

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

14th July 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Sunday Readings - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays Readings - Year 1, Week 15
Today **15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**
(Sea Sunday)
Monday **St. Bonaventure**
Sunday **16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus faces the old hatred that existed between his own people and the country of Samaria. As John states in his Gospel, "Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." The Samaritans were despised, in Jesus' time, as the half-caste descendants of northern Jews who had intermarried with foreign settlers. This racial difference led to religious difference, and when the southern Jews returned from exile in 520 BC, they refused to allow the Samaritans to help them rebuild the temple. In response, the Samaritans established their own rival priesthood and temple. The breach was soon complete. Each group's loyalty to its own tradition served to nourish its hostility to the other. So, in today's Gospel, the Jewish lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbour?" gives Jesus the opportunity to confront this old hostility. For the traditional Jew, to love one's neighbour was understood as loving someone who belonged to the same community. A neighbour was someone within the boundaries of one's own racial and religious circle. To love outsiders while rejecting their beliefs was completely alien to the thinking and tradition.

Jesus' story tells of three travellers on the same road who see the same beaten and wounded man lying by the roadside. The question is: how are they going to react to what they see? Will their seeing the man in need get them to take action to help him? Two Jewish officials - a priest and a Levite - continue their journey as if they haven't seen him. They are obviously in a hurry and have no intention of helping the stranger at the side of the road, no matter how much he needs their help. At this point in the story, the hearers who thought of their community as priests, Levites and Israelites - like many Christians think of the Church in terms of bishops, priests and lay people - were probably expecting the hero of the story to be an Israelite. But they were shocked to discover that the true neighbour was a despised Samaritan, the one who is publicly cursed in the synagogues. He is the one Jesus holds up as a neighbour in the Kingdom of God. He is the one who goes beyond the limitations of religion to extend the boundary of compassion.

In the parable, Jesus questions his own people's attitude to the Samaritans. When someone says to him, "Yes, but we have our own way of doing things here", Jesus' response is to question that "way". In the parable he is questioning an attitude that has been taken for granted for hundreds of years, one which was enshrined in tradition and law. And Jesus is challenging the lawyer to be disloyal to this tradition and see others in a new way and a new light. If your religious tradition invites you to despise other people, then you must be disloyal to your tradition. If loving your neighbour means being disloyal to your tradition, then disloyalty itself becomes a virtue. The ultimate loyalty is love. Many of us may know from experience the weight of inherited hostility. We know that to help some people is not only an act of love but an act of defiance against the bigotry that sometimes passes for religion. Jesus tells us that, as his disciples, we must be disloyal to those who would educate our hate. If religion needs hatred to nurture it, then who needs that kind of religion? The Gospel comes to challenge our hate and to promote our love. And that challenge is always to extend the boundaries of our love to include our traditional enemies. If the Gospel does not liberate, then Christ died in vain. He died so that EVERYONE could have life in his name.

Psalms Response
Gospel Acclamation

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.

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

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when we are asked to remember and pray for seafarers, who spend up to nine months of the year away from home and family to bring to our shores so many of the goods we use everyday.



The **Second Collection** will be to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea whose team of chaplains and ship visitors welcome and support the seafarer while they are in port. If you are a tax payer, please use the Gift Aid envelope provided in your box of envelopes or at the back of church.

Marian Procession

The Young People in Year 7 at St Mary's Catholic High School will be taking part in a Marian Procession this Thursday as part of the Year of Faith. The procession will start in St Ambrose Barlow at 10.00 am and end with a short service in the school hall at 11.00 am. Parishioners are very welcome to join the young people. Please join us in church at 10.00 am.

CAFOD's Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

You are warmly invited to the CAFOD's Annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 18th July at 7.30 pm at St Oswald's, St Oswald's Street, Liverpool L13 5SB. This year the speaker will be Jessica Matthews who is CAFOD's Regional Support Officer for West Africa and the Great Lakes. She will be talking about CAFOD's work in the DRC!

News from St Mary's High School

As we enter our last week of term, at the end of a busy, productive and exciting year, we enter one of our busiest weeks! We have two Enrichment Days for our students, where they will take part in a great variety of activities, including Sports Day, a Marian Procession, and exploring the Brazilian culture in a number of different ways. On Friday, we will have a last Own Clothes Day of the year, with all money going to our nominated charities. We would like to wish staff and students a restful, enjoyable and (hopefully) sunny summer! Our thanks and best wishes go with staff who are moving on to pastures new from September.

"And a special thanks to Emma Allison, who has been the School Chaplain for the last 18 months. Emma has managed to get a school chaplaincy post nearer to her home. We are enormously grateful to Emma for her hard work, enthusiasm and the encouragement she has given to both staff and students. We wish her every blessing in her new ministry - and her forthcoming wedding!" *Fr Dave*



The Youth SVP at a Prayer Relay Service



Children in Year 3 (who will be going into Year 4 in September) at Holy Family and St Gabriel's should have received a letter this week inviting them to take part in the preparation for Confirmation and First Communion which begins in September. Please ensure your application form is returned to school or Fr Dave by the end of term. Children at non-Catholic schools, who would like to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion next year, should contact Fr Dave as soon as possible.

Sacred Heart Monthly Draw

Date of Draw 30 June 2013

£200 - 1031, £50 - 790, £25 - 267

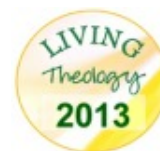
£10 Winners: 986, 816, 12, 1106

£5 Winners: 409, 720, 313, 152, 1033

Thank you for your continued support

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Departure Mass for this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place at St Margaret Mary's, Pilch Lane, Knotty Ash L14 0JG on Sunday 21st July at 3.00 pm. Everyone welcome!



Living Theology 2013

"Understanding your everyday beliefs" - a Summer School on the Christian Faith at Liverpool Hope University, Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July 2013. See noticeboards for full details.

St Ambrose Church Council / Forum

There will be a meeting of the St Ambrose Church council / forum on Wednesday 31st July at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Feel free to attend if you wish as this is an open meeting.

PARISH NOTES

Newsletter

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

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

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

Ambrosian's Meeting

The next meeting for the Ambrosians will take place on Thursday, August 1st. There is a trip to Southport on 15th August calling at Ormskirk Market en route. The price is £10.00, with a £5 deposit required when booking. For more information or to book, please call Jean T (871109) or Kay (749348).



Sri Lankan Street Children Charity Evening

Friday 2nd August at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Church Centre, Leigh. All welcome. £1 including refreshments. Tickets from Sister Megan (St Gabriel's) who will also be pleased to receive donations, raffle prizes, and/or gifts for the stalls.

St Richard's Parish Centre

Charity Night for H.C.P.T.

Saturday August 3rd

Rock 'n' Roll Band Reunion

playing 50s-60s music

plus a DJ

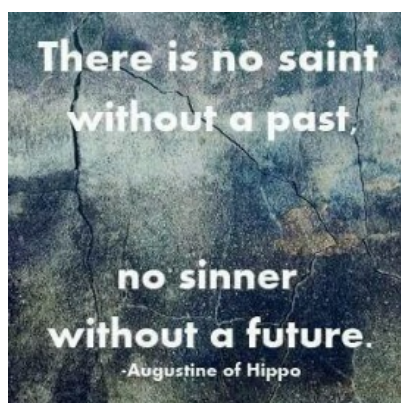
Tickets £5 from Centre (Phone 882125)

Walsingham Pilgrimage

A reminder to everyone that the Walsingham Pilgrimage takes place between August 19th-22nd. The balance is now due for payment.

Parish Feast Day

As in previous years, there will be a special Mass to celebrate the Parish Feast Days of St Margaret Clitherow and St Edmund Arrowsmith in Twelve Apostles Church, Westleigh, on Thursday August 29th at 7.30 pm. More details nearer the time.



Prayer for Peace in Syria & Egypt

O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

St John Damascene, pray for us.

LOURDES 'AT HOME' DAY



Thursday 25th July at St Ambrose Barlow

The schedule for the day:

8.00 am	Early Morning Mass <i>(followed by tea and toast)</i>
8.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(until 11.00 am)</i>
12.00 noon	Mass of Anointing <i>(followed by lunch)</i>
7.30 pm	Holy Hour & Procession

There are lists at the back of church for those who wish to be anointed, stay for lunch or need transport. Could Eucharistic Ministers and SVP members please ask the people they visit to see if they wish to attend and sign for them?

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We need **volunteers** to help prepare for the day and ensure it goes smoothly:

On the night before (Wednesday 24th July at 7.00 pm):

† We will need plenty of willing hands to put tents up, move chairs and prepare the grounds, the hall and the church for the following day.

On the day itself, we will need:

- † A coordinator to ensure that those wishing to be anointed have transport.
- † Volunteers to bring people to the Midday Mass.
- † Marshalls to direct cars into the car parks.
- † Help distributing food and drink after services.
- † People to assist the elderly and those in wheelchairs.

If you can help with any of the above, **please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of church**. Young people will be especially welcome as volunteers because in Lourdes they are an important part of the Liverpool Pilgrimage.

Many thanks

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 762.95
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 345.95
St Gabriel's	£ 164.76
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 640.92
Total Parish Collection	£1914.58

SECOND COLLECTION SSAFA

Holy Family	£ 149.85
St Ambrose Barlow	£
St Gabriel's	£ 49.25
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 143.38

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 14th July 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Patricia Awdas 11.00 am George Baybut	11.00 am Bernard Hughes	(Sat) 6.00 pm Thomas Burke 1.00 pm Baptisms	(Sat) 6.00 pm Helen Bennett 9.30 am Joseph Baker 6.30 pm Vincent Harvey
MONDAY	<i>12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh</i>			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Pat Awdas 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Mary Whittle
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Eunice Fairless			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	6.30 pm Year 6 Leavers Mass (Phyllis, Gary & Brian McCool)	9.30 am Mass in St Ambrose Barlow School 10.00 am Marian Procession		
FRIDAY			10.00 am School End of Year Mass (Aideen)	9.30 am Y6 Leavers Mass at Sacred Heart School 11.00 am Y6 Leavers Mass at St Richard's School
SATURDAY	10.00 am Michael Fogarty		6.00 pm Mgr John O'Connor	6.00 pm Lilian Welby
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Teresa Gallagher 11.00 am Chris Quinn 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Fr Arthur		9.30 am Peace in Syria 6.30 pm Francis Maxwell Mercer

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:

Vincent Harvey Monica Martin

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	

Children who are missing, especially:

Madeleine McCann

SECOND COLLECTION

Today

Apostleship of the Sea

Next Week

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church
through the celebration of Baptism

Max Sean Gallagher, Olivia Grace Potts,
Kai-Patrick Kodichi Ezeabasili, Leo Finn Chinedu
Ezeabasili & Morgan Thomas Crowder
May God bless them and their families

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

When Abraham gave hospitality to three strangers, he did not know that he was entertaining God himself, who would reward him with Good News.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

Paul, a minister of the Good News of the calling of the gentiles, suffers for his faith in God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

The Gospel contrasts Mary's activity and Martha's quiet devotion to the Lord..