

# St Margaret Clitherow & St John Rigby

Parishes In Leigh Pastoral Area

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 1  
**Readings** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)  
Weekdays - Ordinary Wk 5  
**Sunday** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)  
Day for Victims of Trafficking / Racial Justice Day  
**Monday** St Scholastica  
**Tuesday** Our Lady of Lourdes  
World Day of Prayer for the Sick & those who care for them  
**Friday** St Cyril & St Methodius, Patrons of Europe  
**Next Sunday** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

## Gospel Reflection

Lighthouses can be incredible structures, and they come in many different shapes and sizes. The tallest in the world is claimed to be the Jeddah Light in Saudi Arabia, which stands at the entrance to Jeddah's Harbour on the Red Sea. This lighthouse is a very modern design. Built in 1990, it is a far cry from the more traditional structures that we are familiar with. Constructed from concrete and steel, it has a wide triangular base, which leads into the main vertical section. This, in turn, leads to a large, bulbous head, where the lamp is to be found along with a viewing balcony. Most importantly, it emits three white flashes every twenty seconds. Lighthouses are often built in or close to inhospitable places. There is something enigmatic about them. They are there as immovable objects in places of danger and they share one thing in common – they shine their light and save lives. Whether it's the Red Sea, the Atlantic Ocean or the English Channel, lighthouses all have one job, which is to be an unfailing beacon and a sign of hope to the traveler on the waves. They may all have their own architectural style and their special paint job, but at the end of the day they shine brightly and can be seen for miles.

There is a great clarity in Jesus' teaching throughout the Gospel about the need to be witnesses: to be bearers of the light. Jesus calls his followers to proudly stand up and be bold in sharing the new life that they find in him. To know Jesus is to be living in the light, and this light cannot be hidden. The message that Jesus shares is clear. He wants us to make our faith visible through loving service to others. These good works, which followers of Jesus should naturally want to do, will be a beacon of light and hope to those around us. Today's Gospel Reading is preceded in Matthew by the Beatitudes, Jesus' revolutionary teaching about how we are called to see ourselves in the way that God sees us. Jesus shows that those who, in the eyes of the world, live in darkness are in fact those who are truly blessed. These are the ones who share in the sufferings of Christ. These are the ones who have the light. This light is a light to be shared so that safe harbor may be found by all.

Just as lighthouses are very different in appearance, so are we. We all have unique gifts and talents. We all have our own way of interacting with each other and the world around us. As Christians, though, what we share in common is the Gospel and its central message of love, especially God's love for each one of us. Baptized into Christ, and with the Holy Spirit in us, we are called to share God's love as we grow in holiness according to our vocation. This vocation – whether it be through marriage, the single life, religious life – is our way in which we share the light of the Gospel. It is our way of being light. If we, as Parish families, live out our faith to the full, then our place of worship can become a lighthouse, spreading grace into the local community. Through prayer we can become a light for God. When we share this light through our love and our works of charity, we do so because together we become the Body of Christ. We may all be different but we are enlightened by the same source and shine forth our witness to that same source – Jesus the one true light.

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**Psalms Response** The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright  
**Gospel Acclamation** I am the light of the world, says the Lord anyone who follows me will have the light of life



### 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.



## 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**
- **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](http://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 (Croxtheth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA) [Moved from Liverpool Hope University].

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

Thursday 27 February at St Joseph's, Wrightington [Unchanged].

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](http://www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures)



### Reflect

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we have the power of the Holy Spirit within us to change lives. We are not here to passively observe life going on around us, but to effect change, to be a part of life, to improve life for all.

### Pray

Lord help us to believe in our own goodness and to let the light of that goodness shine about us. On seeing this light, perhaps others will find their way out of the darkness and your name always will be glorified

### Act & Challenge

The Church's commitment to social justice flows from the message given to us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities this commitment leads us to are expressed as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor, instruct, advise, console, comfort, forgive & bear wrongs patiently. This week, take time to build some of these actions into your life, until they become second nature to you, so that your light of faith will really shine forth for others.

### 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](http://www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk)

[www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk)

[www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk](http://www.saintambrosebarlow.co.uk)

[www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk](http://www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk)

[www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk)

[www.Hindleygreensacredheart.co.uk](http://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.

### Newsletter Deadlines

Please send all St Margaret Clitherow parish items for the newsletter to the office at Holy Family or email [smargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:smargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk) by Wednesday evening

### LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

#### St Margaret Clitherow

Offertory	£ 1,205.29
S V P	£ 141.66

#### St John Rigby

Offertory	£ 1,246.76
S V P	£ 182.76
CAFOD Box	£ 25.00

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### Today

Survive Miva

#### Next Week

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

## PARISH NEWS

### 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](mailto:stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk).

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

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### 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.

### HCPT

There will be a raffle to raise funds for HCPT on  
**16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 at Holy Family**

### Padre Pio prayer Group

Rosary/Exposition is held every Saturday at 10.00 am  
at St. Ambrose Barlow Church

### RCIA

The next meeting for those preparing to become Catholics is  
on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45 pm after the evening Mass.

### ASH WEDNESDAY.

An early notice regarding Mass times in the area on Ash  
Wednesday. Most of the Junior School children in the area  
will be receiving Ashes in school during special services, but  
Mass times for this side of the Deanery are as follows:-

- **9.15 am – St.Ambrose Barlow, Astley.**
- **10.00 am – Sacred Heart, Hindley Green.**
- **12.00 noon – St.Richard's, Atherton.**
- **7.00 pm – Holy Family, Boothstown**

### ARCHDIOCESE TRIP TO LOURDES

If anyone is interested in going to Lourdes with the  
Archdiocese the dates are 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July. You can book on  
line at [joewalshstours.co.uk](http://joewalshstours.co.uk) or call 0151 909 2871 for more  
information.

### Food Bank Collections

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

## 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. 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.

### **500 Club Winners February**

£100	290	- Celia Farrimond
£ 50	185	- M O'Donnell
£ 25	68	- J Twist
£ 15	231	- M Hancock
£ 15	305	- U O'Connor

### 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.

### St John Rigby

Unfortunately there are no Sunday papers as they were not  
selling, so we have had to cancel the order

### Summer Fair

There will be a meeting at Sacred Heart Hindley Green on Monday  
10th Feb 2020 after 7.00 pm Mass to discuss the summer fair and  
events for 2020.

The meeting is open to anyone, any new ideas are welcome

### PARISH FORUM MEETING.

Many thanks to all those who came along to the recent Parish Forum  
meeting at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green. The next meeting of the  
St.John Rigby Parish Forum will take place on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> at  
7.00pm in the Parish House at St.Richard's, Atherton. All welcome.

### PARISH TRIP TO STRATFORD.

We are planning a Parish day-trip to Stratford Upon Avon this year on  
June 4<sup>th</sup>. Departing at approximately 9.00am we will be heading to  
Stratford and setting off back home at about 6.30pm. (This is simply to  
avoid the build-up of traffic during rush hour) We have managed to  
book 30 seats to see "The Comedy of Errors" in the afternoon. Tickets  
are at various prices – either £13 or £18 – and are available on a very  
strictly FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. So there will be space on  
the coach for approximately 20 people to come along with us, who do  
not want to go to the theatre, but would like to enjoy a day out in  
Stratford. Hopefully we might have good weather in June! If you would  
like to go then please contact Fr.Paul (the Elder!) and either leave a  
message (don't forget to leave your contact number and the number of  
tickets you would like for the theatre) or email at  
[paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk)

### **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.

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are Sick	Week Beginning 9th February	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 Iyla 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>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.30 am McHugh & Lyth Families Lois & Frank O'Neill	(Sat) 6.00 pm Kerrin Family  11.00 am Gordon Burrows & Mary Delargy	(Sat) 6.30 pm Harry Knotman  9.30 am Michael Brooker	(Sat) 5.00 pm Clare Vale Clayton & Delahoyde Families	
	<b>MONDAY</b>					7.00 pm Freddie Watson Ints.
	<b>TUESDAY</b>			9.15 am Joan Clegg	<b>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</b>	9.15 am Jess Harrison
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00 pm Dec' d Members of McGee & McNulty Families			<b>No Exposition this week</b>	10.00 am Gerald Dootson
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Mass at St. Richards</b>			9.15 am Mary Gould	<i>No Service</i>
	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>				7.00 pm Marcus Reid  <i>Confessions 7.30pm</i>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>No Morning Mass Or Confessions today</b>		(Sat) 6.00 pm Martha & Frank Ryan	(Sat) 6.30 pm Margaret Aspden	(Sat) 5.00 pm Anthony Kane
	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.30 am In Thanksgiving For 65 Years of Marriage Margaret & Norman Lyth		11.00 am Annie & Willie Leonard	9.30 am Eileen McKiernan	
<b>BAPTISM</b>  <i>We welcome into our family of Faith</i>		<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> 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.				
 <b>LATELY DEAD</b> <i>Please pray for those who have died recently:</i>  <b>Robert Barron                      Len Sandilands                      Brian Healy                      Austin Foy</b>  <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.                      May they rest in peace.                      Amen.</i>		<b>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of the Year</b>  <b><u>First Reading – Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21.</u></b> We are taught to keep God's commandments, for behaving faithfully is within our power and the power of God. <b><u>Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:6-10.</u></b> Paul warns the early believers against basing their faith on human wisdom instead of the wisdom of God. <b><u>Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:17-37.</u></b> Jesus did not reject the Jewish scriptures but brought them back to basics: love of God and love of other people. Our lives as Christians should reflect this love.				
		<b>Anniversaries</b> ( <i>Sacred Heart, Hindley Green</i> ) Amelia Prescott., Brian Bray, James Owens., Jess Harrison, Joan Morris, Louise Derricot., Margaret Holding, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Moran.				