

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

29th Sunday of the Year (C)

20th October 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Readings Sunday - 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 29

Today 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
(World Mission Day)
Sunday 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

None of us can really live out our lives as Christians without prayer. But we have to understand what prayer is and what it does.

Once upon a time, three men were trapped in a dark cellar which had no doors or windows. One man, a writer named George, had no faith. He just sat down in a corner cursing the darkness: "There's nothing we can do," he said, "We might as well resign ourselves to our fate." The second was Peter, a very religious man. He prayed for a long time. When he had finished, he sat back and waited for a miracle. The third man was a bricklayer by the name of Ivan. He was quite religious in his own way, but he was also a very practical man. He had a small chisel in his pocket. With the light of a match, he found a small stone. Using this as a hammer, he began to chip away at the wall. The work was slow, monotonous and extremely tiring. He got dust in his eyes, and blisters on his hands. Neither of the other two men showed any inclination to help him - George sat in the corner smoking, Peter sat in another corner praying. From time to time, Ivan prayed too: "Dear God, I believe that with your help we can make it out of here. So help us now." Finally, after hours of painful work, a big stone dislodged itself and light streamed in from next door. He began to shout for joy, praising and thanking God at the same time. His two companions helped him to widen the hole, and eventually all three of them crawled through and were free.

All three had very different attitudes to prayer. George thought it was a waste of time. If he didn't believe in God, who would he pray to? For Peter, prayer was the substitute to action. So, once he had said his prayers, he sat back and waited for God to come to his rescue. Ivan believed in prayer too, but not as a substitute for action. Having prayed, he immediately took whatever action he could. His prayer served the purpose of keeping up his courage and hope. It also gave him a sense of God's nearness and an assurance that God had not abandoned him.

Faith and prayer are interconnected. Whenever we pray, like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are called upon to hope and have faith that one day our prayer will be answered. But, sometimes, God calls us to take action too and make our very lives a prayer to God.

St. Augustine once wrote, "Faith pours out prayer, and the pouring out of prayer sustains and strengthens faith." As we lift up our prayers to God this weekend, may our lives be an expression of our faith in God as we seek to follow him each and every day.

Psalms Response Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

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

CAFOD & Traidcraft

CAFOD and Traidcraft will be open in Holy Family Scout & Guide Hall today (Sunday) after both morning Masses. All welcome.

XII Apostles Craft Fair

A Hobby & Craft Fair will take place in XII Apostles Parish Centre today (Sunday) between 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. Please come along and support them.

"With You Always"

Presentation Masses

St Gabriel's - Saturday 19th October at 6.00 pm

Holy Family - Sunday 20th October at 9.00 & 11.00 am

Second Meeting for Parents & Children

St Gabriel's - Tuesday 22nd October at 6.00 pm in church

Holy Family - Thursday 24th October at 6.30 pm in church

St Margaret Clitherow SVP Society

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd October at Holy Family Church Hall at 7.30 pm. It would be good to see all members to catch up with each other, so please come along if you can.

Catechists Meeting

Many thanks to everyone who has offered to help with the "With You Always" program. The first sessions have already taken place. The next sessions take place in November. For all those who have volunteered to help at St. Ambrose Barlow, Sacred Heart (Hindsford) and St. Richard's, there will be a meeting at St. Richard's Parish House this Thursday October 24th at **7.30 pm** – **please note the slightly later time**. At the meeting, we will look at preparing the next three sessions.

November Pious Lists

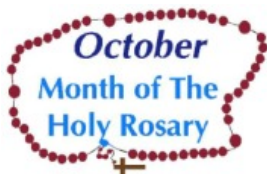
At Holy Family and St Gabriel's, you will find the traditional Pious Lists at the back of church. Please take one if you want, write the names of those you want to remember on the list, and then return it to church. We will remember all those on the Pious Lists during Mass in November. There's no obligation to place an offering in with your list, but if you want to, the money will go to the Priests Training Fund.

Toiletries

There is a basket in the porch at St Ambrose Barlow Church. Christine B is collecting toiletries to make up gift packs to raise funds for Manchester CP Society. If you could add an item or two, she would be very grateful.

Thank You

The Family of Veronica Walsh would like to thank all parishioners and friends for their generous donations to St Ann's Hospice following Veronica's Funeral Mass two and a half years ago. As you may know, the collection was stolen. The person concerned was eventually apprehended and sentenced. The firm which employed the person concerned has kindly made up the money that went missing. Consequently, John Walsh has now been able to present a cheque for £700 to St Ann's Hospice.



Today, the Pope asks Catholics all over the world to join together at Mass to pray, celebrate and care for the whole family of the Church.

A big part of our Church (40%) still needs our help to survive and grow to self-sufficiency. Even more challenging is the fact that more than 50% of the world's people has never heard of Jesus and so don't know that they are loved unconditionally by God.

Through Missio, your prayers and donations will support the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they build schools, provide healthcare and share faith, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, so that all may know God's love and live a life of dignity. The money collected in today's **Second Collection** will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide. Please give what you can; every gift makes a difference and, if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided. Thank you for all your help.

For further information:

www.missio.org.uk/missionsunday



PARISH NOTES

Newsletter

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

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Masses of Remembrance

Since All Souls falls on a Saturday this year, there will be two Masses to remember all those who have died, especially loved ones who have died during the last 12 months, as follows:

Monday 4th November at 7.00 pm

St Richard's, Atherton

Wednesday 6th November at 7.00 pm

Holy Family, Boothstown

Music Meeting

For all those who help out with music in the liturgy, there will be a gathering of singers and musicians in St. Richard's Parish House on Thursday November 7th. The aim of the meeting is to simply share new ideas with each other. It would be good to gather together more to support each other in this important role. The meeting will begin at 7.30 pm. Please bring instruments and voices!

"With You Always"

Second Meeting for Parents & Children

St Richard's School - Wednesday 13th November at 3.30 pm

Sacred Heart School - Wednesday 13th November at 6.30 pm

St Ambrose Church Hall - Thursday 21st November at 6.00 pm



Parish Visitors

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, member of the SVP or the Bereavement Teams, or undertake some other form of ministry and visit people in their homes, then you are invited to a **Safeguarding Awareness** meeting on **Tuesday 19th November**, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, at Holy Family, Boothstown. The meeting will be led by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team and will involve information on elder abuse as well as how to keep yourself safe when carrying out your ministry. This is an important meeting and the priests ask us all to make it a priority. If you are able to attend the meeting, please sign the sheet at the back of church **by the end of October**. Many thanks.

Emmaus Group

The next meeting of the Emmaus Group will take place at St. Richard's on Thursday November 28th at 7.30 pm. **Please note the change of date from last week's newsletter**. The group is mainly to provide on-going support to those who have recently become members of the Church. The meeting normally lasts about an hour. Please come along if you can and bring any questions you may have.

Children's Liturgy Catechists

A very early notice that there will be a special day of training for Children's Liturgy catechists on Sunday February 9th at LACE. The day will be run by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Formation Team. The aim of the day is to help those already involved in Children's Liturgy as well as providing much needed training for those who are just beginning this very important role. More details nearer the time.

SOLEMN ANNUAL EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Quarant Ore - Forty Hours)



Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2013

Holy Family, Boothstown

The church will be open for three days so that we can come and pray to the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 19th October

8.45 pm

Night Prayer & Close of Exposition

Sunday 20th October

8.00 am

Morning Prayer & Opening of Exposition

9.00 am

Mass

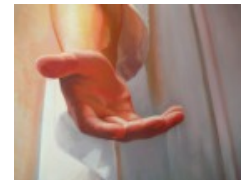
11.00 am

Mass

6.00 pm

Evening Prayer & Benediction

(to conclude the 40 Hours)



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Faith and the Internet

A talk and discussion with Fr Tim Byron SJ (Manchester University RC Chaplain) at Faith Primary School, Prince Edwin Street, Liverpool L5 5LW on Saturday 26 October, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. To book a place: 0151 298 1911.

City of London Sinfonia

Faure's Requiem and works by Tallis, Poulenc and Gabriel Jackson in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 26 October at 7.30 pm. Tickets: 0151 708 7283. Further details: music@metcathedral.org.uk

Archbishop Romero Lecture 2013

"A Disturbing Truth: the Church, the Poor, and Oscar Romero" by Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP on Thursday 31 October at 7.00 pm at Holy Name, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PG. Further details: www.romerotrue.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 696.17
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 309.52
St Gabriel's	£ 184.80
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 734.88
Total Parish Collection	£1925.37

SECOND COLLECTION

Nugent Care

Holy Family	£ 140.39
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 37.04
St Gabriel's	£ 59.85
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 63.81

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 20th October	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	40 HOURS 9.00 am Lyn & Liam 11.00 am Baby Harrison 6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	11.00 am Joan Clegg	(Sat) 6.00 pm Malcolm Ferris	(Sat) 6.00 pm Lilian Welby 9.30 am Katie & Bernard FitzPatrick 6.30 pm Shaun Murray John Simmons
MONDAY				
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Special Intention (Sick Person) 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Theresa Quinn
WEDNESDAY	<i>Year 7 Welcome Mass at St Joseph's</i>	11.00 am Funeral Service for Norah Cookson		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	11.00 am Funeral Mass for Veronica Marsden			9.15 am Ernest Grundy
FRIDAY		10.30 am Funeral Service for Martin Hession	10.00 am Sr Anne Joseph	9.15 am Brian Hodgkiss
SATURDAY	10.00 am Seamus McNulty		6.00 pm Annie McCabe	6.00 pm Helen Bennett
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Ann & Joe Thompson 11.00 am Robin Cliff 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Ronnie Kenwright		9.30 am Mary & Edward Gregson Roy Benjamin 6.30 pm Frances Neal

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:
**Morgan Claudia Graves, Alfie James Longworth
& Amelia Lucy Smith**
May God bless them and their families

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

**Norah Josephine Cookson Martin Hession
Michael Bruen Veronica Marsden**

Those who are sick, especially:

**Anne Broad Norah Atkinson
Alan West Gillian Best
Joyce Nuttall Lynda Daly
Fred Lyth Mary Hall
Elizabeth Oldershaw Connie Crilly
Rev Jim Melia William Bennett
Thomas Laing Jean Neary**

SECOND COLLECTION

Today
Next Week

World Mission Sunday
Monthly SVP Collection



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-18

God shows no partiality for the rich and powerful, but listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Paul, a prisoner in Rome, feels that his death is drawing near. But his confidence is unshaken and his hope for the "crown of glory" is bright.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus shares the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the Temple.