

Parish of St Margaret Clitheroe

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

25th August 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter	Week 1
Readings	Sunday - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) Weekdays - Year 1, Week 21
Today	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Monday	Blessed Dominic Barberi
Tuesday	St Monica
Wednesday	St Augustine
Thursday	Passion of St John the Baptist
Friday	St Edmund Arrowsmith
Sunday	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Luke tells us about the door policy of the Kingdom of God and how there is no such thing as automatic membership.

While Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem, someone asks him about the number of those who will be saved. Rather than speculate about the arithmetic of salvation, Jesus gives practical advice about the present time: "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." The door is not so wide that anyone can casually walk through at any time. The door is narrow and individuals may not find it very easy to get through. Nor will the door be open indefinitely. When locking-up time comes and the master of the house has secured the door, those who missed their opportunity will not be admitted. The narrow door has now become the locked door. Those who wait until the door is shut try knocking, but the householder regards them as strangers. The latecomers try to remind the householder of their common bonds: they ate and drank with him, they listened to him teaching in their streets. But the Lord is not impressed with superficial acquaintance: people who eat and drink in the same restaurants and bars, read the same papers, watch the same programmes, don't necessarily share the same commitments.

The pain of being excluded from the Kingdom is made worse when the latecomers see the kind of people who have been allowed in as members. Members of the Kingdom come from all over – "from east and west, from north and south" – and take their place at the feast in the Kingdom of God. The prophecy of Isaiah, that we listen to in today's First Reading, is seen to be fulfilled as people "from all the nations" enjoy the favour of the Lord.

The door policy of God's Kingdom keeps surprising people. There is no sure way of knowing who's in and who's out. The teaching of Jesus is clearly opposed to the kind of national or religious elitism that assumes it has an assured place in the Kingdom of God. As one who is treated as an outsider by his own people, Jesus has a natural allegiance to those who do not belong to the right crowd. Good roots are not enough. Having the right address is not enough. Having an impressive pedigree that goes back to Abraham is not enough. Borrowed fidelity does not impress Jesus. There is no substitute for a person's choice to follow him and so enter God's Kingdom. Jesus describes the conditions for entering the Kingdom of God when he says, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the Word of God and keep it." Fellowship in the Kingdom is open to all people who hear God's Word and live it out in their lives.

Psalm Response Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

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.**



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, Prescot, Merseyside. This can be attended on a residential or non-residential basis. Contact www.loyolahall.co.uk or phone 0151 426 4137

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, Prescot 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.



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 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



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



CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY

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

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

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 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.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

CAFOD & Traidcraft

CAFOD and Traidcraft will be open in Holy Family Church Hall after the morning Masses today (Sunday). All are welcome.



Parish Feast Day

There will be a special Mass to celebrate the Parish Feast Days of St Margaret Clitherow and St Edmund Arrowsmith at Twelve Apostles, Westleigh, this Thursday, 29th August, at 7.30 pm. After Mass, there will be refreshments in Twelve Apostles Parish Centre.

Altar Servers: If you would like to be an altar server at the Mass, you will be very welcome. Please arrive at 7.00 pm and bring your alb with you.

Musicians & Singers: If you would like to help with the music at the Mass, there will be a rehearsal this Tuesday, 27th August, in Twelve Apostles Church at 7.30 pm.

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!



Churches Together in Boothstown

The Pilgrimage to Liverpool's two Cathedrals takes place this Saturday, 31st August.

Timetable

11.00 am	Depart Holy Family Car Park and travel by coach to Liverpool
12.00 noon	Short Tour and free time at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
1.00 pm	Lunch at the Piazza Cafe Bar (Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral)
2.00 pm	Short Tour and free time at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
3.30 pm	Depart
4.30 pm	Arrive at Holy Family Car Park



Forthcoming Events

Emmaus Group

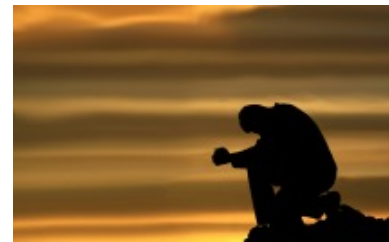
The next meeting of the Emmaus Group will be on Wednesday September 4th at 7.30 pm in the Parish House at St. Richard's. The meeting is open to anyone who has recently joined the Catholic Church and to anyone who is thinking of joining. It is a very relaxed meeting where we share our feelings about how 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).

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

The Word's Biggest Coffee Morning for McMillan Cancer Support will be on Thursday 26th September, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in St Richard's Parish Centre. Tickets £2. Donations of items for a Tombola and Stalls would be much appreciated.



Lord, I know you'll show up in my life today,
though I don't know when or where:
don't let me miss you along my path...

I know you'll speak to me today, Lord,
though I don't know what you'll say:
help me make some quiet time
for listening for your word...

Lord, I know you'll bless me today,
though I don't know in what shape or form:
help me know when your hand reaches out to me...

Come to me, speak to me, bless me, Lord:
open my heart and mind, my eyes and ears,
my body and soul
to you and your presence in the day ahead of me...

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LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 684.61
St Ambrose Barlow	£ TBA
St Gabriel's	£ 207.92
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 692.41
Total Parish Collection	£

SECOND COLLECTION

No Second Collection during August

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 25th August 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Brenda McDonald 11.00 am Atherton Vets 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Vincent Topping	(Sat) 6.00 pm Fr Paul Thompson	(Sat) 6.00 pm Dorothy Hunt 9.30 am Gillian & Anthony Brett 6.30 pm Marie Langan
MONDAY	12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh			
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Special Intention 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Auriel Atkins
WEDNESDAY	12.30 pm Funeral Mass for Margaret Langan			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	11.30 am Funeral Service for Pat Davies 1.45 pm Funeral Mass for Seamus McNulty	7.30 pm Parish Feast Day Mass Twelve Apostles, Leigh		
FRIDAY			Mass at St Richard's	9.15 am B.McGuire
SATURDAY	10.00 am Alice & Frank Giron- Conland		6.00 pm Brian Gerrity	6.00 pm Vincent Monks
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Ann & Joe Thompson 11.00 am Fr Terry McCann 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am David Keenan		9.30 am Teresa Cooney 6.30 pm Harvey Dowell

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:

Isaac Ashurst, Oliver Michael Turner
& Oliver Luca Ciubotariu

May God bless them and their families

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Vincent Monks
Seamus McNulty
Fr Rupert Everest OSB

Harvey Dowell
Margaret Langan
Pat Davies

Those who are sick, especially:

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

Joan Clegg
Margaret Dixon
Gillian Best
Veronica Marsden
Elizabeth Oldershaw
Lynda Daly
Rev Jim Melia

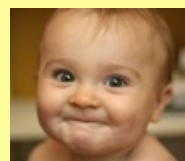
SECOND COLLECTION

Today

Next Week

No collection

Francis House Children's Hospice



*'Remember that, no matter how useless you feel,
you're someone's reason to smile'*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-18,20,28-29

There is praise for the person who is humble.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Mount Sinai, where the Old Covenant was made, is contrasted with Mount Zion, which symbolises the Heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1,7-14

Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always act out of love for others.