

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (C)

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Sunday Readings - The Body & Blood of Christ (C)
Weekdays Readings - Year 1, Week 9
Today **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (C)**
Monday St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
Wednesday St. Boniface
Friday **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (C)**
Saturday The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday **10th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we hear the famous story of Jesus feeding the crowd in the desert. They had come to listen to him speak. Jesus had two good reasons why he might have sent them away. Firstly, Herod, who had already murdered his cousin, John, was expressing an interest in meeting him. So it was surely a time for Jesus to keep a low profile. Secondly, the disciples needed a break, having just returned from a mission. But Jesus didn't send them away. He looked at them with compassion and saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he gathered them around him. Picture Jesus surrounded by over 5000 people. They were drawn by the magnetism of his words and no doubt the warmth of his personality. The first thing he did was to teach them about the Kingdom of Heaven. Then he healed the sick. By the time he finished, it was late afternoon and everyone was hungry. The disciples urged him to send the people away. Instead he worked a great miracle to feed them. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when the Lord said the blessing and distributed the food to the multitude, prefigured the food he gives us in the Eucharist.

On the day of the resurrection, the early Christians met to break bread. From that time on down to our own day, the celebration of the Eucharist has continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church. It remains the centre of the Church's life. Vatican II described it as the "source and summit" of all that we do as Christians. We are the new people of God. Jesus is in our midst. Here, we hear his voice when the scriptures are proclaimed. They are living words which console, inspire and challenge us today.

Today we continue to be nourished with the Bread of Life. As Jesus says himself, "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall not have life in you" (John 6:53). At the end of Mass, we are not simply dismissed, but sent forth as bearers and sharers of God's life with others.

As we celebrate this great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we proclaim that Jesus is in our presence. We continue to celebrate his presence until we share in the banquet of his Kingdom, a banquet he chooses to share with all of God's children.

Psalm Response You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Gospel Acclamation I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

AN INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis invites Catholics all over the world to join him for an hour of prayer TODAY at 4.00 pm (5.00 pm Rome time). See page 3 for further details.

**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

Justice & Peace Group

Meeting this Tuesday, 4th June, at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's Presbytery, Leigh. All welcome.

Ladies Group

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will take place on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30 pm in St Ambrose Church Hall. New members always welcome.

Holy Family New Intake 2013

There will be a Welcome Meeting for Parents this Thursday, 6th June, at 6.30 pm in Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

Emmaus Group

We would like to invite those who have recently been received into the Church to a meeting of the new "Emmaus Group". The group will hopefully give us the opportunity to keep in touch and to continue to grow in faith together. We will hold an initial meeting in the Parish House at St. Richards on Thursday June 6th at 7.00 pm. If the group works out, we will hopefully open it up to others who may be interested in joining us.

Northern Catholic Conference

7th - 9th June 2013 at Hope University in Liverpool. The weekend will include wonderful speakers, great fellowship and good food; Mass each day, devotions, Marian procession together with healing and reconciliation services. For full details, please check out the website: www.northerncatholic.co.uk

"The Witness"

The United Christian Singers are presenting a musical "The Witness" in Atherton Parish Church on Sunday June 9th at 6.30 pm. Tickets, priced at £5 each, are available from some of the local churches or from 01942 254426.

St Richard's 500 Club June Winners

£150	27	V Birchnall
£75	411	E Selfe
£50	139	J P Evans
£25	235	C Hopkins
£25	25	G Sandelands
£15	178	L Rawson
£15	317	M Wyche
£15	313	W Croughan

Thank you for your continued support

Sacred Heart Monthly Draw

Date of Draw 26 May 2013

£200 - 79, £50 - 543, £25 - 998

£10 Winners: 619, 445, 950, 53

£5 Winners: 544, 123, 563, 1159, 799

Thank you for your continued support

News from St Mary's High School

We're back in school refreshed this week after a half-term break that staff and students alike were ready for! We continue to ask for prayers for our KS4 and KS5 students sitting important exams over the coming weeks. This week, our primary transition team are in a number of our feeder primary schools delivering workshops to the Y6 children coming to St. Mary's in September. We are looking forward to meeting the children and starting to work with them! Emma is also in a number of our primary schools working with Y5 children to prepare for this year's Relay of Prayer – more information to follow.

**ENOUGH FOOD
FOR EVERYONE**



The 'IF' Campaign

Hunger is the greatest scandal and the greatest challenge facing our generation. There's plenty of food for everyone in the world, but not enough sharing. Consequently, one in eight people go to bed hungry each night.

CAFOD, together with over 150 other leading charities, want to make 2013 the beginning of the end of the global hunger crisis with the launch of a huge campaign called "Enough Food for Everyone IF".

The G8 Summit will meet in the UK in June. We are invited to join the "Enough Food for Everyone IF" campaign to encourage the world's most powerful leaders to make the changes necessary to end global hunger.

How you can take part:

- 1) Pick up one of the "Hungry for Change" brochures available at the back of church. Sign and send the first card to the Prime Minister. Give the second card to a friend.
- 2) Underneath the first card in the brochure, there is a large 'fish'. You are invited to write a message or prayer for a world free from hunger on the card and return it to church **this weekend**. Ask your friend to do the same on the 'loaf of bread' attached to the second card. All the cards will be displayed in the shape of a Big "IF" to show our support for the campaign.
- 3) Thousands of people, including parishioners, will gather in London next Saturday, 8th June, to call on the G8 leaders to act for change. Parishioners will take our Big "IF" with them.

For more information: www.cafod.org.uk/bigif

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Scripture Group

The next meeting of the Scripture Group will be on Thursday, 13th June at 2.00 pm in Holy Family Presbytery. We will focus on Chapters 20-22 of the Acts of the Apostles. Please bring along a Bible. All welcome.

"Band and Boogie" Night

Friends of Sacred Heart School, Hindsford, are organising a "Band and Boogie" Night on June 15th in St Richard's Parish Centre. Tickets are £10 and are available through the school or from Liz Rawson. (07504 288372) or Marie O'Donnell (07759 337690).

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Barbecue

This year's barbecue takes place on Saturday 22nd June (weather permitting) in the grounds at St Ambrose Barlow. Everyone welcome. Fires will be lit at 4.00 pm. Family games on the lawn, bouncy castle and raffle. Come along with your own food to cook and drinks. Bread, salads, sauces, etc., will be provided. Tickets: Adults £3.50, Children £1.50, Family Ticket £10.00. Please contact Des (876050) or Steve (876487) for more details and tickets.

Invocation in the North 2013

Invocation in the North 2013 is a discernment festival for 16 to 35 year old Catholics which will take place on the weekend of 14th to 16th June at Ampleforth Abbey. For more information: www.invocation.org.uk

National Board of Catholic Women

AGM on Saturday 22nd June, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm in the The Gibberd Room at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral with Christine Allen (Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Christian Aid).

Friends of St. Richard's

St. Richards School are holding their annual Summer Fair on Saturday June 22nd. Anyone interested in booking a stall at a cost of £20, please contact Pauline on 07717 580949 or contact the school office on 01942 882980.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell

Bishop Malone invites you to join him on Saturday 29th June for the annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell, Fernyhalgh 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).

'Celebrate the Child'

The annual Archdiocesan Children's Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 30th June at 2.30 pm. Children, their families, catechists, teachers and all who work with children are warmly invited to attend. Fr Dave is thinking of taking a coach and has put a sign-up sheet at the back of churches to gauge interest. If you would like to take an active part in the Mass, please email: celebratethechild@tesco.net

'Come & See' Weekend.

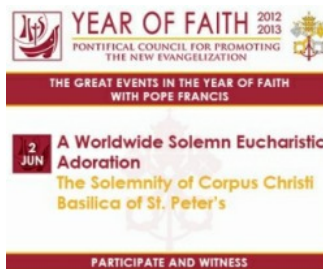
The Irenaeus Group are holding a "Come & See" weekend at Christ the King High School, Southport, on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October. Keynote speakers will include Fr Daniel O'Leary and Edwina Gateley, and the prayer sessions will be led by CJM Music. If you would like to go, please contact Jenny at Irenaeus (0151 949 1199) or email her at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk 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.

AN INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS



Today (Sunday), Pope Francis will preside at an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in St Peter's, Rome, at 5.00 pm (4.00 pm UK time). He invites all Catholics across the world to join him. There are three ways we could do this:

- 1) **Online** - Join Pope Francis in prayer via the internet. Various sites will be broadcasting the event, including: <https://saltandlighttv.org>
- 2) **At the Cathedral** - There will be Choral Evening Prayer, Exposition and Benediction at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 4.00 pm.
- 3) **In the Pastoral Area** - There will be a Holy Hour at Holy Family, Boothstown, at 4.00 pm. All are welcome.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Lourdes 'At Home' Day

This year's Lourdes 'At Home' Day will take place on Thursday 26th 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

Cheques

Please note: we can no longer cash cheques that are made out to church names. There is now just one bank account for the parish. So please make cheques payable to that account which is **St Margaret Clitherow**. Many thanks.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 869.28
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 310.91
St Gabriel's	£ 181.50
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 673.92
Total Parish Collection	£2035.61

SECOND COLLECTION

Youth SVP 'Holy Hike' for MacMillan Nurses

Holy Family	£ 337.05
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 65.00
St Gabriel's	£ 96.91
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 533.00

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 2nd June 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Daniel & Nellie Conneely 11.00 am Patrick McCafferty 4.00 pm Holy Hour	11.00 am Kateryna Batrak	(Sat) 6.00 pm	(Sat) 6.00 pm Arthur Thomas 9.30 am Frances Neal 6.30 pm Ted & Angela Harrison
MONDAY	<i>12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh</i>			
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Joan West 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Peter & Edith Connor
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Gladys Grady			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am Pat Burns			9.15 am Bernadette Sproston
FRIDAY			10.00 am Private Intention (LISC)	9.15 am A Special Intention
SATURDAY	10.00 am Thanksgiving (CS)		6.00 pm George Harris	6.00 pm Helen Bennett
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am McHugh & Lyth Families Margaret Rogers 11.00 am Grace McGee 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Special Intention		9.30 am Stephen & Derrick Langin 6.30 pm Margaret & Charles Hurst

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)



LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

Renee Holt

Those who are sick, especially:

Anne Broad
Teresa Cooney
Maureen Warren
Margaret Langan
Gillian Best
Pat Burns

Joan Clegg
Norah Atkinson
Margaret Dixon
Alan West
Mary Hall
Ann Sutton

Children who are missing, especially:

Madeleine McCann

SECOND COLLECTION

Today

Next Week

Priests in Retirement
Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes
Pilgrimage Association

The Second Collection next weekend will go to support those pilgrims who are sick who may not be able to afford to travel to Lourdes with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage in July. The collection will also help to make their journey and stay in Lourdes more comfortable.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

1 Kings 17:17-24

Elijah restores the son of a widow to life.

Second Reading

Galatians 1:11-19

Paul stresses that the Gospel he preaches came to him as a revelation from Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus raises to life the only son of a widow at Nain.

