

# Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

10th February 2013



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 1  
**Sunday** Readings - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
**Weekdays** Readings - Year 1, Week 5  
**Today** **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**  
*[Day of Prayer for the Unemployed]*  
**Wednesday** **Ash Wednesday**  
*(Day of Fasting & Abstinence)*  
**Thursday** **Feast of St. Cyril & St. Methodius**  
**Sunday** **First Sunday of Lent (C)**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Night-time was the time for fishing. If anyone else said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down the net for a catch," he would have thought they were mad. After all, if he didn't catch anything during the whole of the night, there wouldn't be much chance during the day. But when Jesus said those words to Peter, his response was spontaneous yet full of hope, "Lord, we fished all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the net." For Peter, the word of Jesus was different from the word of anyone else. It carried an authority which no other word carried. So, if Jesus called for it, no matter how hopeless the situation might seem, and no matter how tired he was, or how foolish he might appear, he would try again. Peter had absolute trust in Jesus. At his word, he was prepared to attempt the impossible. We see this later when Peter attempts to walk on water next to Jesus on hearing his word. Fishing is a worthy calling. However, Jesus saw that Peter was capable of other things. He was the kind of man he wanted to have helping him with his work. Jesus saw in Peter one thing that he needed more than anything – faith in his word.

The Gospel Reading today is not so much a story about fishing, but about trust. Jesus was saying to Peter, "How far are you prepared to trust me?" It was a turning point in the life of Peter. What started out in failure ended in a new beginning, starting out in a new direction. Fishing was an important occupation, but Jesus was calling Peter and his companions to an even more important task. He was offering them not just new work, but a cause to which they could dedicate their lives completely. They understood that he was calling them to the service of others: "I will make you fishers of people."

The Lord still calls people to follow him since the need to spread the Good News is just as great today. By our baptism, we too are called to follow Jesus. We are called to follow him living out of faith in our everyday lives and in our chosen professions. When we hear the call to follow the Lord and to do his will, what will our response be?

### Psalm Response

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

*Ashes will be blessed and distributed at eight Masses across the Pastoral Area*

7.30 am  
10.00 am  
12.00 noon  
7.00 pm

St Ambrose Barlow & St Joseph's  
St Gabriel's & Twelve Apostles  
St Richard's & Our Lady of the Rosary  
Holy Family & Sacred Heart (Leigh)



Serving  
the church  
communities of

**St. Ambrose  
Barlow  
Astley**

**St. Gabriel's  
Higher Folds**

**Holy Family  
Boothstown**

**St. Richard's  
Atherton**

**Sacred Heart  
Hindsford**

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.

## PARISH NEWS

### HCPT Raffle

The annual fundraising raffle for HCPT will take place today (Sunday) at Holy Family. Tickets will be on sale after Mass, and Tea and Toast will be on sale in the Hall. The draw will take place in the hall at about 12.15 pm.

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

The group will meet in St Ambrose Barlow Church on Monday 11th February at 2.00 pm to pray the rosary. This is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome to attend.

### Scripture Group

The next meeting of the Scripture Group will be held on Thursday 14th February at 2.00 pm in Holy Family Church Hall Meeting Room. Our focus will be on the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6 to 12. Please bring a Bible with you. All welcome.

### Bingo Bring and Buy

The Ladies Group will be holding a Bingo Bring & Buy on Friday 22nd February at 8.00 pm in St Ambrose Church Hall. Monies raised will go to a charity of their choice. All welcome. Please contact Maria Chilman for more details.

### Ambrosians Outing

There is an outing to The Bourne Poacher on Tuesday 19th March for a St. Patrick's celebration. This will include a meal. To book a place, please phone Kay on 01942 749348.

### News from St Mary's High School

We wish all staff and students a relaxing week this half term, ready to come back for the start of Lent refreshed. During Lent, there will be a number of opportunities for staff and students to do something a little bit different. We will be having morning prayer for staff and students twice a week, there will be a weekly 7.30 am Mass on Wednesdays at St Ambrose (open to all parishioners - it would be lovely if you could join us), and we will have a weekly 'Hunger Lunch' to raise awareness and money for CAFOD.

On Thursday 21st February we will be holding our third Parent Consultation at 5.30 pm. All parents are warmly invited to come and share ideas about uniform and reports among other things. For more information, please phone the school or email Mrs. Spencer on [s.spencer@smhcs.org.uk](mailto:s.spencer@smhcs.org.uk)

### Sacred Heart Monthly Draw

**Date of Draw 27 January 2013**

**£200 - 167, £50 - 685, £25 - 857**

**£10 Winners: 67, 1183, 1169, 326**

**£5 Winners: 259, 79, 1165, 270, 668**

*Thank you for your continued support*

### Walsingham Pilgrimage 2013

The annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year between Monday August 19th to Thursday August 22nd. The list for this year's Pilgrimage is in the porch at St. Richards. If you would like to go, then please sign your name and your contact details - and you will hear further details nearer the time. If you go to a different church, either email or phone Fr. Paul, leaving a message (with your name and number) and he will write your name on the list. Prices this year are: Adults £140 and Juniors £115.

### Many Thanks

Thank you so much to the family who were able to give a home to the four year old cat who had been abandoned.

*Fr Dave*

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



### MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Monday 11th February at 7.30 pm

Christ the King, Childwall

*Everyone welcome!*



### Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Life Department DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?

Meetings for people who are divorced or separated or experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or long term relationship start mid-April. See poster for details or contact Frances (0151 727 2195) or Maureen (0151 722 1029).

## NEWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Soul Food** - a social and spiritual Saturday night experience for over 18's at St Mary's, Lowe House, 99 Crab St., St Helens WA10 2BE on the first Saturday of every month.

**Super Sunday** - a new way of celebrating Sunday for young people at St Mary's, Lowe House, on the first Sunday of every month. All welcome for any or all parts of the day: 12.00 noon Group Sessions exploring faith through games, film and music, 2.15 pm Mass Prep, 3.00 pm Mass followed by social time. For further details, see noticeboards at the back of churches or Animate's website: [www.animateyouth.co.uk](http://www.animateyouth.co.uk)

## PARISH NOTES

### Newsletter

Please ensure items for the newsletter are sent in by Wednesday morning.

### Clergy Addresses

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### Finance

The monies for the five church communities of the Parish of St Margaret Clitherow are now held in one account. So please make all cheques payable to **St Margaret Clitherow** (Please note the spelling of 'Clitherow'). Thank you.

### Pastoral Area Website

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

### Catholic School Websites

[www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk)

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

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

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

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

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



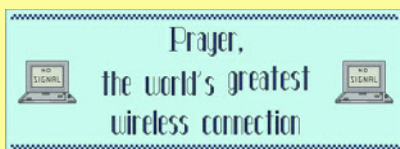
# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 10th February 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Francis O'Neill 11.00 am Marie Pirovino	11.00 am Jane Coffey	(Sat) 6.00 pm Doyle Family	(Sat) 6.00 pm Marian Higgins & Cathy Rigby 9.30 am Jenny & Matthew McKiernan 6.30 pm Kathleen Tattersall
<b>MONDAY</b>		2.00 pm Prayer Group		12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am The Kearns Family		9.15 am Geraldine Baker
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Brenda McDonald	7.30 am Fr Arthur Mulcahey	10.00 am Fr John Short	9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition 12.00 noon Frances Green
<b>THURSDAY</b>			10.00 am Elizabeth Gaffney	9.15 am Catherine & William Kelly
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6.30 am Bernard Hough 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross	1.00 pm Funeral Mass for Bernard Atkinson 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross		9.15 am Bernard Boylan 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00 am Tom & Cissie Miveld		5.30 pm Stations of the Cross 6.00 pm Tommy Pollard	6.00 pm Tony McKiernan
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Thanksgiving (Jobs) 11.00 am Those who foster children 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Mykola Batrak		9.30 am Noreen Twomey 6.30 pm Bill Rigby

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**This Saturday**

10.30 - 11.00 am at Holy Family  
After 6.00 pm Mass at St Richard's  
(or by appointment with one of the priests)



## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

**Bernard Maloney**                      **Bernard Atkinson**

Those who are sick, especially:

**Anne Broad**                              **Joan Clegg**  
**Teresa Cooney**                          **Michael Dunn**  
**Archbishop Kelly**                      **Norah Atkinson**  
**Maureen Warren**                      **Fr George Russell**  
**James Galek**                            **Margaret Dixon**  
**John Royle**                              **Margaret Langan**

Children who are missing, especially:

**Madeleine McCann**                      **April Jones**

## SECOND COLLECTION

**Today**

HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust

**Next Sunday**

Lenten Alms

**Lenten Alms** - Each year, during Lent, the second collection goes to a charity of the Archbishop's choice. We hope to have the details for this year's Lenten Alms next week.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**First Sunday of Lent (C)**

**First Reading**

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

Through the ceremony of offering the first fruits, the Israelites recognise all that God has done for them in the past, especially during the Exodus. Our worship of God is also a recognition of his favours to us.

**Second Reading**

*Romans 10:8-13*

The core of our Christian belief is that Jesus is our Risen Saviour. Anyone who can say that and live by it will be saved

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus was tempted like we are, but did not sin. Through his grace, we too can resist temptation and overcome sin, but only with his help.