holy Family are welcome to attend. This will follow a similar format to the previous parish forum.

ST. RICHARDS 500 CLUB

A big thank you to St Richards 500 club for the generous donation for the acquisition of new crib figures. The figures are beautiful and much appreciated. Thank you.

Food Bank Collections

Please continue your generous donations to the food bank. Thank you for your support

New Parish Email

A new parish email has been issued by the Archdiocese. Please make use of this new address when contacting the parish office. stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk.

Emails sent to the old email address will be forwarded automatically to the new one for the time being.

Newsletter Deadlines

Please send all St Margaret Clitherow parish items for the newsletter to the office at Holy Family or email stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk by Wednesday evening

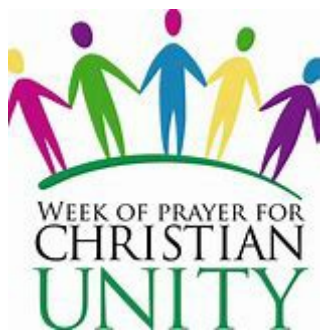
Sacred Heart Hindley Green - Mass Intentions

People have asked about Masses which have not been said. Best efforts are made to accommodate when someone asks for a specific date. With there only being a Saturday Mass at weekend it's quite hard to fit these Masses in when people only want Saturday. Now the Christmas period is over there might be a better chance for these Masses to be said.

St John Rigby Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is available to visit the sick and say the Rosary if requested, also at the Chapel of Rest. Approach myself Susan Mines (07952822440) or any member of the Legion.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Very soon in the New Year we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Churches Together In Atherton are organizing a special prayer service to mark the week. This will take place in St. Richard's Church on **Sunday January 19th** at 4.00 pm. Please come along and join us in prayer.

Unity Service, Sunday 19th January, at 4.00 pm Holy Family
Refreshments available from 3.30 pm
Rev Karen will be preaching.

Ecumenical Compline (Night Prayer) on Tuesday 21st January at Boothstown Methodist Church at 7 pm. All welcome to both events

Sacred Heart Hindsford Parish Center

Quiz Nights - Every Thursday

Doors open at 8.00 pm for a 8.30 pm start.
All welcome.

Sacred Heart Hindley Green Club (Behind the Church)

Bingo: Tues + Sun at 9:00 pm Concerts every Saturday

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Function room available for hire.



Reflect

In today's Gospel, John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. Our lives offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world.

Pray

Lord, may we share your Good News with others through our words and actions. May the light of Jesus shine in our hearts and throughout our lives, that others may come to know the love that Jesus has for us all.

Act

Consider your own life. Can you identify ways in which people may come to know Jesus better through observing how you live your life? How can each of us reveal Jesus to others in our own lives?

Challenge

If you are looking to buy environmentally friendly everyday household products it is worth visiting www.ethicalsuperstore.com who seem to have a wide range of products available

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

	St Margaret Clitherow	
Offertory	£ 1241.40	
S V P	£ 116.75	
Offertory	£1317.31	
CAFOD Box	£ 21.00	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today
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Next Week
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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


Schools

www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk
www.boothstownholymfamily.wigan.sch.uk
www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk
www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk
www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk
www.Hindleygreensacredheart.co.uk
<http://stmaryschs.org.uk/>

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	Week Beginning 19th January	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's	Sacred Heart Hindley Green	
 <p>All Cancer Patients Anelyse Lewis Anne Broad Arthur Leggett Baby George Baby Grace Baby lyla Faith Baby Luke Bernard O'Donnell Bill Burke Brenda Southern Bridie Molyneux Catherine Jones Christopher Browne Clare Barlow Clifford Browne Eddie Shaw Elizabeth Hulmes Elizabeth Levien Emma Oldham Enid Kenwright Freda Peake Gerald Hackett Guy Ryan Hannah Delargy Hilda Almond Irene McIntyre Jack Rothwell Jean Tchibukdjian Jennifer Langin Jess Garrett Jessie Lucas Joan Wilkinson John Neary John Wall Kathy Kenyon Margaret Case Margaret Wall Mary Bird Mary Tiernan Maureen Halliday Michael Wright Rev Jim Melia Sandra Jones Shelagh Welsby Stephen Howell Terence Flanagan Terry Barlow Thelma Humble Theresa Stanley Thomas McLoughlin</p>	SUNDAY	9.30 am Margaret Kelly Daniel & Nellie Conneely	(Sat) 6.00 pm Brenda Egan 11.00 am Elizabeth Kirwin	(Sat) 6.30 pm Pat Shaw 9.30 am John Pearson	(Sat) 5.00 pm Margaret Mullarkey	
	MONDAY					7.00 pm The Naughton Family
	TUESDAY			9.15 am Deceased members of Beresford & McGrath Families	9.15 am David Murphy 11.00 am Funeral Service Kathleen Gillhooley	9.15 am Margaret Elm
	WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Brenda Heywood			<i>No Exposition this week</i>	10.00 am Mary Ann O'Connell
	THURSDAY	10.00 am John Sheridan		10.00 am Funeral service Yvonne Mellin	9.15 am Thomas & Alice O'Neil	<i>No Service</i>
	FRIDAY	10.00 am Repose of the soul of Brian Gardiner <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School</i>			10.00 am Funeral Service David Wigman	7.00 pm Kevin Healey (Int) <i>Confessions 7.30pm</i>
	SATURDAY	10.00 am Margaret McDemordy		(Sat) 6.00 pm Stephen Hampson	(Sat) 6.30 pm Yvonne Mellin	(Sat) 5.00 pm Rachel & Dominic Cane
	NEXT SUNDAY	9.30 am Joseph Delaney		11.00 am Anthony Bousfield	9.30 am Tony McKeirnan	

Bernadette Boardman.
 Bridie Phillips.
 Doreen Smith.
 Eileen McAlister.
 Eileen Watkinson.
 Elsie Byron.
 Jean Culkin.
 Jean Rafferty.
 Jedd Balmer.
 Joan Baines.
 Joan Cavey.
 John Atkins.
 Joyce Gorton.
 Leonard Sandelands.
 Martin Culkin.
 Maureen Blears.
 Michael Gallagher.
 Nora Smith.
 Robert Barron.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday Confessions after 10.00 am Mass at Holy Family and after 6.00 pm Mass at St Ambrose & 6.30 pm Mass at St Richard's.
 Friday Confessions, 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green
 Confession also available where possible by request / appointment.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Yvonne Mellin
 Kathleen Gilhooley
 David Wigman
 Margaret Ross
 Robert Fitzpatrick

*Eternal rest grant unto them
 O Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace.
 Amen.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Third Sunday of the Year

First Reading – Isaiah 8:23-9:3.
 Isaiah looks forward to a day when the people that have walked in darkness will have seen a great light.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17.
 Paul appeals for reconciliation between the divided groups in Corinth.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 4:12-23.
 Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah and begins his public ministry by calling his first disciples to follow him in proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom.

Anniversaries *(Sacred Heart, Hindley Green)*

Mary Jolley, Peter Lynch, George Smith, Joseph Unsworth, John Ellison, Jean McDonnell.