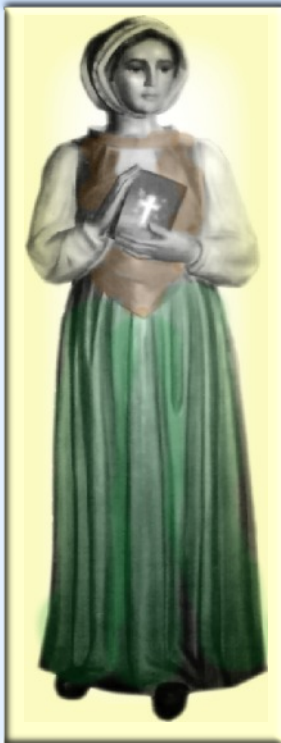


# Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

23rd June 2013



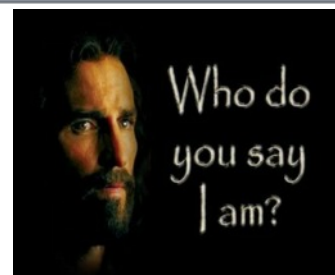
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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<b>Psalter</b>	Week 4
<b>Sunday</b>	Readings - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
<b>Weekdays</b>	Readings - Year 1, Week 12
<b>Today</b>	<b>12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>Friday</b>	St. Irenaeus
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Saints Peter &amp; Paul</b>



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Alfred Nobel, a Swedish industrialist, was rich and famous. Amongst other things, he had invented dynamite. But as he neared the end of his life, he was extremely unhappy. He had never married and all his life he had been plagued by ill-health. As a result, he had a very pessimistic view of life. Then one morning, he read his own obituary in a newspaper. It had been a mistake by a journalist. He was very disturbed by what he read. What hurt him most was the false image people had of him. According to the obituary, the world would remember him as the "dynamite king". There was no mention of his desire to unite people and to better the quality of human life. It came as a great shock to him to discover that everything that was essential about his personality, everything that made him as a person – the real Alfred Nobel – was hidden from other people. The obituary described a different person from the one he knew himself to be. He felt completely misunderstood - he wasn't like the person the obituary described. He made a decision to take immediate action to let the world know what his real ideals and aims were. The first thing to do was to let the world know that he was actually still alive!

Nobel left most of his vast fortune in trust for the betterment of the world. He set up five prizes that would be awarded to men and women who had made outstanding contributions to the world in the areas of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. He wanted to be remembered, not as someone who had invented something that could destroy the world, but as a man who had the good of the whole of humanity at heart.

What happened to Alfred Nobel shows us how wrong people can be in their judgment of others. It happened to Jesus himself. Today's Gospel shows us what strange ideas people had of him. Some thought he was John the Baptist, who had already died. Others thought he was one of the ancient prophets who had come back to life. As Peter says in the Gospel, Jesus was and is the Messiah. But he was not to be a glorious ruling Messiah as the people expected, he was to be a suffering messiah. He wouldn't rule, he would serve. Jesus wasn't interested in being the Messiah of people's hopes and dreams. He knew he had a God-given destiny to fulfill, and he would not be deflected from it.

We are in trouble if our main concern in life is to project a good image of ourselves and to try to live up to people's expectations. The only thing we are called to be is - to be true to ourselves. Otherwise we can't be fully alive and happy. But we should also not be content until we are the best we can be. So, whatever our path in life, what really matters is that we should be ourselves before God, and before others, because it is God himself who has made us who we are today.

**Psalm Response** For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

**Gospel Acclamation** The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

**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



This weekend, there will be an appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need at all Masses in the Pastoral Area. Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic charity which supports Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need throughout the world.



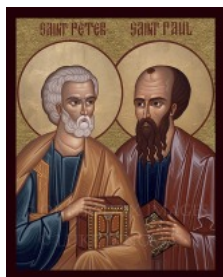
### Relay of Prayer

Children from all the Catholic Primary Schools in the Pastoral Area are having their Relay Of Prayer this week. Members of Years 5 will be walking between the various primary schools accompanied by pupils and staff from St Mary's High School. If you see them, please give them a wave of encouragement or peep your car horn! As part of the Relay of Prayer, there will be a short service each evening in one of the churches. Please come along to one of the services if you can.

<b>Monday 24th June</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th June</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>St Richard's</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th June</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart, Leigh</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>St Joseph's, Leigh</b>

### Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell

Bishop Malone invites you to join him on Saturday 29th June for the annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell, Fernyhagh Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 5RR. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at 12.00 noon in St Mary's Church, followed by Rosary, Procession and Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information, please contact Fr Preston (0151 727 2403).



### Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

Please note that because the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls on a Saturday this year, it is transferred to the nearest Sunday. So we will celebrate the feast next Saturday evening and Sunday.

### CAFOD & Traidcraft

CAFOD and Traidcraft will be open in Holy Family Church Hall after the morning Masses next Sunday, 30th June.

### 'Celebrate the Child'

The annual Archdiocesan Children's Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral next Sunday, 30th June at 2.30 pm. Children, their families, catechists, teachers and all who work with children are warmly invited to attend.

## APPEAL FROM BARNABUS



The economic situation is exasperating the circumstances in which many people find themselves, especially those who are homeless. Barnabus, who serve the homeless on the streets of Manchester, are urgently in need of the items below. If you can help, please leave items at the back of any of the churches in the parish. Many thanks.

**FOOD** Tinned meat (ham, corned beef) and fish for sandwiches and food parcels. Tinned hot dogs. Tinned ready meals (e.g. stew, bolognaise, curry). Tinned vegetables (we are really running out of these basic items such as carrots, green beans, potatoes). Coffee. Long life milk. Cereal with long dates. Sugar. Cordial. Packets of instant noodles and pasta.

**CLOTHES** Men's jeans 30"-36". Men's shoes, boots, trainers especially size 10 upwards. Coats especially waterproof. Men's new boxers (medium) trunk style. Men's new socks (thinner material for summer).

**TOILETRIES** Shampoo. Roll on deodorant. Shaving foam.

### PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Led by Fr James Preston: Friday 25th October – Friday 1st November 2013 – Tangney Tours. Places still available. For further details and cost, ring St Charles in Aigburth, Liverpool, on 0151 727 2493. By air from Liverpool Airport, with half-board accommodation, staying 5 nights in Krakow and two nights in Czestochowa. A full spiritual programme with visits to many sites and shrines, including Czestochowa, Krakow, Wadowice, Divine Mercy Convent at Lagiewniki, Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Zakopane.

### 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)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **Ambrosians Trip**

The Ambrosians have organised a day trip to Cleveleys on Tuesday July 2nd. The coach will leave St Ambrose at 9.30 am, stopping at Freeport Retail Outlet followed by a Carvery lunch. The afternoon will be spent at leisure in Cleveleys. Cost per person is £16.00, all inclusive. Please phone Kay on 749348 to reserve a place.

### **Twelve Apostles Ceilidh Evening**

An evening of Irish Dancing – a Ceilidh – will take place in XII Apostles Parish Centre on Friday July 5th. Admission £5 per person. Refreshments available. For further details, please contact 01942 209192.



### **An Evening of Summer Music**

Monton Voices Community Choir invites you to join them for an evening of summer music at Holy Family on Tuesday July 9th at 7.30 pm, with additional contributions from Martin McLaughlin and the children of Holy Family's Year 6. Tickets are priced at £5 and £3 for over 60's and children. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the charity "Let The Children Live", whose aim is to help relieve the poverty and violence experienced by children forced to live on the streets and rubbish dumps of Colombia.

### **Emmaus Group**

The next meeting of the Emmaus Group will take place on Wednesday July 10th at 7.00 pm in the Parish House at St. Richard's. The group is mainly for those who have recently joined the Catholic Church as a way of providing on-going support. The meeting should last about an hour.



### **Walsingham Pilgrimage**

A reminder to everyone that the Walsingham Pilgrimage takes place between August 19th-22th. The balance is now due for payment.

### **Living Theology 2013**

"Understanding your everyday beliefs" - a Summer School on the Christian Faith at Liverpool Hope University, Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July 2013. See noticeboards for full details.

### **'Come & See' Weekend.**

The Irenaeus Group are holding a "Come & See" weekend at Christ the King High School, Southport, on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October. Keynote speakers will 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 at Irenaeus (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. If you would like to go, please contact Fr Paul or Bernie Bates at St. Richard's.

## LOURDES 'AT HOME' DAY



This year's Lourdes 'At Home' Day will take place on **Thursday 25th July** at St Ambrose Barlow, Astley. The day will follow the same pattern as previous years:

8.00 am Early Morning Mass  
12.00 noon Mass of Anointing (followed by lunch)  
7.30 pm Holy Hour and Procession

### **MAJOR FLOODS IN LOURDES**

This week, a combination of melting snow and heavy rain completely flooded the Shrine at Lourdes. The water reached the roof of the Grotto, the underground basilica is now a 15 metre high lake, the Rosary Square was flooded and the Church of St Bernadette is badly damaged. Streets in the town of Lourdes became rivers and many pilgrims had to be evacuated from hotels. It is probably the biggest disaster in the history of Lourdes. You can find out more information at the website: <http://fr.lourdes-france.org>



### **HOSPITAL PATIENTS**

Please note: if you are taken into hospital and would like to see a priest or receive communion, you or a relative need to inform the hospital staff. They will then arrange for the Hospital Chaplain to visit you. If you don't let the hospital staff know that you want to see the Chaplain or receive communion, then it is likely that the Chaplain will not know that you are in hospital.

### **THANK YOU**

The Youth SVP Sponsored Holy Hike in support of MacMillan Nurses raised a grand total of **£1370.06**. Thank you so much to everyone for helping to raise such a magnificent sum.

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>£ 595.36</b>
<b>St Ambrose Barlow</b>	<b>£ 253.67</b>
<b>St Gabriel's</b>	<b>£ 203.93</b>
<b>St Richard's &amp; Sacred Heart</b>	<b>£ 681.17</b>
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>£1734.13</b>

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

#### **St Vincent de Paul (SVP)**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>£ 136.78</b>
<b>St Ambrose Barlow</b>	<b>£ 37.67</b>
<b>St Gabriel's</b>	<b>£ 68.49</b>
<b>St Richard's &amp; Sacred Heart</b>	<b>£ 179.38</b>

*Thank you so much for your generosity*

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 23rd June 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Ann & Joe Thompson 11.00 am Christina Burke 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Judy Twomey	(Sat) 6.00 pm People of the Pastoral Area	(Sat) 6.00 pm James Hurst 9.30 am Mary & Martin Furey 6.30 pm Ellen Baxter
<b>MONDAY</b>	7.00 pm Relay of Prayer Service	<i>12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh</i>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Gillian Best 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Lawrence Greenfield 7.00 pm Relay of Prayer Service
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00 am <i>Funeral at Howe Bridge</i> 6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Terence Flaherty			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>Mass at St Gabriel's</i>		10.00 am Barbara Johnston	9.15 am Pat Andas
<b>FRIDAY</b>	2.00 pm 'With You Always' Thanksgiving Mass (Mgr John O'Connor)			9.30 am Confirmation Celebration Mass <i>In Sacred Heart School</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00 am Teresa Gallagher		6.00 pm Pat Brierley	6.00 pm Ronnie O'Hara
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Margaret Hibbert 11.00 am Christy Quinn	11.00 am Ronnie Kenwright		9.30 am Peace in the Middle East 6.30 pm Mary Whittle

## 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  
**Maeva Rae Thompson & Braxton Paul Brierley**  
*May God bless them and their families*

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Joyce Farrimond	Mary Whittle
Winnifred Irene Smith	Deacon Bill Parr
Paul Hackett	Joyce May Smith

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad	Joan Clegg
Teresa Cooney	Norah Atkinson
Maureen Warren	Margaret Dixon
Margaret Langan	Alan West
Gillian Best	Mary Hall
Pat Burns	Veronica Marsden
Mavis Smith	

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

## SECOND COLLECTION

**Today**  
**Next Week**

**Aid to the Church in Need**  
**Peter's Pence**

Peter's Pence is a collection taken in every Catholic Church in the world on or near the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. The money is sent to the Pope who uses it to help those in most need.



## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

*Feast of Saints Peter & Paul*

**First Reading** *Acts 12:1-11*  
Herod arrested Peter, but an angel released him from his chains, leading him out of prison and into freedom.

**Second Reading** *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*  
Paul tells us that he has fought the good fight and finished the race. Now only martyrdom awaits him.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 16:13-19*  
When Jesus asked the disciples what identity people attributed to him, Peter answered on behalf of the Church that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.