

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

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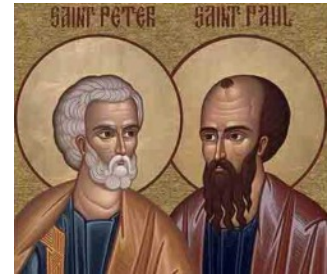
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 1
Sunday Readings - Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
Weekdays Readings - Year 1, Week 13

Today Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul
Wednesday Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
Sunday 14th Sunday of the Year (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate the feast of two wonderful saints, two saints who formed the Church in the early years, St. Peter and St. Paul. It has been well documented over the years that, despite the fact that Peter and Paul are held in the highest regard, they were far from perfect during their lifetime. Paul, as we know, was a great persecutor of the early Christians. Peter made many mistakes and continued to do so even though Jesus chose him to be the first leader, the first Pope. Jesus knew what he was doing when he renamed Simon and told him that, as Peter, he would be the rock on which he would build the Church. Peter was weak, boastful, over-enthusiastic and, at the time when Jesus needed him most, a coward - refusing to admit that he even knew Jesus. Before they went out to preach the Gospel to the world, it was crucial that the disciples had the opportunity to state their belief in Jesus, so Jesus asked the question, "Who do people say I am?" Peter spoke up as the leader of the Twelve, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This was the moment Jesus had waited for patiently. This was a pivotal moment in our history, when humanity recognised that Jesus was not just a village carpenter, a travelling preacher and a miracle maker; he was also the Son of God. This was the moment when Jesus knew that, in Peter, he had the rock which would be the strong foundation stone on which he would build the Church. Paul later followed Peter's declaration of faith. The words "Jesus is Lord" were probably an early Christian hymn. On Paul's lips, they were not only his Creed, they were also the reason why Paul was able to live and die in the cause of promoting the Gospel.

When Jesus called Peter "the rock", he did not identify the type of rock. Yet the implication was that if the apostle was to be the foundation for the Church, he would have to be strong, a firm foundation and a good leader to all the others. At the same time, he would need to be compassionate, understanding and loving. Jesus knew that Peter would betray him, that at times his weakness would surface, simply because Peter was not perfect. In fact, his humanity and the periodic blunders that he made kept him humble and realistic about his future. There would be incredible pressure as he tried to guide the infant Church through uncertainties and persecutions. But these very pressures would form Peter, turning him into an even greater leader of God's Church. It is a similar story for Paul. We know something of Paul's story from the Acts of the Apostles and from his writings to the early Christian churches. In his youth, in his zeal for the Law of Moses, he pursued those who followed Jesus and persecuted them. After his conversion, he travelled and taught tirelessly in the cause of the new law of love. Just like Peter, Paul faced massive challenges and was gradually fashioned into a new creation. As we celebrate the feast of Peter and Paul this weekend, perhaps we could consider who we are most like. God calls all of us to be leaders, like Peter, and to spread the Gospel, like Paul. Let us pray that we can do this with the great gift of love in our hearts, the gift that both these great saints celebrated as the greatest gift that God gave to them.

Psalms Response From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Gospel Acclamation You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

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

CAFOD & Traidcraft

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

'Celebrate the Child'

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

Lourdes 'At Home' Day

Meeting to organise the logistics of the day (including food - breakfast and lunch, flowers for the church and grotto, prayer cards, parking, etc) at St Ambrose Barlow on Monday 1st July at 7.30 pm. Parishioners from across the Pastoral Area are invited - do please come along if you can. We need everyone's gifts and talents for the day to be the success that it has always been in previous years.

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Forum

The next meeting of the Parish Forum takes place this Tuesday, 2nd July, in St Gabriel's at 7.30 pm. Copies of the minutes of the last meeting are available at the back of churches.

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.

CAFOD Garden Party

The guest speaker at this event is Tamiru Legesse, CAFOD's communications officer for Ethiopia. He is responsible for Connect2:Ethiopia - the project Holy Family has been supporting for some time. He will tell us all about Biera and also the new Connect2:Ethiopia community called Sebeya. As CAFOD doesn't get many visitors involved with Connect2:Ethiopia, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear all about Sebeya. The Garden Party takes place on **Saturday 6th July** at the CAFOD Liverpool Office (27 Crofton Road, Liverpool L13 SUJ) from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday 4th July on 0151 228 4028 or email liverpool@cafod.org.uk

News from St Mary's High School

Last week, we completed our Relay of Prayer, involving all partner primary schools, and 4 of our churches. It was a great success, enjoyed by all the children (and staff!) who took part. Thank you for your prayers - it held off from raining and everyone stayed safe. Thank you to all the staff and children who put a lot of effort into preparing for the week, and to parishioners who joined us for the evening services. As we come closer to the end of term, we are planning events for Enrichment Week. We are planning a Marian Procession on Thursday 18th July, with our Year 7 students, to which all parishioners are warmly invited to join. Further details will follow, but for now, keep that morning free!



Atherton and Leigh foodbank is a franchise of the Trussell Trust - a Christian organisation with stated mission, vision and principles.

Food has been provided for 325 local families over the past three months. The food is collected via a voucher issued by local agencies to ensure that it is those who are in most need who are supported. Food is distributed from a dedicated centre at Atherton Parish Church. The reception is arranged as a café so that there is opportunity to talk to those in receipt of the vouchers while the food is packaged according to the specified need.

ASDA (Leigh) and TESCO (Leigh and Atherton) stores have kindly agreed that Food can be collected from donors on 11 dates in total, from February to December 2013. At TESCO Atherton, 1.25 tonnes of food was collected over two days in February.

The Pastoral Area Justice and Peace Group is considering several ways of providing support. The most immediate is the need to find volunteers for supermarket collections - for one and a half hours any time on **Friday July 5th or Saturday 6th July**. This can be in Atherton or Leigh: please phone Valerie Thomas (01942 874160) if you could help.

The minutes of the Pastoral Area J+P Group will be available next week - these provide detailed information of the Foodbank organisation and ways in which our church communities can provide support.

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

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

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 - available from 0161 790 3380 or Holy Family Office. 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.

Scripture Group

The next meeting of the Scripture Group will be held on Thursday 11th July at 2.00 pm in Holy Family Presbytery. Our focus will be on Chapters 27 and 28 of the Acts of the Apostles. Please bring along a Bible. All welcome.

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.

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

If you need transport, would like to be anointed, would like to stay for lunch or need space for a wheelchair, please sign the sheet at the back of church and tick the appropriate columns. Many thanks.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

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



I had my picture taken today...



They asked if I wanted my photo retouched, to make me look a little better than I do:
highlight this; *brush away* that
and *erase* those tell-tale signs of age...

I guess we all want to look a little better, a little younger and more attractive than we image ourselves to be...

But you, Lord, see me just as I am
and you love what you see:
flaws and wrinkles, pimples and scars,
blotches and bruises, warts and all...

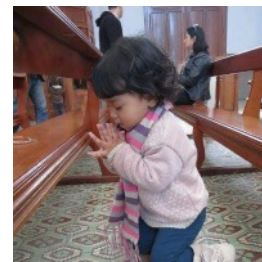
Perhaps I don't love the face you gave me
but, Lord, it *is* the face you gave me
and in my face you see a semblance of yourself:
your perfect image in my imperfect features...

You see all my blemishes, Lord,
the ones on my face and those on my soul;
you're fine with my face (whether I am or not)
but you know my soul's in need of retouching...

Highlight what's true and good within me;
brush away all that keeps me from you, Lord;
erase with your mercy the scars of my faults;
and retouch all that's in need of your grace...

Help me see how unique the wonder
of the person you made me to be
and open my eyes to the natural beauty
of all whose paths will cross mine today...

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LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 719.50
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 276.90
St Gabriel's	£ 188.15
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 698.72
Total Parish Collection	£1883.27

SECOND COLLECTION Aid to the Church in Need

Holy Family	£ 658.85
St Ambrose Barlow	£ TBA
St Gabriel's	£ 266.57
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ TBA

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 30th June 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Margaret Hibbert 11.00 am Christy Quinn	11.00 am Ronnie Kenwright	(Sat) 6.00 pm Pat Brierley	(Sat) 6.00 pm Ronnie O'Hara 9.30 am Peace in the Middle East 6.30 pm Mary Whittle
MONDAY	12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh			
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Pat Awdas 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am Margaret Rogers
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Celebration of First Reconciliation			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am Eiblin Paterson			9.15 am In Thanksgiving
FRIDAY			10.00 am Pat Burns	9.15 am Jonathan McCulloch
SATURDAY	10.00 am Jimmy Coombes 1.00 pm Baptisms		6.00 pm John Raines	6.00 pm Henry Knotman
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Private Intention (LISC) 11.00 am (With Leigh Catenians) Peter & Pauline Liptrott 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Donoghue & Roberts Families		9.30 am Connie Seddon 6.30 pm The Watson Family

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

**Charlie Jon Banham, Joshua O'Brien, Daniel Robert
Davidson, Mason James Gillbanks, Olivia Maria
Farrell, Bethany Anais Farrell & Harry Don Dagnall**
May God bless them and their families

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:
Mary Whittle, Pat Awdas & Francis Lucas

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

Peter's Pence

SSAFA

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.

SSAFA stands for 'The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association'. SSAFA is a national charity supporting those who serve in our Armed Forces, those who used to serve and the families of both.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

Written after the return from the Babylonian exile, this poem from Isaiah paints a glowing picture of the blessings God will bestow on Jerusalem and all those who live there.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

Paul insists that the Christian life means becoming more like Christ. He himself bears the marks of Christ's Passion on his body.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to preach the Good News.