

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

18th August 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter	Week 4
Readings	Sunday - 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) Weekdays - Year 1, Week 20
Today	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Tuesday	St. Bernard
Wednesday	St. Pius X
Thursday	The Queenship of Mary
Saturday	Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle
Sunday	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the lead-up to the Olympic Games in London last year, a flame was kindled at Olympia, the site of the original games in ancient Greece. This flame was then transported to Britain where it was carried in a relay, which brought the flame within ten miles of every inhabitant of the UK, before being brought into the Olympic Stadium to ignite the cauldron that was kept burning throughout the games. In ancient times, the flame was an act of homage to Zeus, the chief of the gods, in whose honour the games were held. Still today, the carrying of the flame and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron has an almost sacred significance. People have a sense of being drawn together in the celebration of what is best in human endeavour, reaching the pinnacle of physical achievements. The Olympic flame is always at the heart of every that happens throughout the games. The fire is the focal point of everything that takes place.

In the Gospel today, Jesus expresses a longing to bring fire to the earth and wishes it were burning already. He touches an elemental human experience that fire means more than simply light and heat. The fire that Jesus wants to see blazing in the world is the fire of God's love enlightening and warming the hearts of all people. Jesus is speaking to men and women who are used to hearing of fire as a sign of the presence of God. They think of Moses at the burning bush, when he was told to take off his shoes for he was on holy ground. They think of the pillar of fire that was the sign of the Lord leading his people from slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land. They think of the fire that consumed the sacrifice of Elijah in his great battle with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. And now, we think of the flames that came down on the apostles at Pentecost as a visible sign of the Holy Spirit, touching and filling their lives. As fire gives light and heat, so Jesus looks to the time when God's love, the Holy Spirit, will fill our hearts and minds, enabling us to know the truth and live it with courage.

Last year at the Olympic Games, we were amazed at the dedication of the athletes. They had to be completely dedicated to their sport even to qualify, let alone win a medal. Years of self-denial and commitment to gruelling training schedules are the price that the athletes, and their families, are prepared to pay even for the chance to compete for a medal. They consider this to be a price worth paying. The Olympic flame remains a powerful symbol of what they burn up in their own lives just to share the glory of what it is to be human. But God offers us something more. Jesus shows us a way that enables us to go beyond anything that we can achieve on our own, to overcome even death to enter into life eternal with him. And the fire that makes this possible is the fire of God's love, the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the ultimate challenge for any Christian – to believe and to trust to the very end. It is not a once-every-four-years challenge. It is what our whole life is all about, being prepared to let go of everything else, if only we can win the prize for which we all long, eternal life with Christ Jesus in Heaven.

Psalm Response Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

**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 German:

“Liebe Freunde, Sie kamen um Ihre Ferien hier zu verbringen. Wir freuen uns, Sie bei uns aufzunehmen.”

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



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.

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).

The Church in the World

A meeting, organised by the Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Commission, will take place at St. Michael's, West Derby Road, Liverpool, on Saturday 14th September, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. The focus of the meeting will be the problems faced during the present financial climate and will be led by Church Action on Poverty. It is a free event, but if you would like to attend, please phone 0151-522-1080/1081 or email s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk



Best Care of the Dying Patient



In the light of the Neuberger Review of the Liverpool Care Pathway, a conference has been organised for Priests, Deacons, Bereavement Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Funeral Ministers, Healthcare Workers, and anyone involved or interested in the care of the dying. The conference will take place on **Monday 14th October, 2.00 - 4.30 pm or 7.00 - 9.30 pm** at LACE. If you would like to attend this conference, further information and booking forms are available at the back of churches.

ATHERTON & LEIGH FOODBANK



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.

It might be a little premature, but...



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

PARISH NEWS

This Week



Walsingham Pilgrimage

A number of people from the Parish depart for Walsingham on Monday. We will begin the Pilgrimage with a special Mass in St. Richard's Church at 8.30 am to which all are welcome to attend. We promise to pray for everyone in Walsingham this week. We will return on Thursday afternoon.

Mission Red Mission Boxes

The latest collection from the mission boxes at Holy Family amounted to £506.14. Sincere thanks to all concerned. As always, your efforts are very much appreciated. If any tax paying box holders would like to gift aid their contributions, please phone Ann Callan (0161 799 5799). This just involves signing a single form and all your contributions will be worth even more to the missions. Many Thanks. Next collection: October.

CAFOD & Traidcraft

CAFOD and Traidcraft will be open in Holy Family Church Hall after the morning Masses next Sunday, 25th August. All are welcome.

St Richard's 500 Club

August Winners

£100	146	M Farrimond
£50	432	V Birchnall
£25	31	B Brundrett
£15	436	M Hodge
£15	2	AKM Hunter

Forthcoming Events

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.

Bingo, Bring & Buy

The Ambrosians are holding a Bingo Bring & Buy on Friday 30th August at 8.00 pm in St Ambrose Church Hall. All monies raised will go to Francis House. Come along and join the fun!

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.

"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).



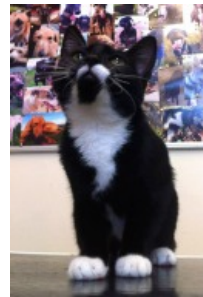
Churches Together in Boothstown PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL'S TWO CATHEDRALS

Saturday 31st August 2013

An opportunity for members of the various churches to spend a half-day together visiting the two Cathedrals in Liverpool. The coach will leave at 11.00 am from Holy Family Car Park and return at 4.30 pm. The coach is nearly full. If anyone else wants to join the pilgrimage, please let Fr Dave know as soon as possible. Thank you.

WELCOME

After the death of Fr Dave's beautiful cat, Mary, last Saturday, he welcomed two new villains to the parish this week - a ten week old kitten and a ten month old cat - both from the RSPCA in Wigan. Despite their ordeals, both are settling in well and giving Fr Dave the runaround! No names yet - those will probably emerge as their personalities do. Here they are:



CODE WORDS FOR CATHOLICS...PART 2

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognise besides gyros and baklava.

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the car park.

RELICS: People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 672.65
St Ambrose Barlow	£ TBA
St Gabriel's	£ 138.05
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ TBA
Total Parish Collection	£

SECOND COLLECTION

No Second Collection during August

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 18th August 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Tony Dean 11.00 am People of the Pastoral Area 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Kateryna Batrak	(Sat) 6.00 pm Barbara Johnston	(Sat) 6.00 pm Lilian Welby 9.30 am James Moran 6.30 pm John Battersby
MONDAY	St. Richard's at 8.30 am – Walsingham Pilgrimage Mass			
TUESDAY	10.00 am Funeral Mass for John Mooney	7.00 pm Prayer Group		<i>Mass at Holy Family</i>
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Philip Paterson			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am John Taylor			<i>Mass at Holy Family</i>
FRIDAY		10.30 am Funeral Mass for Vincent Knight	<i>Mass at St Richard's</i>	9.15 am Vincent Harvey
SATURDAY	10.00 am Tony Dean		6.00 pm Fr Paul Thompson	6.00 pm Dorothy Hunt
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Brenda McDonald 11.00 am Atherton Vets 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Vincent Topping		9.30 am Gillian & Anthony Brett 6.30 pm Marie Langan

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)

BAPTISM

Welcome into the family of the Church
through the celebration of Baptism:
Nathan Higgins, Thomas Edward Garner,
Isobel Helen May Garner, Blake Benjamin Brown
& Sophia Joan Livesy
May God bless them and their families

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

John Mooney
Vincent Knight

Teresa Cooney

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad
Norah Atkinson
Margaret Dixon
Alan West
Mary Hall
Mavis Smith
Joyce Nuttall
Connie Crilly

Joan Clegg
Maureen Warren
Margaret Langan
Gillian Best
Veronica Marsden
Elizabeth Oldershaw
Lynda Daly
Rev Jim Melia

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Please Note

There is no Second Collection during August



Our Lady of Walsingham - Pray for us

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

Gentiles will be converted and receive a share in Israel's blessings.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

As a father shows his concern for his son by training him in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

The Kingdom of God is offered, not just to the Jews, but to people from the four corners of the world.