

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

28th Sunday of the Year (C)

13th October 2013



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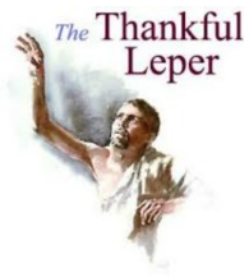
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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 4  
**Readings** Sunday - 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 28  
**Today** 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
**Tuesday** St. Teresa of Avila  
**Thursday** St. Ignatius of Antioch  
**Friday** Feast of St Luke, Evangelist  
**Sunday** 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
*(World Mission Day)*



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Thanks to the book "Schindler's Ark", and the film, "Schindler's List", the name of Oscar Schindler became known to millions of people around the world. Schindler was a German industrialist. During World War II, he saved over a thousand Polish Jews from the concentration camps. As the war ended, the Germans pulled out of Poland, and the people awaited the arrival of the Russians. Just before the Russians arrived, Schindler too decided to flee to the West. When the now free Jewish workers heard he was leaving, they got together to see how they could express their gratitude to him. All that they had to make him a gift was base metal. Then one of them suggested something better. He opened his mouth to show his gold bridgework. "Take this", he said, "Were it not for Oscar, the SS would have had the gold from my mouth anyway. My teeth would be in a heap in some SS warehouse." At first, the others resisted the man's offer, but he insisted. So he had his bridgework extracted by a prisoner who had once been a dentist in Krakow. A jeweller among them melted the gold and fashioned a ring out of it. On the inner circle of the ring they inscribed these words from the Talmud: "The one who saves a single life, saves the entire world."

It was an astonishing and deeply moving gesture of gratitude. The people who Schindler saved wanted to give something back. According to a French proverb, "Gratitude is the heart's memory." But then some might say that it was the least they could do since they owed their lives to Schindler.

The ten lepers in today's Gospel owed their lives to Jesus. Yet only one of them came back to thank him. It seems strange that the one who came back to give thanks was an outsider – a Samaritan. Perhaps the other nine were so eager to see their families again that they forgot to say thank you, leaving this task to a later date. Perhaps they simply took Jesus for granted. The outsider sees everything as gift, especially the healing Jesus had brought into his life. We hear a similar story in today's First Reading. We see the foreigner, Naaman, coming back to thank Elisha for curing his leprosy. It is important for us to be able to show our thankfulness. It's good for ourselves in the first place – it enables us to acknowledge the debt we owe to others. And of course, it's good for the other person – it helps them to feel appreciated and encourages them to be just as helpful in the future. As for expressing our thanks to God, he doesn't really need our thanks. But it is good to thank him because it reminds us that everything we have we owe to him. It's easy to be thankful to God for all the good things that happen to us, but we must try to be thankful for the whole of our lives – the bad as well as the good, the sorrows and the joys, the failures and the successes. As we thank God for our lives today, let us pray that, in good and bad times, we can look back and see the guiding hand of God, drawing us closer to him and to each other.

**Psalms Response** The Lord has shown us salvation to the nations.

**Gospel Acclamation** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

**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

#### Embroidery Group

Ladies (and gentlemen?) from St Gabriel's and Holy Family are invited to join the small embroidery group that make the White Garments presented to children when they are baptised. Only a simple chain stitch is required, fabric and silks are supplied, and it only takes a little time twice a year. If you're interested, please contact Sheila Watts on 0161 794 3036. Many thanks.

#### St Joseph's Players

A number of productions are being performed by the St. Joseph's Players over the next few months. They will all take place in St. Joseph's Concert Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh. "**Billy Liar**" by Keith Waterhouse & Willis Hall - 15th to 19th October at 7.30 pm. "**Beauty & The Beast**" written and produced by Doreen Johnson - 22nd January to 1st February at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8 each and are available at the door or from Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh.

#### St Ambrose Barlow Pantomime

There will be a meeting in St Ambrose Church Hall on Tuesday 15th October at 7.45 pm for those interested in taking part in the next pantomime. Please contact Steve for further details.

#### Ladies Group

A Bingo Bring and Buy night will be held in St Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall on Friday 18th October at 8.00 pm. Monies raised will go to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Everyone welcome. Donations welcome.

#### St Ambrose Guides

A chance to sort out your wardrobe! St Ambrose Guides will be having a **Bags2School** collection on Saturday 19th October – 8.30 to 8.45 am drop off. This is one of our most successful fundraisers, so please start now by collecting your old clothes, shoes, bedding, towels, bags, etc. We can store them in the Guide shed, so you can drop them off on any Guide night. We raised over £500 last year from the two collections!

#### XII Apostles Craft Fair

A Hobby & Craft Fair will take place in XII Apostles Parish Centre on Sunday October 20th between 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. Please come along and support them.

#### Padre Pio Prayer Group

St. Padre Pio's advice to "Pray, hope and don't worry" could not be more well timed for us all. Prayer Groups are often the most direct response to this message of hope and love. We can share this with others by placing out trust in God the Father and the Holy Family as Padre Pio taught us. You are very welcome to join us in prayer at the Padre Pio Prayer Group, every Tuesday at 7.00 pm in St. Ambrose Barlow Church.

#### Toiletries

There is a basket in the porch at St Ambrose Barlow Church. Christine B is collecting toiletries to make up gift packs to raise funds for Manchester CP Society. If you could add an item or two, she would be very grateful.

#### Walsingham Pilgrimage

We still need volunteers to help plan and organize next year's Pilgrimage to Walsingham. If you wish to volunteer please speak to Fr. Paul as soon as possible and we will arrange a meeting with Pauline & John so that they can hand over the organization and explain everything that they have to do.

## Archdiocese of Liverpool Building Maintenance Assistant

An opportunity is available for a part time, permanent Building Maintenance Assistant based at St Joseph's Presbytery, Leigh, to assist with the management, development and monitoring of buildings within the parish communities of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow, Leigh.

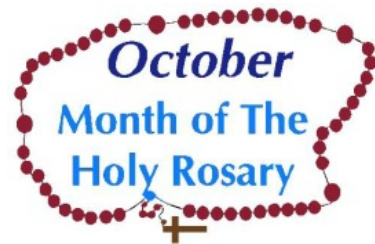
**Salary: £12,500 - £14,000 per annum**  
dependent upon qualifications, skills and experience

**Part-time: 20 hours per week**  
to be worked flexibly over 3-4 days  
25 days holiday (pro rata),  
pension and salary exchange schemes

The nature of the work will vary from responsive to preventative maintenance programmes of small repairs, to managing a wider rolling programme of works in response to quinquennial reports, which may include dealing with roofs, rainwater disposal, internal structure and external walls and general building services.

A full application pack including job description is available to download from our website at:  
[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/job](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/job)

**Closing Date: Friday 18th October 2013**  
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### PARISH NOTES

#### Newsletter

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

#### Clergy Addresses

##### Fr Paul Seddon

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](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)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



### **“With You Always” Presentation Masses**

St Gabriel's - Saturday 19th October at 6.00 pm  
Holy Family - Sunday 20th October at 9.00 & 11.00 am

### **Session 2 “Called By Name”**

St Gabriel's - Tuesday 22nd October at 6.00 pm  
Holy Family - Thursday 24th October at 6.30 pm  
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

### **St Margaret Clitherow SVP Society**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd October at Holy Family Church Hall at 7.30 pm. It would be good to see all members to catch up with each other, so please come along if you can.

### **Catechists Meeting**

Many thanks to everyone who have offered to help with the “With You Always” program. The first sessions have already taken place in church. The next sessions take place in November. For all those who have volunteered to help at St. Ambrose Barlow, Sacred Heart (Hindsford) and St. Richards, there will be a meeting at St. Richard's Parish House on Thursday October 24th at 7.00 pm. At the meeting we will look at preparing the next three sessions.

### **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 **by the end of October**. Many thanks.

### **Emmaus Group**

The next meeting of the Emmaus Group will take place at St. Richard's on Thursday November 21st 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.



Marjorie & Kevin Hesketh have been in touch to thank everyone who sent Mass cards and get well cards recently. They would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers following their involvement in a very serious motor accident in Scotland. They are both making a good recovery and Kevin is doing especially well following Wigan's great win in last week's grand Final – as is Fr. Paul of course!!!

## SOLEMN ANNUAL EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Quarant Ore - Forty Hours)



**Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2013**  
**Holy Family, Boothstown**

The church will be open for three days so that we can come and pray to the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. During this Triduum of Prayer, there will be continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (except during Mass).

### **Friday 18th October**

**10.00 am** **Mass & Opening of Exposition**  
*The children from school will call in to pray at various times during the day.*  
**7.00 pm** **40 Minutes with Jesus**  
*A time of prayer especially for teenagers*  
**8.45 pm** **Night Prayer & Close of Exposition**

### **Saturday 19th October**

**10.00 am** **Mass & Opening of Exposition**  
**10.30 am** **Confessions** (until 11.00 am)  
**6.00 pm** **Evening Prayer**  
**8.45 pm** **Night Prayer & Close of Exposition**

### **Sunday 20th October**

**8.00 am** **Morning Prayer & Opening of Exposition**  
**9.00 am** **Mass**  
**11.00 am** **Mass**  
**6.00 pm** **Evening Prayer & Benediction**  
*(to conclude the 40 Hours)*



*A little boy shows the Pope to his place for lunch in Assisi.*

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Holy Family	£ 741.50
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 292.14
St Gabriel's	£ 140.00
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 830.07
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>£2003.71</b>

### **SECOND COLLECTION** **CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day**

Holy Family	£ 728.95
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 74.51
St Gabriel's	£ 138.82
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 487.32

*Thank you so much for your generosity*

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 13th October	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Anne Freeman 11.00 am Christopher Tickle 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Special Intention	(Sat) 6.00 pm People of the Pastoral Area	(Sat) 6.00 pm Margaret Murray 9.30 am Jimmy Stanley & Ernie Ormisher 6.30 pm Kathleen & Fred Lyth
MONDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Corcoran Family		
TUESDAY		7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Dorothy Hunt
WEDNESDAY	11.30 am Funeral Mass for Peter Topping			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St Richard's</i>			9.15 am Martin Connolly
FRIDAY	<b>40 HOURS</b> 10.00 am Joan Clegg		<i>Mass at Holy Family</i>	<i>Mass at Holy Family</i>
SATURDAY	<b>40 HOURS</b> 10.00 am Nancy Quinn		6.00 pm Malcolm Ferris	6.00 pm Lilian Welby
NEXT SUNDAY	<b>40 HOURS</b> 9.00 am Lyn & Liam 11.00 am Baby Harrison 6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	11.00 am Joan Clegg		9.30 am Katie & Bernard FitzPatrick 6.30 pm Shaun Murray John Simmons

## 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 family of the Church  
through the celebration of Baptism:  
**Skylar Phoenix Hay & Amelia Grace Wood**  
*May God bless them and their families*

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:  
**Peter Topping**

Those who are sick, especially:

**Anne Broad  
Alan West  
Joyce Nuttall  
Fred Lyth  
Veronica Marsden  
Connie Crilly  
William Bennett  
Jean Neary**

**Norah Atkinson  
Gillian Best  
Lynda Daly  
Mary Hall  
Elizabeth Oldershaw  
Rev Jim Melia  
Thomas Laing**



## SECOND COLLECTION

**Today** Nugent Care  
**Next Week** World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Thanks to the sacrifice and witness of missionaries, the Catholic Church is growing; many Churches can now take care of themselves. However, over 40% of the Church across the world still needs our help. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection next Sunday to help them. Thank you for your support.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**

### First Reading

*Exodus 17:8-13*

The people of Israel gain a victory over their enemies through the power of God, which comes to them as a result of the prayer of Moses.

### Second Reading

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:2*

Paul instructs Timothy to abide in the sound doctrine which he has been taught since childhood, and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus encourages his disciples to pray continually and never to grow discouraged.