

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

26th Sunday of the Year (C)

29th September 2013



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Psalter Readings** Week 2  
Sunday - 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)  
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 26

**Today** 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

**Monday** St. Jerome

**Tuesday** St. Teresa of the Child Jesus

**Wednesday** The Guardian Angels

**Friday** St. Francis of Assisi (*Harvest Fast Day*)

**Sunday** 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

*Rosary Sunday - Day of Prayer for Nugent Care*



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.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

One night, a wealthy man had a disturbing dream. In the dream, he saw a crowd of poor, disease-ridden, starving people crying out to him for help. When he woke up the following morning, remembering his dream, he decided to embark on a crusade of good. He wasted no time. He set out in his Mercedes that very morning to see what needed to be done. He had only just passed through the gates of his mansions when he saw a beggar sitting on the ground, his hand stretched out imploringly. The rich man was very upset on seeing the poor man's wretched condition. He hesitated for a moment, and then ordered his chauffeur to step on the accelerator. He couldn't afford to stop to help one man when, he thought, so many more needed his help. He travelled the length and breadth of the city. He discovered that the problems were vast and the needs great. As he returned home in the evening, his mind was overflowing with plans, schemes and projects. The only problem was where to begin. Should he begin with a hospital, a school, a factory, a prison? He did not know. As he came to the gate of his mansion, he noticed that the beggar was still lying at the side of the road. "Just imagine", he thought to himself, "that poor man has been sitting at the side of the road all day in all this heat". Once again a wave of pity and compassion passed over him; but once again he passed by. That night he had another dream. Again he heard the cries for help, except this time they were not coming from lots of people, but from only one person. This person was the beggar sitting on the ground outside his mansion. So the next morning he knew exactly where to start in making a difference to people's lives. He started with the beggar man.

Like the rich man in today's Gospel, we so often carry on with our lives without seeing the needs of others. The rich man in the story above could not have been expected to save the world, but at least he realised he could make a difference to at least one life - the life of the poor man on the side of the road. God does not expect us to change the world either, but we can still make a difference to the lives of those around us. This is the challenge of today's Gospel. What are we going to do about it?

One thing we can do easily is to take part in this year's CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which is this coming Friday, 4th October. See page 2 for further details. Please also take a prayer card and an envelope home with you today.

**CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY**  
**This Friday, 4th October**

**Psalms Response**

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

## CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY



It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. This coming Friday, 4th October, CAFOD invites you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. Please take a Fast Day envelope home with you today and bring it back to church next weekend.

**God of abundance,  
all good things come from you.  
The world, full of life, reflects your glory  
and sings your praise.  
You call us all to share fairly  
the bounty of your creation,  
and the gifts you give us.  
But so many people in this world of plenty  
do not have enough to eat.  
And so we ask you, God of all,  
to create in us a desire to make all things new,  
so that through your goodness,  
all those in need may eat and be satisfied.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD



### Street Preacher arrested for using a loud voice!

In another ludicrous piece of intimidation against Christians, Josh Williamson was arrested last Saturday because someone complained that he was speaking too loudly while he was preaching the Gospel - *shouting*, the police said. Nobody complained about the street buskers who were using loudspeakers, so they were not arrested. Williamson was held for five hours in a Perth (Scotland) Police Station. You can see a video of the arrest on YouTube. Type in "Josh Williamson Arrested" - the police intervene at 6'52.

### Creating the Environment for Prayer

A Skills Workshop with Fr Chris Thomas at St John's, Kirkdale, Liverpool L4 1QL on Monday 7th October, 6.30 - 9.00 pm. See noticeboard for further details or the Archdiocesan website: [www.liverpoolcatholic.ork.uk/Courses](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.ork.uk/Courses)

### St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby

St. Joseph's Prayer Centre are holding two retreats: (1) "The Path To Acceptance", which takes place between 15th-17th November, is a residential weekend retreat exploring how we can heal the wounds of our poor self esteem. (2) "Preparing for Christmas", held between 6th-8th December, will be a retreat helping us to keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas celebrations. For more information or to book a place, please phone 07722 572753 or 01704 879665.

## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, ASTLEY

### Lay Chaplain

Salary: G7 £22,443 - £26,536 pro rata  
Contract: Permanent, full-time, term time + 4 weeks  
Hours: 37 hours per week (8.00 am start, some evening and weekend work may be required)

This is a challenging and exciting opportunity to join this oversubscribed, outstanding high school (Ofsted, 2009), leading and developing the liturgical and spiritual life of the whole school in the next stage of our faith journey, while supporting the Catholic Ethos and Mission Statement of the school. It is essential that the successful candidate is a committed and practicing Catholic with a thorough understanding of the Social teaching of the Church, and has experience of working with young people or young adults. Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the school to meet with students and colleagues.

Full details of the post, including a CES Lay Chaplain application form and associate documents, are available to download from the school web site (click on 'Staff' for Job Vacancies): [www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk)

Closing date: 12.00 noon on 9th October 2013.

Interviews: Thursday 17th October 2013.

This post is subject to Enhanced Disclosure Procedures and a Children's Barred List check.

### ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

A number of productions are being performed by the St. Joseph's Players over the next few months. They will all take place in St. Joseph's Concert Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh. "Billy Liar" by Keith Waterhouse & Willis Hall - 15th to 19th October at 7.30 pm. "Beauty & The Beast" written and produced by Doreen Johnson - 22nd January to 1st February at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8 each and are available at the door or from Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh.

### 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)



## PARISH NEWS

### This Week

#### CAFOD & Traidcraft

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



#### "With You Always"

First Meeting for Parent's & Children (in church):

**St Gabriel's** - Tuesday 1st October at 6.00 pm

**Holy Family** - Thursday 3rd October at 6.30 pm

**St Richard's** - Wednesday 9th October at 3.30 & 6.30 pm

**St Ambrose Barlow** - Thursday 10th October at 6.00 pm

*Please come to whichever meeting is most convenient.*

#### Ladies Group

The next Ladies Group meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.15 pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. New members always welcomed. Tea Rota: Margaret Rushton and Mary Barton. Raffle: Annunia Berbas and Mandy Kupera.

#### Ambrosians

The last outing for the year takes place on 4th October, going to the Bourne Poacher. The price is £25 including a non-returnable £10 deposit when booking. Please phone Kay on 749348.



#### Rosary Service

October is the month of the Rosary. Come and join us 'pray the Rosary' next Sunday, 6th October at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

#### Unity Service

Churches Together in Boothstown invite you to their last Unity Service of the year, which will take place at St Mary's, Ellenbrook, at 4.00 pm on Sunday 6th October.



#### Walsingham Pilgrimage

We need volunteers to help plan and organise next year's Pilgrimage. If you wish to volunteer, please speak to Fr. Paul as soon as possible and we will arrange a meeting so that Pauline and John, who are stepping down, can hand over the organisation and explain everything that needs to be done.



#### Embroidery Group

Ladies (and gentlemen?) from St Gabriel's and Holy Family are invited to join the small embroidery group that make the White Garments presented to children when they are baptised. Only a simple chain stitch is required, fabric and silks are supplied, and it only takes a little time twice a year. If you're interested, please contact Sheila Watts on 0161 794 3036. Many thanks.

## Forthcoming Events

#### Scripture Group

The next meeting of the Scripture Group will be held on Thursday 10th October at 2.00 pm in Holy Family Presbytery. We will focus on the Scripture Readings for Sundays 13th, 20th and 27th October. Please bring along either a Bible or a Sunday Missal. All welcome.

#### Atherton & Leigh Foodbank

Volunteers are again needed to assist with collections of food at Asda, Leigh, on Saturday 12th October, and Tesco, Leigh, on Saturday 26th October. Please phone Valerie Thomas on 01942 874160 if you can help during any of the two hour sessions on either of those days.

#### Quarant Ore

The annual 40 Hours Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Holy Family on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (18th to 20th October). Full schedule next week.

#### St Ambrose Guides

A chance to sort out your wardrobe! St Ambrose Guides will be having a **Bags2School** collection on Saturday 19th October – 8.30 to 8.45 am drop off. This is one of our most successful fundraisers, so please start now by collecting your old clothes, shoes, bedding, towels, bags, etc. We can store them in the Guide shed, so you can drop them off on any Guide night. We raised over £500 last year from the two collections!

#### Prayer for the People of Syria

God of mercy,  
pour out your peace upon us all.  
Watch over our brothers and sisters in Syria,  
especially those who have fled their homes.  
Lead them to a place of safety  
and bring comfort to those who mourn.

Inspire us all to share the light of your hope,  
and to reach out in a spirit of compassion.  
Make us channels of your peace,  
so all your children may live  
free from fear, conflict and pain.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

*Catherine Gorman/CAFOD*

#### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 729.47
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 183.76
St Gabriel's	£ 175.45
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 746.05
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>£1834.73</b>

#### SECOND COLLECTION The Medaille Trust

Holy Family	£ 209.30
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 87.28
St Gabriel's	£ 79.61
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 148.74

*Thank you so much for your generosity*

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 29th September	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Margaret Dixon 11.00 am Irene Fogarty	11.00 am Lynda Daly	(Sat) 6.00 pm Eamonn Leavy	(Sat) 6.00 pm Ronnie O'Hara 9.30 am Francis Latchford 6.30 pm Leo Dillon
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh</i>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Edward Murphy 7.00 pm Prayer Group	12.00 noon Funeral for Baby Mia (Leigh Cemetery)	9.15 am John Howcroft
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Canon John Short			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>Mass at St Gabriel's</i>		10.00 am Seamus McNulty	9.15 am Kathleen & James Howarth
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00 am Funeral Mass for Maureen Warren	12.00 noon Funeral Mass for James Houten	<i>Mass at Holy Family</i>	9.15 am Margaret McCartney
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00 am Christopher Tickle		6.00 pm Moira Coyle	6.00 pm Vincent Harvey
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am Thanksgiving 11.00 am Church Parade (Maura Fitzmaurice) 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Ian Close		9.30 am Fr Philip Orrell Graham & Vicky Holt 6.30 pm Martin & Mary Furey

## 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

Welcome into the family of the Church  
through the celebration of Baptism:  
**Louie Michael Garnett, Amber Joy Costello,  
Anthony Ellis Boden, Isobel Grace Ward  
& Dominic Hilton**  
*May God bless them and their families*

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Maureen Warren	Baby Mia
James Houten	Dorothy Harper

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad	Joan Clegg
Connie Crilly	Norah Atkinson
Mary Hall	Joyce Nuttall
Alan West	Mavis Smith
Veronica Marsden	Winnie Brierley
Lynda Daly	Elizabeth Oldershaw
Rev Jim Melia	Gillian Best
William Bennett	

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today	Monthly SVP Collection
Next Week	CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day

## INTERVIEW WITH POPE FRANCIS

In August, Pope Francis gave a lengthy interview about his understanding of Church, the changes he would like to see, and his views on a variety of contemporary issues. The interview is full of hope and well worth a read. See the website of the British Jesuits: [www.thinkingfaith.org](http://www.thinkingfaith.org)

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4

The prophet Habakkuk complains to God about the prevalence of injustice, and God responds by promising to save those who trust in him.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful to his ministry and to witnessing to Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

A little faith, provided it is authentic, can do great things. The disciples are urged to serve God without any claim of a reward.