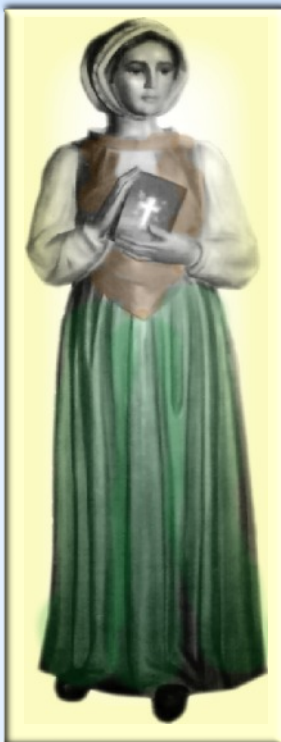


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

11th August 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday - 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 19

Today 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Wednesday St. Maxillian Mary Kolbe
Thursday Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
(Holyday of Obligation)
Sunday 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's readings, we hear Abraham described as a man "who was already as good as dead." He is an old man and his wife has passed child-bearing years a long time ago. For these two nomadic pensioners, the prospect of having their own children seemed highly unlikely. But their faith in God enables them to believe what they cannot see, to build up a vision of what the future may be like. They act on this vision of faith and they are rewarded with a son. They set out for the Promised Land "without knowing where they are going". Their map is their faith in God. When Abraham and Sarah reached their Promised Land, they lived there as strangers. They did not have the same rights as the citizens who belonged there. They believed that their descendants will enjoy being citizens of the land. But Abraham looks even further beyond as he looks out of his tent: he looks to another city where the founder and the architect and the builder will be God. Abraham's faith enables him to see beyond everything he is experiencing at this time. It allows him to see God's plan for him and his descendants in the future. As Tennessee Williams once wrote, "Time is the longest distance between two places." Abraham looks to another time and to a place in which he can settle as a true citizen. He looks forward to a place he can call home. In this homeland, he will share the address of God himself.

Abraham's deep faith in God enabled him to dare. Wherever he went, he took his treasure with him. His treasure was part of him. He could not be separated from it even in time of trial. Abraham's real treasure was his faith in God, and his heart was in the same place as his treasure. This is something which Jesus hopes will be true of his own disciples. Jesus says that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." But the question that needs to be answered is, "What is our real treasure?" So what is it? What do we value most in our lives? If we were all to list honestly what we really value, it would reveal so much about our real selves.

Today's Gospel asks us whether our treasure is something that will NOT fail us? The kind of treasure Jesus talks about is the kind that cannot be stolen or destroyed. If we had to take just one thing from our homes, what would it be? Abraham risked everything, but his risk was funded from his real treasure, his faith in God. Jesus risked everything too, but his risk was funded from the treasure in his heart – his great love of God the Father.

Is our real treasure rich enough to fund the risks the Gospel challenges us to take?

Psalm Response Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

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.



A warm welcome to visitors, those who have come home for the summer, and guests of parishioners. This week, a greeting in Spanish:

“Quiero dar una bienvenida muy especial a los visitantes Espanoles. Deseo que tengan unas vacaciones felices entre nosotros.”



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On Wednesday evening & Thursday, 14th & 15th August, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Masses in the Parish will be as follows:

Wednesday	7.00 pm	Holy Family
Thursday	10.00 am	St Gabriel's
	12.00 noon	St Richard's
	7.00 pm	St Ambrose Barlow



Following the opening of the Atherton & Leigh Foodbank in March 2013, over 650 parcels have been handed out feeding 320 adults and 144 children. We are now in a position to open up our Leigh Distribution Centres and this will be done in September.

The primary sponsorship in Atherton came from the local Churches Together group and many Church Members have become actively involved in the work of the Foodbank. We are now looking for Churches in Leigh to join the Foodbank by providing Church champions, Committee members and Volunteers especially in the Distribution Centres. If you would like to help the Foodbank in Leigh or Atherton, please send your name and contact details to Atherton & Leigh Foodbank, 2 The Convent, Orchard Lane, Leigh WN7 1EF or email info@athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk

Training for any volunteers interested in working in one of the Distribution Centres will take place on **Monday 19th August 12.30 – 4.30 pm** at St John's Parish Church, Atherton.

Also, if anyone wants to know a little more about the Trussell Trust and the Atherton & Leigh Foodbank and all the different types of work that volunteers can get involved in, then please come to **Kingsleigh Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13th August.**



REFLECTIONS

“Remember that, no matter how useless you feel, you're someone's reason to smile!”

“Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that Saint Francis of Assisi gave his brothers: preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words.”
Pope Francis (Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls 14 April 2013)

“Kindness is to the heart as sunshine is to flowers.”

“While out for an evening walk I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open, dark area. It was only then that I noticed that the sky was full of stars. And I thought to myself: how easily and how effectively the earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones. Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.” *(Source unknown)*

TEN WAYS TO LOVE

1. **LISTEN** without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. **SPEAK** without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. **GIVE** without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. **PRAY** without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. **ANSWER** without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. **SHARE** without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. **ENJOY** without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. **TRUST** without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. **FORGIVE** without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. **PROMISE** without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

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

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

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Sri Lanken Street Children Charity Evening

Praise and thanks to God for all who supported in so many ways, resulting in an enjoyable and informative evening on 2nd August. This was the culmination of 17 churches working together. The total is £2,580. Furthermore, Gift Aid donations of £ 375 will be increased by 25% when the Gift Aid refund (£93) is claimed. May God bless all who helped in any way and the recipients of our efforts.

St Richard's Parish Centre

The Rock and Roll Concert held last Saturday was a huge success and raised £480 for HCPT. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

Correction

The total for the SVP collection at St Richard's on 21st July was £265.65 (not £14.90).

Forthcoming Events

Annual Pilgrimage to St. Edmund Arrowsmith

The annual pilgrimage to venerate the holy hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith will take place on Sunday 25th August at St Oswald and St Edmund's Church, Ashton-in-Makerfield. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00 pm, followed by veneration of the holy hand. The preacher at Mass will be Fr Kevin Kelly.

Parish Feast Day

There will be a special Mass to celebrate the Parish Feast Days of St Margaret Clitherow and St Edmund Arrowsmith. This year, the celebration will take place at Twelve Apostles, Westleigh, on Thursday 29th August at 7.30 pm. More details nearer the time.

Emmaus Group

The next meeting of the Emmaus Group will be on Wednesday September 4th at 7.30 pm in the Parish House at St. Richard's. The meeting is open to anyone who has recently joined the Catholic Church and to anyone who is thinking of joining. It is a very relaxed meeting where we share our feelings about how we feel as new members of the Church and where we can share our questions and thoughts about our faith.

Visit by Fr Pat Collins to Southport

Fr Pat Collins will be speaking on Thursday 5th September at the Agape Mass at St Mary's, Prescott Road, Aughton L39 6TA at 8.00 pm. On Saturday 7th September, he will be speaking at a Day of Renewal at The Marian Centre, St Marie on the Sands, Southport PR9 0EJ from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Tickets £10 from Cathy Cameron (01704 224286). Fr Pat will end his visit by speaking on Sunday 8th September at the second of the Life in the Spirit seminars at St Patrick's, Churchtown PR9 9TJ at 7.30 pm. Everyone is very welcome to any of the events. For any further information, please contact Archie and Cathy Cameron (01704 224286).

"Dance to Swing Time"

Saturday 14th September, 7.30 - 11.30 pm at St Richard's Jubilee Hall. After last years successful event, Leigh Catenian Association have arranged another Dance Evening and invite parishioners from across the Pastoral Area to come along and enjoy the night. Tickets including buffet are £10 available from Ratcliffe's Cycle Life on Bradshawgate, Leigh (01942 673481) or Des (876050).



Churches Together in Boothstown PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL'S TWO CATHEDRALS Saturday 31st August 2013

An opportunity for members of the various churches to spend a half-day together visiting the two Cathedrals in Liverpool.

Proposed Timetable

11.00 am	Depart Holy Family Car Park and travel by coach to Liverpool
12.00 noon	Short Tour and free time at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
1.00 pm	Lunch at the Piazza Cafe Bar (at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral)
2.00 pm	Short Tour and free time at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
3.30 pm	Depart
4.30 pm	Arrive at Holy Family Car Park

The sooner we have an idea of numbers, the sooner we can book a coach and reserve places for lunch. So, if you are interested in coming on the pilgrimage, please sign the sheet at Holy Family as soon as possible, or email Fr Dave, no later than 12th August 2013. *Many thanks.*



CODE WORDS FOR CATHOLICS...PART 1

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip- sync .

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 587.68
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 232.84
St Gabriel's	£ 158.19
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 661.15
Total Parish Collection	£1639.86

SECOND COLLECTION

No Second Collection during August

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 11th August 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Madeline Meighan 11.00 am Private Intention (LISC) 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Edward & Mary Ellison	(Sat) 6.00 pm Brian Mills	(Sat) 6.00 pm Helen Bennett 9.30 am Marie Langan 6.30 pm Roddy Flaherty
MONDAY	<i>12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh</i>			
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Pat Burns 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am <i>Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow</i>
WEDNESDAY <i>The Assumption</i>	7.00 pm Chris Quinn			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY <i>The Assumption</i>		7.00 pm Teresa Gallagher	10.00 am Edward Hoare	12.00 noon Joan Smith
FRIDAY			9.15 am <i>Mass at St Richard's</i>	9.15 am Catherine, Emmett & Terry FitzMaurice 10.30 am Funeral Service for Janet Stevenson
SATURDAY	10.00 am Bernadette Kealy		6.00 pm Barbara Johnston	6.00 pm Lilian Welby
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Tony Dean 11.00 am People of the Pastoral Area 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Kateryna Batrak		9.30 am James Moran 6.30 pm John Battersby

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:
Janet Stevenson

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad	Joan Clegg
Teresa Cooney	Norah Atkinson
Maureen Warren	Margaret Dixon
Margaret Langan	Alan West
Gillian Best	Mary Hall
Veronica Marsden	Mavis Smith
Elizabeth Oldershaw	Joyce Nuttall
Lynda Daly	Connie Crilly

Children who are missing, especially:
Madeleine McCann

SECOND COLLECTION

Please Note

There is no Second Collection during August



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Jeremiah describes how he feels persecuted because of his faith in God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

The author of the letter to the Hebrews calls his readers to persevere in faith, drawing strength from the example of Christ and all those who have gone before them.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

The coming of Christ marks a time of division in which people will be called to declare their loyalty to God and to each other.