

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

32nd Sunday of the Year (C)

10th November 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 4
Readings Sunday - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 32
Today **32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**
(Remembrance Sunday)
Monday St Martin of Tours
Tuesday St. Josaphat
Sunday **33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**
(Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependents)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees - a religious group in Jesus' day, pit their interpretation of the law against what they regard as a strange innovation, that is, belief in the resurrection. They attempt to ridicule the resurrection of the dead by recalling the Law of Moses on Marriage. The Law stated that if a man dies and has no son, and, therefore, no legal heir, his brother must marry the widow so that the "first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his brother who is dead" (Deuteronomy 25:5). In this way, the continuity of the family line was guaranteed. The Sadducees develop an example about seven brothers, each one marries the same woman, and each one of them dies childless. Their argument, made before Jesus, is whose wife would the woman be in the resurrection of the dead? In his reply, Jesus makes it clear that there is no comparison between human life, shared by all, and the resurrection, shared by those who are children of God. Jesus makes the distinction between two ages and two peoples: the people of this age and those who are chosen to share in the resurrection. Jesus does not speak of the resurrection of all people, but resurrection from the dead of those people who "are accounted worthy" to share this new age with God. As children of God, they cannot die again - therefore marriage does not apply to them. There will be no need to increase the human race, in this new age, or to ensure legal succession. Therefore, the question of the Sadducees concerning marriage is irrelevant. Since in the resurrection of the dead ALL are sons and daughters of God, therefore their relationship is as members of the same family.

Jesus uses the scripture that the Sadducees do accept. Moses called God the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. If there were no resurrection the Sadducees argument would imply that these great names from the Old Testament - very important figures to the religion of the time and to Jesus himself - would be dead forever. This would not make sense for any practicing Jew at the time. If the Lord is God of the living, then he will continue to be so to those who have died. Relationship with God does not end in death. To God ALL people are alive. Jesus' argument with the Sadducees may seem too remote for our modern ears. However, through his argument Jesus reveals something of his own belief in God - a God who keeps his promise to all his faithful ones even when they die. Jesus does more than argue the point. He himself becomes the case in point when he dies on the cross and experiences the glory of the resurrection when God refuses to let death have the last word. Jesus himself becomes the ultimate argument against the Sadducees.

In this month of November, when we remember those who have gone before us, Jesus' words should echo in our ears as we pray for all our loved ones. It challenges us to ask ourselves who or what do we believe in. There are so many moments in the Gospel when Jesus promises us a place in Heaven if we follow him here on earth. How do we show that we believe this in the way we live our lives today?

Psalm Response

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

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

This Week

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Open Day for September 2014 intake this Tuesday, 12th November, at 9.15 - 10.15 am, 2.00 - 3.00 pm & 6.00 - 7.00 pm. Come and see our children in action, have a guided tour, ask questions and pick up a parent pack. Please ring 0161 790 2123 to book a slot.

Parish Forum

The next meeting of the Parish Forum will take place this coming Tuesday, 12th November, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre at Sacred Heart, Hindsford. The Forum is an open meeting so anyone can attend. The minutes of the last meeting are available at the back of church.

"With You Always"

Second Meeting for Parents & Children

St Richard's School

Wednesday 13th November at 3.30 pm

Sacred Heart School

Wednesday 13th November at 6.30 pm

St Ambrose Church Hall

Thursday 21st November at 6.00 pm

Scripture Group

The next meeting of the Scripture Group will be held on Thursday 14th November at 1.30 pm in Holy Family Presbytery. Our focus will be on the Old Testament readings which will be heard during Mass on each of the four Sundays of Advent. These are taken from the Prophet Isaiah (Chapter 2:1-5; 11:1-10; 35:1-6, 10; 7:10-14). All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Hindsford Parish Club

Charity Night in aid of The Royal British Legion at 7.30 pm on Friday 15th November. Cabaret with Mike Lester, Raffle and Tombola. Tickets £2 available at the club or pay on the night.

St Richard's 500 club

November Winners

£100	151	R Gregory
£50	247	J Hargreaves
£25	277	L Sandelands
£15	287	P Bennet
£15	377	S Travers

Thank you for your continued support



Synod of Bishops on the Family 2014

Pope Francis has announced an extraordinary general session of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican between 5-19 October 2014. The purpose of the Synod is to discuss the "pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization". This is only the third 'extraordinary' synod since Pope Paul VI reinstated synods in 1965. According to the Code of Canon Law, an "extraordinary general session" of the synod is held to "deal with matters which require a speedy solution."

We have been given an opportunity to participate in preparing for the Synod by completing a questionnaire, which you can find on the website of the Catholic Church in England and Wales www.catholicchurch.org.uk Although the questionnaire is quite long, PLEASE have a look at it and complete what you can – don't worry if you can't complete it all. It is wonderful that we are all being given an opportunity to take part in this important discussion.

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

17th November - 15th December



In place of the Second Collections during Advent, there is the opportunity to help those in need in four practical ways:

- 1) The **Barnabus Project** in Manchester is looking for winter clothing for men and women living on the streets of Manchester. If you have suitable items (e.g. hats, coats, scarves, gloves, 'new' underwear, etc.), please bring them to any of the churches.
- 2) The **Windsor Drop-In Centre** in Salford is looking for tinned food for the homeless over the Christmas period. These items can be left at any of the churches.
- 3) The **Royal Manchester Children's Hospital** is looking for 'new' gifts for those children who will not receive a gift or a visit on Christmas Day. If you would like to buy a 'new' gift for one of these children, please bring it to any of the churches. Children range from babies up to 18 years of age. The hospital staff sort and wrap the gifts, so there is no need for us to do that, but they do welcome contributions of wrapping paper. Gifts should bear the British Standards Kite Mark and the European Standards CE Mark.
- 4) The economic situation means that an increasing number of animals are being abandoned, so **Animals in Distress** in Irlam would welcome donations of cat or dog food. Again, these items can be left at any of the churches.

Thank you so much for your kindness.

Christmas Card Campaign

For over 25 years now, we have sent Christmas Cards to Prisoners of Conscience and, more recently, to our Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. This year's Christmas Card Campaign will take place on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December, at each church in the parish.

PARISH NOTES

Newsletter

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

Clergy Addresses

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St Richard's Presbytery, Mayfield Street, Atherton, Manchester M46 0AQ

Fr Dave Heywood

Holy Family Presbytery, 208 Chaddock Lane, Boothstown, Worsley, Manchester M28 1DN

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

Catholic School Websites

www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk
www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk
www.boothstownhollyfamily.wigan.sch.uk
www.saintambrosebarlow.wigan.sch.uk
www.saintgabrielsprimary.co.uk
www.saintrichards.wigan.sch.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A 'Do' for Senior Citizens

The Youth SVP would like to invite Senior Citizens to a bit of a 'Do' at Holy Family on Sunday 17th November, 2.30 – 4.30 pm, in the Large Hall. They will be providing some entertainment, singing, a game of bingo, a quiz, sandwiches and cake, tea and coffee, and a glass of sherry as you arrive. We could do with an idea of numbers for catering, so please sign the list at the back of church if you hope to attend.

"With You Always"

Third Meeting for Parents & Children

St Gabriel's School

Tuesday 19th November at 6.00 pm

Holy Family School

Thursday 21st November at 6.30 pm

Parish Visitors

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, member of the SVP or the Bereavement Teams, or undertake some other form of ministry and visit people in their homes, then you are invited to a **Safeguarding Awareness** meeting on **Tuesday 19th November**, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, at Holy Family, Boothstown. The meeting will be led by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team and will involve information on elder abuse as well as how to keep yourself safe when carrying out your ministry. This is an important meeting and the priests ask us all to make it a priority. If you are able to attend the meeting, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Many thanks.

Family Quiz Night

The annual Quiz will be held in the St Ambrose Church Hall at 7.00 pm on Friday 22nd November. Tickets are £3 each or £10 for a family of four and includes a hotpot supper. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring your own alcoholic and soft drinks. Tickets available at the back of church after Mass, or ring Steve (876487).

Annual Mass to Remember Children

There will be a special Mass to remember children who died before birth, at birth, or anytime afterwards, on Wednesday 27th November at 7.00 pm at Holy Family. All are welcome. If you know someone who might appreciate an invitation, please let them know about the Mass. Many thanks.

Emmaus Group

The next meeting of the Emmaus Group will take place at St. Richard's on Thursday November 28th at 7.30 pm. The group is mainly to provide on-going support to those who have recently become members of the Church. The meeting normally lasts about an hour. Please come along if you can and bring any questions you may have.

Parish Christmas Lunch

The popular Christmas Lunch has been booked for 12.00 noon on Wednesday 4th December at the Glass House Restaurant, Salford College (Worsley site). The cost remains at £12 per person for a three course meal. Numbers are limited. Please contact Holy Family (0161 790 2390) to reserve your place.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Manchester Road, Astley



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28th November 2013

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Results reach a new high!

99.7% A*-E and 49% A*-B at A Level

100% pass rate in all BTEC courses with
70% of students gaining Distinction/Distinction*

Talks will take place at 6.00 & 7.00 pm.

Subject staff will be available to discuss
and promote their courses.

Contact us on 01942 884144 or e-mail

sixthformenquiries@smchs.org.uk

Charity Body Shop Party

Friday 29th November at 7.00 pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall to raise money for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Tickets are £5 per person payable on the evening. Bring your own refreshments. There will be a raffle of as well as the opportunity to purchase Body Shop products in time for Christmas. RSVP by text to Thirza on 07936 526295.



The Christmas Fair will be held at 12.00 noon on Sunday 1st December at St Ambrose Barlow. Father Christmas will be present and there will be lots of stalls. There is a notice in the church porch asking for donations for the Christmas hamper. If you can provide any of the items on the list, please pop your name on the list. We would also appreciate donations of good quality items for the books, toys and White Elephant stalls. Tinned or packaged food items are needed for the food stall (but please check that goods are in date). If you are a whiz in the kitchen, donations of homemade cakes would be appreciated. New items suitable for raffle prizes would also be welcome, as well as bottles for the bottle tombola.

Ambrosians Christmas Meal

This will take place on Friday 6th December in St Ambrose Church Hall. Tickets are £18.50 and are available from either Jean T or Kay.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 641.83
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 238.91
St Gabriel's	£ 300.35
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 744.05
Total Parish Collection	£1925.14

SECOND COLLECTION

LAMP Sunday

Holy Family	£ 268.55
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 180.83
St Gabriel's	£ 87.64
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 237.79

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 10th November	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Harry & Kathleen Hilton <u>10.55 am</u> Those who died in war & Christopher Tickle 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Special Intention	(Sat) 6.00 pm People of the Pastoral Area	(Sat) 6.00 pm Ronnie O'Hara 9.30 am Theresa & Michael Cleary 6.30 pm The Leggett Family
MONDAY				
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Richard Hyland		9.15 am Jim Connolly
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Winnie Brierley	9.00 am St Mary's Y8 Mass (Joan Clegg)		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition
THURSDAY	10.00 am Woodbyrne & McGreal Families			9.15 am Thomas & Alice O'Neill
FRIDAY			10.00 am Veronica Marsden	9.15 am Norah Higgins
SATURDAY	10.00 am Joan Clegg	10.30 am Padre Pio Prayer Group	6.00 pm Judith O'Dowd	6.00 pm Lilian Welby
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Kathleen Morton 11.00 am Peter Topping 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Mary Coleman		9.30 am Peter McCoy 6.30 pm Madeleine McCann

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)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church, God's Family,
through the celebration of Baptism:

Eloise Martha Meredith Barnes, Francesca Lily
Sweeney & Aidan James Gray

May God bless them and their families

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

James Whalley William Bennett
Canon Brian Mullan

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad Norah Atkinson
Alan West Gillian Best
Joyce Nuttall Lynda Daly
Mary Hall Rev Jim Melia
Elizabeth Oldershaw Connie Crilly
Thomas Laing Jean Neary
Fred Lyth Ken Gorse
James Keith Lewis Margaret Hurley

Children who are missing, especially:

Madeleine McCann

SECOND COLLECTION

Today

Next Week

The Royal British Legion

Monthly SVP Collection



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

2 Malachi 3:19-20

For evildoers, the Day of the Lord will be a day of judgement;
but for the upright it will be a day of salvation

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

As far as possible, all should try to earn the food they eat.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

We hear a prediction of the destruction of the temple, and are told of the situation of Christians in a time of trial.