

# Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

20th January 2013



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter** Week 2  
**Sunday** Readings - 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
**Weekdays** Readings - Year 1, Week 2  
**Today** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
(Day of Prayer for Peace)  
**Monday** St. Agnes  
**Thursday** St. Francis de Sales  
**Friday** **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**  
**Saturday** Saints Timothy & Titus  
**Sunday** **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
(Education Sunday)



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The prophet Isaiah understands how important names are to people. This is why, in today's First Reading, he attempts to give hope to the despondent people of Israel by saying: "you will be called by a new name, no longer are you to be named "Forsaken", nor your land "Abandoned", but you shall be called "My Delight" and your land "The Wedded". The Good News is that the people of Israel are not going to be stuck with their old name "Forsaken", for there is going to be a wedding. And just as the bride changes her name in the wedding, so the people of Israel are going to get a brand new name. Isaiah promises that the time will come when God will take his people to himself like a bridegroom takes his new bride, and there will be great rejoicing in this new relationship. So it is that Israel waits for the day and the hour when this great event will take place. They wait for their wedding day, their meeting place with God.

Today's Gospel Reading shows us that the wedding is on. At the festival of a Jewish Wedding in Cana, Jesus reveals his glory through his first great sign. It's an unusual wedding for there are two bridegrooms! There is the bridegroom who has just got married, and there is Jesus who is the real bridegroom. He is an invited guest at the wedding, but Jesus is also the long-awaited bridegroom of Israel. Jesus will transform this private Jewish wedding into a great sign to show that the time has come when God will take his people to himself in a new way. Jesus has come as the bridegroom to claim his bride, Israel.

During the wedding feast, the wine runs out and Mary expects Jesus to do something about it. Jesus' negative answer to Mary underlines the point that he cannot be bound by family relationships, but only by his Father's will. There are six large stone jars used to provide water for the Jewish rituals of cleansing. Jesus tells the servants to fill these jars to the brim, and after they do this they discover that the water had been changed into wine - all 120 gallons of it! When the steward tastes it, he compliments the bridegroom for keeping the best wine until last - but he is complimenting the wrong bridegroom! Jesus is the one who has supplied the new wine and in doing so has revealed his glory. When the disciples see what has happened they believe in Jesus.

The story gives us a marvellous image of the loving relationship we have with God through Jesus. It also says something to us of the power of Mary's intercession and prayer. Jesus has come to claim us as God's own, and he is generous in the gifts he brings. The symbolism of the wedding feast appears through the Gospels. In John's account of the Marriage Feast of Cana, Jesus is so generous in the amount and quality of the gift of wine he provides, thus allowing the feast and the celebration to continue even longer. Luke shares the same point in his Gospel: "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is still with them?" Because Jesus, the Son of God, is with them, it is not the time to fast but the time to feast. And the feast is generous: "out of his fullness have we all received" (John 1:16).

The ultimate generosity of Jesus is shown when he dies out of love for us, when the bridegroom lays down his life for the bride. Jesus gives his whole self in love. He gives us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist so that we can be united with him and with God the Father. So let us rejoice today that God invites us to the wedding feast, a celebration that will have no end.

**Psalm Response**  
**Gospel Acclamation**

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.  
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.

**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

### **Churches Together in Boothstown**

There will be two opportunities for Churches Together in Boothstown to gather in prayer for this year's Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity:

**Sunday 20th January at 6.00 pm**

Unity Service at Holy Family, Boothstown

**Tuesday 22nd January at 7.00 pm**

Compline at St John's, Mosley Common

### **St Martin Apostolate**

St Martin Apostolate invite you to visit their Trade Show at St Edward's RC Church Hall, Thurlo Street, Rusholme, Manchester M14 5SG, Tuesday to Thursday, 22nd - 24th January, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.

### **"With You Always"**

Preparation for Confirmation and First Communion resumes this week. Parents and children in Year 4 are invited to one of the following sessions:

**Wednesday 23rd January**

3.30 pm in Holy Family RC School

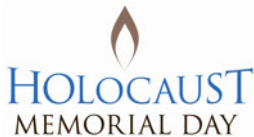
**Thursday 24th January**

3.15 pm in St Gabriel's RC School

6.30 pm in Holy Family RC School

### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

Join us to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday 25th January at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber, Wigan Town Hall, or at 1.30 pm in The Derby Room, Turnpike Centre, Leigh Civic Square.



### **News from St Mary's High School**

This week, we are focusing on Holocaust Memorial Day with a number of activities happening during form times. Assemblies will continue this week, and forms will be encouraged to think about and reflect on what the day means in a variety of different ways. On Friday, there will be a short service to mark the day including a balloon release with representatives from the different forms. We would like to extend an invite to all who would like to join us for this. The service will start at 8.30 am, and visitors are invited to meet in the reception from 8.15 am, and will be met and taken to the service for 8.30 am. Refreshments will be available afterwards if you would like to stay for a while.

### **Help Required**

A work squad is needed on January 26th at St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall to erect the stage for the forthcoming pantomime. If you can spare an hour or so, morning or afternoon, please come along any time from 10.00 am onwards. For more information, call Steve on 876487.

### **"Thank You"**

(1) Many thanks to all who attended the recent Bingo Bring & Buy at St Ambrose. The sum of £162 was raised and was split between Derian House and St Ann's Hospice charities.

(2) Many thanks to those who tidied the churches after the Christmas festivities – putting the Cribs away, taking the trees down and changing the flowers.

### **The Craft Class**

The Craft Class will resume on Thursday 31st January at 10.00 am until 12.00 noon in St Richards Club.

## CAFOD & Traidcraft

CAFOD and Traidcraft will be open in Holy Family Church Hall after the morning Masses next Sunday, 27th January.

### **St Margaret Clitherow SVP**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th January at 7.30 pm at St Richard's, Atherton. The meeting is for all members so please come along if you can.

### **Over 60's Afternoon March 16th 2013**

Traditionally, St Ambrose Barlow Church Community has welcomed persons over 60 years of age to Mass, a meal and entertainment in March. Sadly, we can only accommodate 76 persons with our limited catering facilities.

We are now inviting **those who wish to attend to make your intention clear** so we can issue the invitations, subject to numbers. As always, our first priority must be to sick and housebound members of the community and those over 60 years who attend St Ambrose Barlow Church on a regular basis. We would also like to invite those who have historically attended our church but who now worship in the neighbouring communities, owing to a change in circumstances, plus those who help out at our community events on a regular basis.

If you would like to attend this very enjoyable afternoon, please contact Delia (07753 929476) or Steve (01942 876487) before February 10th, who will pass your request on to the organisers. Invitations will then be issued according to the above criteria and subject to numbers. If we find that we are over subscribed, then the later names will be placed in a draw for selection, but we will try to fit in as many people as possible and hopefully no-one will be disappointed!

### **St Ambrose Barlow 200 Club**

**January Winners**

**£100 Josie Evans (No 152)**

**£50 Ian Carey (No 18)**

*Thank you for your continued support*



## 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)





## Crossing the Threshold

A free resource day to support ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics at St Mary's Catholic Church in Leyland on 2nd February 2013. The day will run from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, with tea and coffee served from 9.30 am. Bishop Michael Campbell OSA (Lancaster) will give the main talk and Bishop Terence Brain (Salford) will also be in attendance. The programme includes Mass, talks, workshops, sharing time, stalls and much more. The event is primarily being offered for people in the Liverpool, Salford and Lancaster dioceses, but others from further afield are very welcome. To register your place and to find out more, please email your name to [mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk) or telephone the Home Mission Desk on 0207 901 4818. For further information, please see noticeboards and brochures at the back of churches.



## Be a Chorister for a Day

Are you a boy in year 3-5? Do you enjoy singing and working hard in a team? If so, you are invited to come and meet the choristers at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool and sing in the largest Catholic church in the country for a day! We are holding a 'Be a Chorister for a Day' event for the very first time on Sunday 3rd February from 10.30-16.00. Come and find out more about being a chorister and have fun playing, singing, eating and exploring. Application forms and further information are available on the Cathedral website: [www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk) or by contacting the music office [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk) / 0151 708 7283. Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. A similar event for girls will take place in June.



## Catholic Parliamentary & Public Policy Internships

For the last ten years, the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: three interns will be placed with Christian MP's at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House, Westminster. All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships) Completed application forms must either be emailed to [interns@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:interns@cbcew.org.uk) or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9.00 am on 25th February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

## An Idea for Lent 2013

The Year of Faith (2012-13) was initiated by Pope Benedict XVI to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. 1962 is also a significant year for the Catholic Church in England and Wales because that was the year the Bishops set up CAFOD – Catholic Association For Overseas Development.

To mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of CAFOD, we would like to suggest that each community in the Parish does something during Lent to highlight CAFOD's work and to raise funds for the charity.

We already have CAFOD's Annual Lent Fast Day on Friday 22nd February. In addition, there will be a Wardrobe De-Clutter Sale in aid of CAFOD on Sunday 3rd March at Holy Family, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Further details to follow. It is also planned to have a Mass in remembrance of Archbishop Oscar Romero towards the end of Lent, and to use CAFOD's Stations of the Cross in each church at some stage during Lent.

Would the other communities like to do something during Lent for CAFOD – either individually or collectively? Please let Fr Paul or Fr Dave know in order to avoid date clashes and so that we can advertise what's happening.

## Prayer for Peace Sunday



**God of perfect peace,  
violence and cruelty can have no part with you.  
May those who are at peace with one another  
hold fast to the good will that unites them;  
may those who are enemies  
forget their hatred and be healed.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*(Roman Missal)*

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 743.01
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 249.61
St Gabriel's	£ 213.99
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 794.28

## OTHER COLLECTIONS

### Pax Christi

Holy Family	£ 134.41
St Gabriel's	£ 53.32
St. Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 87.73

### Crib Offerings

Holy Family	£ 70.21
St Gabriel's	£ 15.69

*Thank you so much for your generosity*

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 20th January 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Tony Raynor 11.00 am Bernard Hough 6.00 pm Unity Service	11.00 am Vincent Topping	(Sat) 6.00 pm Florence & Ronald Pierce	(Sat) 6.00 pm Ted, Margaret & Angela Harrison 9.30 am Margaret Nolan 6.30 pm Maria Baxendale
MONDAY				12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Eddie McGrath		12.00 noon Funeral Mass for Helen Barrett
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Successful Outcome	9.00 am (St Mary's Y9) Arthur Wilson		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY			10.00 am Stephen Preston	9.15 am Bernard Hough
FRIDAY	10.30 am Funeral Service for Margaret Bleakley 12.15 pm Funeral Mass for Margaret Hannon			9.15 am John Bullock
SATURDAY	10.00 am Marie Gahan		6.00 pm Helen Coppack	6.00 pm Frances Green
SUNDAY	9.00 am McHugh & Lyth Families 11.00 am John Higginbottom 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Evelyn Green		9.30 am Mary Charlton 6.30 pm Pat Fanning

## 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

We welcome into the family of the Church:  
Louis Cleaver-Smith, Freddie Cleaver-Smith,  
Nathaniel Woodward, Lucas Michael Jones,  
Holly Doodson, James Doodson  
and Lucy Anne Nuttall

May God bless them and their families

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Beryl Skiffington, Frank Lennon,  
Gerald Coop, Helen Bennett,

Margaret Bleakley and Margaret Hannon

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad, Bernard Atkinson, Teresa Cooney,  
Michael Dunn, Fr Stephen Louden, Archbishop Kelly,  
Maureen Warren & Canon Dick Firth

Children who are missing, especially:

Madeleine McCann & April Jones

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today

Next Sunday

Housing Justice

Catholic Education Service

The Catholic Education Service is an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It negotiates with the Government and other national bodies in order to safeguard and promote Catholic education.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

**First Reading**

*Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10*

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, Ezra sought to re-establish the Jewish religion. Here he reads the Book of the Law of Moses to the people.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

Just as the human body is one though made up of many parts, so the Church, though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21*

God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long-awaited Saviour of the poor and the oppressed.