

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

First Sunday of Lent (C)

17th February 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Sunday Readings - 1st Sunday of Lent (C)
Weekdays Readings - 1st Week of Lent
Today **First Sunday of Lent (C)**
Friday **Feast of the See of Peter the Apostle**
Sunday **CAFOD's Lent Fast Day**
Second Sunday of Lent (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus leaves the shore of the River Jordan, he is filled with the glory of God's Holy Spirit. He has been anointed with the Spirit, endowed with the grace he needs for his mission in the world. He looked much like any other man, yet his daily encounters over the next three years would reveal his inner greatness more and more. But at this moment, as he leaves the Jordan, with God the Father's affirmation ringing in his ears, he is led out into the wilderness where he will be tested.

The temptations we read about in today's Gospel are expressed in a highly dramatised form. It could almost be a dream sequence, but the reality of it was true enough. Jesus found himself, all through his public life, tempted to take an easier, more popular route. The pressure to take the easier choice was put upon him by both enemies and friends. His preaching about a new Kingdom of God was uncomfortable, and many did not want to know. Those who simply wanted to see a better material world would be very disappointed. Those who looked to Jesus as a political revolutionary would have to look elsewhere. Jesus did not intend to rule the world this way. Those people would later shout, "Not this man, but Barabbas."

The man who emerges from the desert, and from his encounter with Satan, heads up to his own country of Galilee to begin the most glorious chapter in the history of the world. He will show, in word and in deed, the glory of God, and the glory that awaits God's children. He will preach the Good News to the poor. He will mend hearts that are broken. He will set prisoners free.

As for the devil's temptations, Jesus will turn them on their head. When it comes to bread, he will feed the hungry crowds, and he will give himself to us as the "Bread of Life" in the Eucharist, teaching us to pray for our daily bread and for the coming of God's Kingdom. When it comes to facing suffering, Jesus will let himself be taken for a criminal and put to death on a cross, trusting in the Father whose voice he heard at the Jordan River during his Baptism, and the Father will raise him from death itself. When it comes to the kingdoms of this world, Jesus will gather his disciples on a mountainside, and will tell them to "make disciples of all the nations."

As we begin this great season of Lent, may the Lord's journey through the desert encourage us when we feel we are in the wilderness, or alone, or afraid. And may we carry on the disciples work of sharing the faith of Christ with others in whatever way we can.

Psalms Response
Gospel Acclamation

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Friday 22nd February is CAFOD's Lent Fast Day
See page 3 for full details



**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

"With You Always"

Session 5 for parents and children in Year 4 preparing for Confirmation and First Communion takes place this week:

Holy Family - Wednesday 20th February at 3.30 pm or Thursday 21st February at 6.30 pm in church. **St Gabriel's** - Thursday 21st February at 3.15 pm in church.

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Forum

The Parish Forum will meet this Wednesday at 7.45 pm at Holy Family. All parishioners are most welcome. Minutes of the last meeting are at the back of churches.

Bingo Bring and Buy

The Ladies Group will be holding a Bingo Bring & Buy on Friday 22nd February at 8.00 pm in St Ambrose Church Hall. Monies raised will go to a charity of their choice. All welcome. Please contact Maria Chilman for more details.

Mission Appeal

Sr Renate of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit will make the Annual Mission Appeal during Masses next week-end at St Gabriel's and Holy Family: www.worldssps.org

St Richard's 500 Club February Winners

£100	187	A Toone
50	402	M Peak
25	41	P Arrowsmith
15	10	M Farrimond
15	24	G Baxendale

Thank you for your continued support

St Ambrose Barlow 200 Club February Winners

£100 Mary Dootson (No 56)

£50 Jane Flaherty (No 110)

Thank you for your continued support

St Richard's Easter Flowers

If you wish to have the names of your loved displayed amongst the flowers in St. Richard's Church this Easter, then please write their names on an envelope and post it through the letter box at St. Richard's as soon as you can. Closing date will be the Palm Sunday weekend. A donation towards the cost of flowers would be most appreciated.

St. Richard's SFG

St. Richard's Social and Fundraising Group would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who supported the annual Race Night in St. Richard's Parish Centre on February 1st. The total raised was £1075.25. All money raised will go to support the children of St. Richard's School. Many thanks to our sponsors on the night for their continued support.

Holy Family HCPT Coffee Morning

The Coffee morning held last week for HCPT raised a total of £629.46. This includes donations and all the money raised at the Coffee morning and Raffle. The event was once again a great success and, with your support, children will visit Lourdes this Easter. They will light a candle and say a special prayer for our church communities. Thank you for your generosity and your very loyal and continuing support.

Ambrosians Outing

There is an outing to The Bourne Poacher on Tuesday 19th March for a St. Patrick's celebration. This will include a meal. To book a place, please phone Kay on 01942 749348.

"Aladdin" - The Pantomime

St Ambrose Players are pleased to present their production of Aladdin: Tuesday 5th - Saturday 9th March in St Ambrose Barlow Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets: Adults £6.00, Seniors and Children £3.50. For reservations, please contact Des: 01942 876050. Come and enjoy the show!

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2013

Once again the annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year between Monday August 19th to Thursday August 22nd. The list for this year's Pilgrimage is in the porch at St. Richards. If you would like to go, then please sign your name and contact details and you will hear further details nearer the time. If you go to a different church, either email or phone Fr Paul, leaving a message with your name and number and he will write your name on the list. Prices this year is Adults £140 and Juniors £115.

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI



Almighty ever-living God,
who has given your faithful servant Benedict
grace to maintain his faith and hope in you
amid the labours of his apostolic ministry;
graciously bestow upon him, we pray,
the consolations of your Holy Spirit
and uphold him in serenity of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God - pray for us.

St Peter & St Paul - pray for us.

St Benedict - pray for us.

All holy men and women - pray for us.

PARISH NOTES

Newsletter

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

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



Lenten Services

Early Morning Masses

Wednesdays

7.30 am at St Ambrose Barlow

Fridays

6.30 am at Holy Family

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7.00 pm

St Richard's, St Ambrose Barlow & Holy Family

Saturdays at 5.30 pm

St Gabriel's

Taize Prayer

Tuesday 26th February at 7.30 pm

St Ambrose Barlow

Thursday 7th March at 7.30 pm

Holy Family

Thursday 14th March at 7.30 pm

St Richard's

Services of Reconciliation

The following services will take place at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 19th February at St Richard's

Wednesday 6th March at St Joseph's

(Please note: this service will include Individual Confession)

Tuesday 26th March at Holy Family

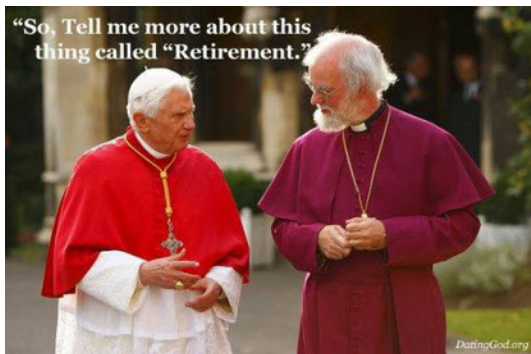
"Confessathon"

(Individual Confession)

Saturday 16th March at St Joseph's

10.00 am - 2.30 pm

(except during Mass at 12.00 noon)



"During his visit to this country in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI clearly appreciated the gift of God of Cardinal John Henry Newman. Two phrases from Blessed John Henry Newman's hymn 'Praise to the Holiest' capture for me the Cardinal and then the Pope whom I have been blessed to know: 'the loving wisdom of our God' and 'the wisest love'.

Pope Benedict broke open for us, especially during his visit to our country, the wisdom above all given to us in the Word of God and to that Word of God a word of love for us. He has been a herald with only one concern; that in the words of John the Baptist: 'the Lord must increase and I must decrease'.

Therefore in the deepest sense it is no surprise that such a disciple of the Lord, when he discerns that the resources of body and mind are inadequate to fulfil the mission entrusted to him, comes to the clear humble and selfless decision to resign."

Archbishop Patrick Kelly



LENT 2013

This Lent we are marking the 50th Anniversary of CAFOD through various fundraising activities and liturgies.



CAFOD's Annual Lent Fast Day

Friday 22nd February

God created a world of abundance with enough food for everyone, but we have turned it into a world of want: each and every night one in eight people goes to bed hungry due to lack of food. This Lent Fast Day, we're invited to share the abundance of God's creation with our sisters and brothers across the world. So let's hunger for a fairer world by supporting Fast Day and donating what we save. Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of churches this weekend. Please take one and bring it back next weekend. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

CAFOD & Traidcraft

CAFOD and Traidcraft will be open in Holy Family Church Hall after the morning Masses next Sunday, February 24th. Tea, coffee, toast etc and delicious home made cakes will be on sale. The proceeds from these refreshments will go to our CAFOD project Connect2Ethiopia. Please come along if you can, you'll be very welcome.



Wardrobe De-Clutter Sale

Wardrobe De-Clutter Sale in Holy Family Church Hall on Sunday 3rd March, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Please put a note of the date in your diary and come along to what promises to be a very good sale of high quality men's and women's clothing and accessories. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. Thank you to all who have already donated. Items can still be left in church porches up until February 24th. For further information, please contact Joan (07785 112206) or Wyn (0161 790 1854).

CAFOD's Stations of the Cross

The Youth SVP will lead a set of Stations of the Cross from CAFOD on Friday 15th March at 7.00 pm at Holy Family.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 651.85
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 323.00
St Gabriel's	£ 169.42
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 559.91
Total Parish Collection	£1704.18

SECOND COLLECTION

HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust

Holy Family	£ 629.46
St Gabriel's	£ 59.29
St. Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 97.20

Thank you so much for your generosity

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 17th February 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Thanksgiving (Jobs) 11.00 am Those who foster children 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Mykola Batrak	(Sat) 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Sat) 6.00 pm Tommy Pollard	(Sat) 6.00 pm Tony McKiernan 9.30 am Noreen Twomey 6.30 pm Bill Rigby
MONDAY				12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Margaret Dootson		9.15 am Tony Croft 7.30 pm Service of Reconciliation
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Patricia Consey	7.30 am The Smith Family		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition
THURSDAY	10.00 am Special Intention			9.15 am Mary Marsh
FRIDAY	6.30 am K Conway 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross	7.00 pm Stations of Cross		9.15 am Angela Gibbons 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	10.00 am James & Mary McGuinness		5.30 pm Stations of the Cross 6.00 pm Kenneth Pendlebury	6.00 pm Helen Bennett
SUNDAY	9.00 am Charles McEntee 11.00 am Anne Moran	11.00 am Bernard Atkinson		9.30 am Shaun Pendlebury 6.30 pm Kathleen Twomey

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
Spencer Jack Howarth
May God bless Spencer and his family



LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad	Joan Clegg
Teresa Cooney	Michael Dunn
Archbishop Kelly	Norah Atkinson
Maureen Warren	Fr George Russell
James Galek	Margaret Dixon
John Royle	Margaret Langan
Joan West	Alan West

Children who are missing, especially:
Madeleine McCann **April Jones**

SECOND COLLECTION

Today Lenten Alms
Next Sunday CAFOD's Lent Fast Day

Lenten Alms - Each year, during Lent, the second collection goes to a charity of the Archbishop's choice.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

First Reading *Genesis 15:5-12,17-18*

We learn of the solemn covenant God made with Abraham which was the foundation of God's relationship with the people of Israel. Through Christ, we are the heirs to this covenant.

Second Reading *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Paul urges his converts to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share in his glory.

Gospel Reading *Luke 9:28-36*

Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor in the company of some of his disciples and a number of famous people from the old Testament.