

# Parish of St Margaret Clitheroe

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

1st September 2013



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter Readings** Week 2  
Sunday - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 22

**Today** 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
**Tuesday** Feast of St Gregory the Great  
**Sunday** 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
(Racial Justice Day)



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus goes to dine at the house of the Pharisee, he notices how all the other guests have already made sure of their own positions. The atmosphere is not relaxed. Everyone there is scrutinizing this young preacher. What will he do? What will he say? How will he behave? Jesus decides not to disappoint them. He tells them a story about going to a wedding. The wedding story reminds us of the importance of conducting ourselves with humility and not putting ourselves in places of honour. Jesus' story suggests that we are all invited to the wedding, not just some of us. We all have a seat at the table. Demanding or expecting special treatment is no way to behave. Jesus then goes on to tell a second story, about the poor and underprivileged, and how they never get invitations to a wedding, never get invited to share in life's resources and riches.

One of the problems with the Pharisees is that they liked to put people in an order of importance and to make sure that the privileges they had garnered for themselves did not get squandered on others. The Gospel has to make ourselves ask: are there any times in our lives when we are like the Pharisees? Do we look down on people the same way that they did? Jesus challenges us to think about the plight of the poor and needy in our lives today. It is easy to feed people and share with others who can repay us. Who knows, they might even give us more in return. But what about giving without the hope of receiving in return, especially giving to those who are in need?

In recent times the Church has once again encouraged us to use the practice of fasting in order to show our love for God. It isn't something we HAVE to do but it is a good thing to do every once in a while, not only to give honour to God, but to associate ourselves with the poor. The act of fasting connects us with those who have no food. Perhaps, when we do fast, it allows us to think of the plight of those who hunger in the hope that this will want to make us help them even more in the future. Sending money to good causes is obviously a very good thing to do, but if we do not join those who are poor and hungry then we may never truly feel for them.

Our world is always prone to living according to the way of the Pharisees. Our human nature clings to comfort and privilege and position. And, although "the poor are with us always", we sometimes feel more comfortable if we keep them at a safe distance from our own door. In his famous "I have a dream" speech 50 years ago this week, Martin Luther King campaigned for freedom and justice for ALL people. The speech was unique in that he spoke about EVERYONE. A few years ago a fundraiser for CAFOD spoke in Liverpool Cathedral. He began by using bad language. He said, "Every day in parts of our world, 1000's of people die because of the lack of food that we take for granted and no one gives a ... (insert your own word!) And now, all of you here are more upset that I have used bad language in church than by the fact that today 1000's of people will die because they do not have enough food." In the Kingdom of God, as the Letter to the Hebrews states, we are ALL first-born children of God and equal citizens of Heaven. Do we show that in the way that we live our lives today?

**Psalms Response** In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation** If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

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.

### 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 Gift of Mary

Sandymount House of Prayer in Blundellsands, Liverpool, will be holding a day retreat entitled "The Gift of Mary" on Sunday 8th September to celebrate the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day will begin at 10.00 am and finish at 4.00 pm. It will be led by Philip McParland and will include Mass and a time for reflection. If you would like to attend this retreat, please phone Sandymount on 0151 924 4850 to reserve a place. The cost of the day is £12. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.



### 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](mailto:s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk)



CHURCH ACTION  
ON POVERTY

### Come & See Weekend

The Irenaeus Group are holding a "Come & See" weekend in Christ the King High School, Southport, on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October. Keynote speakers 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 on 0151 949 1199 or email her at [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk). If we get enough people from the Pastoral Area, we could make a group booking which would make it cheaper. So please also let Fr Paul know if you are going.

### 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.

## DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT



### Weekly Meetings

A series of six weekly meetings for people who are divorced, separated or experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship start Monday 16th September 2013 in Liverpool 17, from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

### One Day Meeting

A one-day meeting will be held on Saturday 14th September for those who cannot attend the six evenings. See poster for details or contact Frances on 0151 727 2195 or Maureen 0151 722 1029.

### Weekend Course

Friday evening, 27th September to Sunday, 29th September 2013. A welcoming and affirming weekend offering a chance to reflect share and pray together at Loyola Hall Jesuit Spirituality Centre, Prescott, Merseyside. This can be attended on a residential or non-residential basis. Contact [www.loyolahall.co.uk](http://www.loyolahall.co.uk) or phone 0151 426 4137

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Applications are now being considered for the next CCRS course, which is due to take place at St Bede's High School, St Anne's Road, Ormskirk L39 4TA. The Orientation evening will be held there on Thursday 26th September 2013 at 7.30 pm. All enquiries and correspondence to the CCRS Coordinator at LACE, or by phone 0151 522 1053 on Tuesdays 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, or email: [b.hunt@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:b.hunt@rcaol.co.uk). Information brochures are available at the back of churches, or from Fr Dave or Fr Paul, or from the Archdiocesan website [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)



## 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](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)

## PARISH NEWS

### This Week

#### Parish Forum

The next meeting of St Margaret Clitherow's Parish Forum will take place this Tuesday, 3rd September, at St Richard's, Atherton, beginning at 7.30 pm. Please note change of venue. Copies of the minutes of the last meeting are available at the back of churches.

#### St. 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 7.00 pm in St. Ambrose Barlow Church.

#### 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.

#### The Craft Class

The Craft Class resumes on Thursday 5th September at 10.00 am until 12.00 noon in St Richards Club.

#### Sacred Heart Monthly Draw results

Date of Draw 25 August 2013

£200 526, £50 80, £25 758

£10 847, 927, 1048, 297

£5 597, 444, 1024, 982, 595

Thank you for your continued support

#### Ladies Group

St Ambrose Barlow Ladies Group meet this week at 7.15 pm in St Ambrose Church Hall. Tea Rota: S Gaskell and P Wilson. Raffle Rota: Margaret R & M Barton. New members always warmly welcome.

#### Safe a life - give blood

Sunday 8th September, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm & 2.00 - 4.00 pm at the Novotel, Worsley.

## PARISH FEAST

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the Parish Feast Day last Thursday - and to all those who helped in various ways.

Father,  
bless and guide all our communities.  
Confirm us in the faith  
for which the martyrs lay down their lives.  
Help us to work together  
and to listen attentively to your Word,  
so that we may be your disciples,  
and fulfill our mission  
to bring the Good News to all the world.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

St Edmund Arrowsmith – Pray for us.  
St Margaret Clitherow – Pray for us.

## Forthcoming Events

### Scripture Group

The next meeting of the Scripture Group will be held on Thursday 12th September at 2.00 pm in Holy Family Presbytery. We will focus on the Scripture Readings for Sundays 15th, 22nd and 29th September. Please bring along either a Bible or a Sunday Missal. All welcome.



### Frog Race Night!

The Catkins Trust are holding 'Frog Race Night' on Friday 13th September, 7.30 to 11.00 pm. This is a family event, and great fun, involving racing frogs (not real frogs!) which are powered by manual human strength. The Catkins Trust was set up last October and is a fundraising charity, providing children affected by parents or carers drinking, with life's essentials. Primarily, it is to meet the needs of the children who access Willow's Young Persons Counselling Service (which offers counselling to vulnerable young people aged 11-19 yrs). Entrance fee is £2 per adult and £1 per child/concession. There will be a tuck shop available on the night and tea/coffee and refreshments will be on sale during the interval. Please feel free to bring along your own alcoholic beverages and nibbles! Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night. Please contact Karen Little on 07891 307529 for tickets.

### "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).



### World's Biggest Coffee Morning

For Macmillan Cancer Support  
† Thursday 26th September, 10.00 - 12.00 noon, in St Richard's Parish Centre. Tickets £2. Donations of items for a Tombola and Stalls would be much appreciated.  
† Friday 27th September, 10.00 - 12.00 noon, in Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Please come along for a drink, a cake and bingo.  
† Saturday 28th September in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. More details to follow or speak to Mary B.

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 737.28
St Ambrose Barlow	£ TBA
St Gabriel's	£ 213.84
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 700.80
Total Parish Collection	£

### SECOND COLLECTION

No Second Collection during August

Thank you so much for your generosity

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 1st September 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Ann & Joe Thompson 11.00 am Fr Terry McCann 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am David Keenan	(Sat) 6.00 pm Brian Gerrity	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vincent Monks 9.30 am Teresa Cooney 6.30 pm Harvey Dowell
MONDAY		8.30 am St Mary's Staff Mass		
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ronnie Kenwright 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Grace Tyrell
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Seamus McNulty			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition 10.30 am Funeral Service for Neil Leonard
THURSDAY	10.00 am Tony Dean 1.00 pm Funeral at Wardley			9.15 am Raymond Symonds
FRIDAY			10.00 am Private Intention (LISC)	Mass at St Gabriel's
SATURDAY	10.00 am Marie Coyle		6.00 pm Baby Carey	6.00 pm John & Mary-Una McLoughlin
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Pat Davies 11.00 am Jo Fannin 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Edward Murphy		9.30 am Alice Leech 6.30 pm John Fox

## 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:  
Ruby Ivie Ubuane, Jayden John Paul Ubuane,  
Amelia Rose Roscoe, Georgia Sophie Duckworth,  
Amelia Florence Lees & Sebastian Semple  
May God bless them and their families

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Neil Leonard Harvey Dowell  
John Michael Smith

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad Joan Clegg  
Norah Atkinson Margaret Dixon  
Alan West Gillian Best  
Mary Hall Veronica Marsden  
Mavis Smith Elizabeth Oldershaw  
Joyce Nuttall Lynda Daly  
Connie Cilly Rev Jim Melia

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today

Francis House Children's Hospice

Next Week

Catholic Association for Racial Justice

CARJ is an independent charity and an Agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, supporting and empowering minority ethnic Catholics in order to give them an effective voice in the Church and in the wider society.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

### First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

Without the gift of divine wisdom, we would be unable to work out the mysteries of the Universe, the meaning of history and the mind of God.

### Second Reading

Philemon 9:10, 12-17

Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus, his former slave, back as his brother.

### Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Being a disciple of Christ involves self-sacrifice. According to Jesus, we must be prepared to accept the cost of discipleship.