

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

28th July 2013



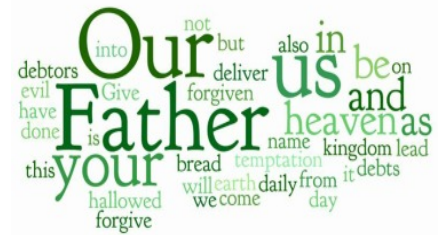
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter	Week 1
Readings	Sunday - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) Weekdays - Year 1, Week 17
Today	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) (Day for Life)
Monday	St Martha
Wednesday	St Ignatius Loyola
Thursday	St Alphonsus Ligouri
Sunday	18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The disciples who followed Jesus wanted to know how to pray. This was perhaps the result of seeing Jesus over the years and knowing how he was such a fully developed human being and a wise and contented man. There was certainly an element of inner peace about him that his followers admired and wanted for themselves. Perhaps his prayer-life was the key to his personality. Hence the request: "Teach us to pray." The answer Jesus gives to his disciples is not merely a prayer, a form of words, but a whole new approach to life, a whole new way of living. The words that come from Jesus are a revelation to the meaning and purpose of life. They form the blueprint of life for his followers in this world and point to a life that can continue in the next. Jesus calls on us to allow these words to be our rule of life:

Call on God as your "Father", and so learn to be a child among children.
Revere God's name, and so give honour to everyone.
Ask for daily bread, and so learn how to share life in this world.
Seek forgiveness, and so realise your own weakness and failings.
Forgive others, even as you walk in the midst of affliction.
And pray to be kept safe from the temptation to depart from the ways of godness and the ways of God.



Pope Benedict XVI has spent most of his life studying the teaching of Jesus. In his book "Jesus of Nazareth", he shares with us some reflections on the Lord's Prayer. Jesus is teaching us to pray as HE prays. Jesus is training us, his followers today, to have the inner attitudes that he has, namely to become sons and daughters of God, as he is the Son of God; to open ourselves to the voice of God; to have a listening ear and a caring heart. On this theme, Pope Benedict points us to the story of King Solomon in the Old Testament. Charged with the task of governing the nation, Solomon is invited to ask for whatever he wants. Solomon replies, "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern these people of yours that are so great?" God is pleased with Solomon. He did not ask for long life or riches or the lives of his enemies, but for wisdom and a discerning spirit which would help him govern fairly and with great justice.

Jesus teaches us to pray always. Let our life be our prayer, lived in the presence of God, whose love for us is eternal.

Psalm Response On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

**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.**

DAY FOR LIFE



Care for Life: It's Worth It!

'Day for Life' is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death.

'Day for Life 2013' is focusing particularly on care for unborn children and their mothers, care for people who are elderly, and care for those who are suicidal and their families.

Please take a 'Day for Life' brochure home with you.

Today's second collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics) and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY



On his way to Brazil to celebrate World Youth Day this week, Pope Francis told reporters "this first trip of mine is to meet young people, (to see them) ... not as isolated young people but immersed in their social context, in society. Because when we isolate young people, we do them an injustice: we take away their 'belonging'." Young people, the Holy Father said, "belong to a family, to a country, to a culture and a faith." They represent the future of a people "because they have the energy," but Pope Francis added, "the future is also the elderly because they are the custodians of the 'wisdom of life', the history, the home and the family." A people has no future - he continued - if it goes ahead without the strength of its youth and the elderly.

The Pope reflected on the global economic crisis and the possibility that young people may find themselves out of work. "We have the risk of having a generation that did not have work", said the Pope. And from work he noted, one derives "the dignity of the person" - "from earning his bread". "Young people today are in crisis", he said, "and we are used to this disposable culture: it happens all too often to the elderly." But young jobless people are also getting caught up in this disposable culture. What we need today he said, is a "culture of inclusion, a culture of encounter." And he added this invitation to reporters: "I ask you to help me and work for the good of the society of young people and the elderly."

To read about World Youth Day:

www.rio2013.com

To read Pope Francis' Homilies:

<http://en.radiovaticana.va>

To follow the Pope on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/Pontifex>

WELCOME PRINCE GEORGE!



"On behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, I would like to congratulate Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Cambridge.

The birth of the new Prince will be a source of joy not only for the Royal Family but for the peoples of the United Kingdom and beyond. I assure Their Royal Highnesses of the prayers and best wishes of the Catholic Church in England and Wales for their new family.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ bless and protect them, and may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Joseph intercede for them."

Archbishop Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

LOURDES 'AT HOME' DAY

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Lourdes 'At Home' Day last Thursday. Once again, it was a wonderful prayerful day of refreshment and renewal. Special thanks to the many people who helped in all sorts of ways. The day really showed the Church in this area at its' best - a welcoming Church, serving others with the love of Jesus.

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette - Pray for us!

PARISH NOTES

Newsletter

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

Clergy Addresses

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St Richard's Presbytery, Mayfield Street, Atherton, Manchester M46 0AQ

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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

PARISH NEWS

This Week

CAFOD & Traidcraft

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

St Ambrose Church Council / Forum

There will be a meeting of the St Ambrose Church council / forum this Wednesday, 31st July, at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Feel free to attend if you wish as this is an open meeting.

Ambrosian's Meeting

The next meeting for the Ambrosians will take place on Thursday, August 1st. There is a trip to Southport on 15th August calling at Ormskirk Market en route. The price is £10.00, with a £5 deposit required when booking. For more information or to book, please call Jean T (871109) or Kay (749348).

Sri Lankan Street Children Charity Evening

Friday 2nd August at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Church Centre, Leigh. All welcome. £1 including refreshments. Tickets from Sister Megan (St Gabriel's) who will also be pleased to receive donations, raffle prizes, and/or gifts for the stalls.

St Richard's Parish Centre

Charity Night for H.C.P.T.

Saturday August 3rd

Rock 'n' Roll Band Reunion

playing 50s-60s music plus a DJ

Tickets £5 from Centre (phone 882125)

Lost & Found

A small gold pendant was found after the Youth SVP BBQ last week. Enquiries to Fr Dave please.

'With You Always'

Children in Year 3 (who will be going into Year 4 in September) at Holy Family and St Gabriel's should have received a letter by now inviting them to take part in the preparation for Confirmation and First Communion which begins in September. Please ensure your application form is returned to Fr Dave by the end of July. Children at non-Catholic schools, who would like to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion next year, should contact Fr Dave as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Events

Walsingham Pilgrimage

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

Parish Feast Day

As in previous years, there will be a special Mass to celebrate the Parish Feast Days of St Margaret Clitherow and St Edmund Arrowsmith. This year, the celebration will take place at Twelve Apostles, Westleigh, on Thursday 29th August at 7.30 pm. More details nearer the time.



Parish Housekeeper Required

Sacred Heart Presbytery, Leigh

5 hours per week, worked over 1-2 days

The work pattern is flexible to be confirmed with those selected for interview
Salary £7.45 per hour

Closing Date: Friday 2nd August 2013

Full details and an application pack can be downloaded from the website at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs
Alternatively, phone Gill Sener on 0151 522 1101



Churches Together in Boothstown PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL'S TWO CATHEDRALS

Saturday 31st August 2013

An opportunity for members of the various churches to spend a half-day together visiting the two Cathedrals in Liverpool.

Proposed 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 (at 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

The sooner we have an idea of numbers, the sooner we can book a coach and reserve places for lunch. So, if you are interested in coming on the pilgrimage, please sign the sheet at Holy Family as soon as possible, or email Fr Dave, no later than 12th August 2013. *Many thanks.*



Congratulations to
Gareth Paine & Janine Murphy
who were married at
St Richard's yesterday.
May God bless their love.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 738.70
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 223.51
St Gabriel's	£ 149.74
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 679.26
Total Parish Collection	£1791.21

SECOND COLLECTION SVP

Holy Family	£ 152.38
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 30.06
St Gabriel's	£ 59.73
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 14.90

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 21st July 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Ann & Joe Thompson 11.00 am Graham Baybut	11.00 am Eddie & Molly Whelan	(Sat) 6.00 pm Stewart & Jennifer	(Sat) 6.00 pm John Heavey 9.30 am Christopher Heavey 6.30 pm Paddy Treanor
MONDAY	12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Mass at St Richard's 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am James Hurst
WEDNESDAY	12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	9.30 am Mass at Twelve Apostles			No Mass today
FRIDAY			9.15 am Mass at St Richard's	9.15 am John Howcroft
SATURDAY			6.00 pm Christine Nolan	6.00 pm Bernadette Sproston
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Austin Meighan Jr 11.00 am Charles Legg	11.00 am Ian Close		9.30 am Mary Charlton 6.30 pm Margaret Harrison

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Saturday

Please note:

No morning Confessions at Holy Family
After 6.00 pm Mass at St Richard's
(or by appointment with one of the priests)



LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Nicola Jayne Lee

Lily Greenwood

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad

Teresa Cooney

Maureen Warren

Margaret Langan

Gillian Best

Veronica Marsden

Elizabeth Oldershaw

Joan Clegg

Norah Atkinson

Margaret Dixon

Alan West

Mary Hall

Mavis Smith

Joyce Nuttall

Children who are missing, especially:

Madeleine McCann

SECOND COLLECTION

Today

Day for Life

Next Week

There will be NO Second Collection
during August

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church
through the celebration of Baptism
Samuel Dooley, Elisa Lavender Kay,
Evangeline Matilda Kay, Isabelle Skanderowicz
& Joshua Daniel Speakman
May God bless them and their families



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 1:2;2:21-23

Earthly pleasures do not last forever but our relationship with
God is everlasting.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5,8-11

Through Baptism we share in the life of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus warns against greed, and stresses the foolishness of
depending on material things rather than on God.