

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

16th June 2013



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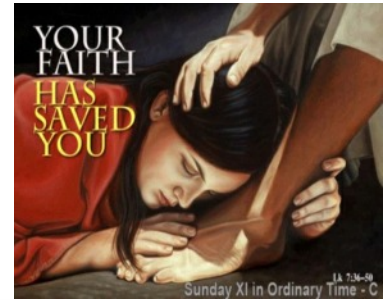
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Sunday Readings - 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays Readings - Year 1, Week 11
Today **11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**
Tuesday St. John Rigby
Friday St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Saturday **Feast of SS. John Fisher & Thomas More**
Sunday **12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus is a guest in the house of Simon the Pharisee. The first thing Jesus does is take his place at the table. However, the three main elements of hospitality are missing. These are supplied by an uninvited guest, a woman whose reputation is well known. She is probably a prostitute. She comes prepared to minister hospitality to Jesus and she lavishes on him the fullness of her care. Her tears wash his feet which she dries with her hair; she covers his feet with kisses; she anoints them with ointment. In all this, she does not say a single word. Her language is in her actions as she demonstrates her love for Jesus. The host looks at everything that is happening in his own home, and is shocked. Remember that Simon is a Pharisee, "a separated one". For him, contact with sinners is unclean and therefore completely forbidden. And here is a lady of the night spending time with Jesus. So Simon wonders if Jesus really is a prophet. Does he not know what kind of woman is touching him?

So Jesus confronts Simon with the real question: "Simon, do you see this woman?" This is the problem. Simon does not see the woman. He sees a bad name. He sees a sinner. True, the woman does have a bad name, but is that all that she is? Simon cannot see beyond her sin. Jesus can see beyond sin and knows that she has the potential to be a good person. Jesus tells Simon that he prefers the extravagant love of a woman with a bad name to his lukewarm welcome. From Simon, there was no kiss, no anointing, no washing. Nothing. In contrast, the woman is free to show love because she has experienced the forgiveness of Jesus. "The man who is forgiven little shows little love." Simon is not free to show love either to Jesus or to the woman. And when the story ends, the conflict is not resolved between Jesus and Simon the Pharisee. The woman, however, departs in peace.

In dining at Simon's house, Jesus has confronted his host with the question of how he sees other people. We need to ask ourselves that question too. Do we see other people in such a way that encloses them in their wrongdoing? Or do we see others like Jesus does – acknowledging that they may have got things wrong in the past, but giving them the encouragement to see that they have a future. Forgiveness promotes change in people. It gives them new hope and a desire for a new tomorrow. Let our sharing around the Lord's table help us to be more forgiving.

Psalm Response Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Gospel Acclamation I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Appeal at all Masses in the Pastoral Area next weekend.
See page 2 of the newsletter.



**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

Coffee & Cakes

Today, Danielle Pollitt-Walmsley (a pupil at St Mary's) will be holding a Cake Sale and Coffee Morning in Holy Family Church Hall: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. All proceeds will go to funding her trip to the INDRA World Congress in Derry in July where she has been asked to represent England. The Congress will provide an opportunity for young people from around the world to share their experiences and practice in dealing creatively with conflict in the world around them.

Churches Together in Boothstown

Termly Committee Meeting on Thursday 20th June at 7.00 pm at Boothstown Methodist Church.

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Barbecue

This year's barbecue takes place on Saturday 22nd June (weather permitting) in the grounds at St Ambrose Barlow. Everyone welcome. Fires will be lit at 4.00 pm. Family games on the lawn, bouncy castle and raffle. Come along with your own food to cook and drinks. Bread, salads, sauces, etc., will be provided. Tickets: Adults £3.50, Children £1.50, Family Ticket £10.00. Please contact Des (876050) or Steve (876487) for more details and tickets.

National Board of Catholic Women

AGM on Saturday 22nd June, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm in the The Gibberd Room at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral with Christine Allen (Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Christian Aid).

Friends of St. Richard's

St. Richards School are holding their annual Summer Fair on Saturday June 22nd. Anyone interested in booking a stall at a cost of £20, please contact Pauline on 07717 580949 or contact the school office on 01942 882980.

Aid to the Church in Need

Next weekend there will be an appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need at all Masses in the parish. Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic charity which supports Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need throughout the world.

ST MARY'S RELAY OF PRAYER



Next week (24th to 28th June) we will be doing our Relay of Prayer again, with our feeder primaries. The children have been working hard to prepare their dramas and their banners for the walk. If parishioners would like to be involved in the week, there are opportunities to walk with the children and also to join us with the services each night during the week. For more details, please phone Emma at school (01942 884144) or email e.allison@smchs.org.uk

Relay of Prayer

Evening Services at 7.00 pm

Monday 24th June	Holy Family, Boothstown
Tuesday 25th June	St Richard's (Taize Prayer)
Wednesday 26th June	Sacred Heart, Leigh
Thursday 27th June	St Joseph's, Leigh

APPEAL FROM BARNABUS



The economic situation is exasperating the circumstances in which many people find themselves, especially those who are homeless. Barnabus, who serve the homeless on the streets of Manchester, are urgently in need of the items below. If you can help, please leave items at the back of any of the churches in the parish. Many thanks.

FOOD Tinned meat (ham, corned beef) and fish for sandwiches and food parcels. Tinned hot dogs. Tinned ready meals (e.g. stew, bolognaise, curry). Tinned vegetables (we are really running out of these basic items such as carrots, green beans, potatoes). Coffee. Long life milk. Cereal with long dates. Sugar. Cordial. Packets of instant noodles and pasta.

CLOTHES Men's jeans 30"-36". Men's shoes, boots, trainers especially size 10 upwards. Coats especially waterproof. Men's new boxers (medium) trunk style. Men's new socks (thinner material for summer).

TOILETRIES Shampoo. Roll on deodorant. Shaving foam.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Led by Fr James Preston: Friday 25th October – Friday 1st November 2013 – Tangney Tours. Places still available. For further details and cost, ring St Charles in Aigburth, Liverpool, on 0151 727 2493. By air from Liverpool Airport, with half-board accommodation, staying 5 nights in Krakow and two nights in Czestochowa. A full spiritual programme with visits to many sites and shrines, including Czestochowa, Krakow, Wadowice, Divine Mercy Convent at Lagiewniki, Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Zakopane.

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

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

Bishop Malone invites you to join him on Saturday 29th June for the annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, Fernyhagh Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 5RR. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at 12.00 noon in St Mary's Church, followed by Rosary Procession and Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information, please contact Fr Preston (0151 727 2403).

'Celebrate the Child'

The annual Archdiocesan Children's Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 30th June at 2.30 pm. Children, their families, catechists, teachers and all who work with children are warmly invited to attend. If you would like to take an active part in the Mass, please email: celebratethechild@tesco.net



An Evening of Summer Music

Monton Voices Community Choir invites you to join them for an evening of summer music at Holy Family on Tuesday July 9th at 7.30 pm, with additional contributions from Martin McLaughlin and the children of Holy Family's Year 6. Tickets are priced at £5 and £3 for over 60's and children. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the charity "Let The Children Live", whose aim is to help relieve the poverty and violence experienced by children forced to live on the streets and rubbish dumps of Colombia.

Emmaus Group

The next meeting of the Emmaus Group will take place on Wednesday July 10th at 7.00 pm in the Parish House at St. Richard's. The group is mainly for those who have recently joined the Catholic Church as a way of providing on-going support. The meeting should last about an hour.

'Come & See' Weekend.

The Irenaeus Group are holding a "Come & See" weekend at Christ the King High School, Southport, on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October. Keynote speakers will include Fr Daniel O'Leary and Edwina Gateley, and the prayer sessions will be led by CJM Music. If you would like to go, please contact Jenny at Irenaeus (0151 949 1199) or email her at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk If we get enough people from the Pastoral Area, we could make a group booking which would make it cheaper. If you would like to go, please contact Fr Paul or Bernie Bates at St. Richard's.



† The family of Margaret Rogers have been in touch wishing to thank everyone for their prayers, cards of sympathy and to those who came to her funeral. Thanks for all the support. May she rest in peace.

† Sincere thanks to all those who donated to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research via your sponsorship of Dom, Paul and Wyn Goggins in the Manchester 10k recently. £53.85 has been sent to LLR and the day when we beat blood cancer is closer, thanks to you. See www.justgiving.com/FamilyParty for a record of your donation.

LOURDES 'AT HOME' DAY



This year's Lourdes 'At Home' Day will take place on **Thursday 25th July** at St Ambrose Barlow, Astley. The day will follow the same pattern as previous years:

8.00 am Early Morning Mass
12.00 noon Mass of Anointing (followed by lunch)
7.30 pm Holy Hour and Procession

MIKE STANLEY RIP

This week we received the very sad news that one of the country's foremost Christian songwriters, Mike Stanley, has died after a short battle with cancer. You may not know Mike by name but, if you have been attending the churches in the Parish for a while, you will have heard his voice. Along with Joanne Boyce, Mike makes up the music team entitled CJM Music and have written hymns such as "Bread Of Life", "Magnificat", "Behold The Lamb" and many more. Fr Paul first met him at Soli House in Stratford Upon Avon many years ago. He has always been a great support to people and priests throughout the country, sharing liturgical ideas and of course his wonderful music. Please keep his family and friends, especially his wife Yvonne and his three children, in your prayers. His gift of music will be greatly missed.



A NEW PRAYER FOR SERENITY

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God. At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God, ... please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect. It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people, who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you. Amen."

(Source Unknown)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 663.53
St Ambrose Barlow	£
St Gabriel's	£ 181.20
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 757.67
Total Parish Collection	£

SECOND COLLECTION

Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Association

Holy Family	£ 151.06
St Ambrose Barlow	£
St Gabriel's	£ 52.88
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 185.41

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 16th June 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Neil & Elizabeth Mullaley 11.00 am Clare Meehan	11.00 am Rosalyn Knox	(Sat) 6.00 pm Julie Locke (Sun) 1.00 pm Baptisms	(Sat) 6.00 pm Lilian Welby 9.30 am Pat Fanning 6.30 pm Dorothy Hunt
MONDAY	<i>12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh</i>			
TUESDAY	11.15 am Funeral Mass for Terence Flaherty	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Eric Whiteside 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Paul Reynolds 11.00 am Funeral Service for Joyce Farrimond
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Deceased Members of Maude/Taylor Families			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am Frank Swift		12.00 noon Funeral Mass at St Joseph's	9.15 am Tony McKiernan
FRIDAY	4.00 pm Wedding Anniversary Celebration		12.00 noon Funeral Mass at St Joseph's	9.15 am The Watson Family
SATURDAY	10.00 am Jessie Ferretti		6.00 pm People of the Pastoral Area	6.00 pm James Hurst
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Ann & Joe Thompson 11.00 am Christina Burke 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Judy Twomey		9.30 am Mary & Martin Furey 6.30 pm Ellen Baxter

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
**Holly Rose Parker-Smith, Leo Wolstenholme
& Daniel James Meehan**
May God bless them and their families

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Anne Sutton
Vincent Dunne
Mary Whittle
Fr Basil Walker
Terence Flaherty

Joyce Farrimond
Winnifred Irene Smith
Deacon Bill Parr
Teresa Gallagher
Paul Hackett

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad
Teresa Cooney
Maureen Warren
Margaret Langan
Gillian Best
Pat Burns

Joan Clegg
Norah Atkinson
Margaret Dixon
Alan West
Mary Hall
Veronica Marsden

SECOND COLLECTION

Today
Next Week

St Vincent de Paul (SVP)
Aid to the Church in Need

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading *Zechariah 12:10-11,13:1*
The prophet Zechariah looks forward to a time when a new spirit will be poured out on God's people, and they will mourn over the one they have put to death

Second Reading *Galatians 3:26-29*
Our unity in Christ has done away with distinctions, which means that Jews and Gentiles alike are heirs to the promises made to Abraham

Gospel Reading *Luke 9:18-24*
Jesus is revealed as the Messiah, but a suffering Messiah. Suffering will be part of the lives of his followers too.



STOP PRESS

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY
Sunday 23rd June 2013, 10.30 - 16.00
See noticeboards for further details
or contact Fr Dave

