

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

27th Sunday of the Year (C)

6th October 2013



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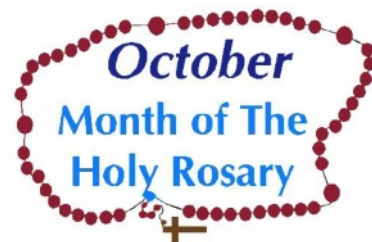
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 3
Readings Sunday - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 27
Today **27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**
Rosary Sunday - Day of Prayer for Nugent Care
Monday Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday Blessed John Henry Newman
Sunday **28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**



GOSPEL REFLECTION

There is a tendency among religious people to think that God owes them something. They imagine God as an employer. If we do the work, then in justice our employer owes us our wages. God owes us a reward in Heaven provided we serve him faithfully here on earth. This is a very understandable attitude. But it introduces a mercenary attitude towards something that should be a loving relationship between ourselves and God. It is also completely opposed to the Gospel message. The truth is that we can NEVER put God in a position where he is in debt to us. Jesus says that even when we have done all we are expected to do – and who among us could be so bold as to make that claim – we still cannot make demands on God.

At the time of Jesus, Judaism was dominated by the idea of merit – much like the new translation of the Roman Missal today! Jesus was challenging that attitude. Our faith in Christ is a religion of grace and NOT of merit. Salvation CANNOT be earned. We can never put God in our debt. But the Good News is that we don't have to. God is our Father, we are his children. He blesses us and helps us because we are his children and because we need him.

It should come as a great relief to us to discover that we don't have to prove ourselves to God. He loves us despite our sinfulness, despite our wrongdoing. We don't have to earn God's love. It would be impossible to do so even if we tried. God loved us long before we could have done anything to deserve it. And he loves us even when we are sinners. Our task is to return his love and share this love with others. We don't keep the commandments so that God will love us. We keep the commandments BECAUSE God loves us. He wants us to serve him out of love, NOT out of a sense of duty. Therefore, faith alone is not enough. We need love too.

What God wants from us is that we should come to him as children come to their father. He wants us to live out his commandment of love, not out of the hope of receiving a reward, but out of love for him and for others. If we do this then perhaps we can make the world a better place.

Psalms Response O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

ROSARY SERVICE

October is the month of the Rosary. Come and join us this afternoon (Sunday) to pray the Rosary' at 2.00 pm in Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Hindsford. Afterwards, there will be some light refreshments.

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

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 today (Sunday).



"With You Always"

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

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

St Ambrose Barlow - Thursday 10th October at 6.00 pm

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.

Sacred Heart Monthly Draw

Date of Draw 29th September 2013

£200 - 708, £50 - 340, £25 - 1138

£10 Winners: 1046, 464, 962, 353

£5 Winners: 657, 898, 1012, 185, 160

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.

Recent Deaths

Mrs Annie McCabe

Mrs Annie McCabe, a parishioner who lived in Surrey Avenue for about 30 years until the last few years when she was cared for in Astley House, died last Monday. Her Funeral Mass will be at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 9th October at St Joseph's, Leigh.

Mrs Joan Clegg

Rick and Family would like to thank the people of the Parish for their cards, prayers and Masses following their sad loss. Joan and Rick recently reached a remarkable milestone - 55 years married and always devoted to each other. Throughout her life, Joan had a strong faith and was always fully involved in the life of the Church - especially at St Ambrose Barlow, but also at Holy Family. She will be sadly missed by both Church communities. May she rest in peace. Joan's funeral will take place at St Ambrose Barlow Church on Wednesday 9th October at 10.30 am.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Building Maintenance Assistant

An opportunity is available for a part time, permanent Building Maintenance Assistant based at St Joseph's Presbytery, Leigh, to assist with the management, development and monitoring of buildings within the parish communities of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow, Leigh.

Salary: £12,500 - £14,000 per annum
dependent upon qualifications, skills and experience

Part-time: 20 hours per week
to be worked flexibly over 3-4 days
25 days holiday (pro rata),
pension and salary exchange schemes

The nature of the work will vary from responsive to preventative maintenance programmes of small repairs, to managing a wider rolling programme of works in response to quinquennial reports, which may include dealing with roofs, rainwater disposal, internal structure and external walls and general building services.

A full application pack including job description is available to download from our website at:
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/job

Closing Date: Friday 18th October 2013
This post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check

**"Get up everyday,
love God,
and do your best.
He will do the rest!"
~ Joyce Meyer**

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

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.

St Ambrose Barlow Pantomime

There will be a meeting in St Ambrose Church Hall on Tuesday 15th October at 7.45 pm for those interested in taking part in the next pantomime. Please contact Steve for further details.

Ladies Group

A Bingo Bring and Buy night will be held in St Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall on Friday 18th October at 8.00 pm. Monies raised will go to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Everyone welcome. Donations welcome.

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!

Parish Visitors

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, member of the SVP or the Bereavement Teams, or undertake some other form of ministry and visit people in their homes, then you are invited to a **Safe-guarding Awareness** meeting on **Tuesday 19th November**, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, at Holy Family, Boothstown. The meeting will be led by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team and will involve information on elder abuse as well as how to keep yourself safe when carrying out your ministry. This is an important meeting and the priests ask us all to make it a priority. If you are able to attend the meeting, please sign the sheet at the back of church **by the end of October**. Many thanks.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Mornings

St Richard's

The Coffee Morning held on 26th September was our best ever, raising £1117.09. Many thanks to all who supported it by either donating prizes, helping with stalls or by attending. One prize in the raffle, a bottle of red wine, has not been claimed. If you have ticket no 201, please ring 874928 to claim it.

St Ambrose Barlow

Raffles unclaimed prizes:

Saturday

Yellow 65; Green 221

Sunday

Green 266; Green 288

£703 raised so far!

Thank you for your fantastic support!

Sacred Heart

Thank you to all who attended our Macmillan coffee morning which raised **£365**. Thank you all for your generosity.

SOLEMN ANNUAL EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Quarant Ore - Forty Hours)

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2013
Holy Family, Boothstown

The church will be open for three days so that we can come and pray to the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. During this Triduum of Prayer, there will be continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (except during Mass).

Friday 18th October

10.00 am Mass & Opening of Exposition
The children from school will call in to pray at various times during the day.

7.00 pm 40 Minutes with Jesus
A time of prayer especially for teenagers

8.45 pm Night Prayer & Close of Exposition

Saturday 19th October

10.00 am Mass & Opening of Exposition
10.30 am Confessions (until 11.00 am)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer
8.45 pm Night Prayer & Close of Exposition

Sunday 20th October

8.00 am Morning Prayer & Opening of Exposition
9.00 am Mass
11.00 am Mass
6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction
(to conclude the 40 Hours)

Lord,
there's not a soul that you don't love,
there's not a prayer that you don't hear,
there's no anger you can't tame,
there's no sin you won't forgive,
there's not a heart that you won't heal,
there's not a tear you fail to notice,
there's no pain you haven't felt,
there's no fear you can't relieve,
there's not a mind you cannot read,
there's not a worry you can't ease,
there's not a joy that you don't share,
there's not a problem you can't solve,
there's no trouble that I face without your help...
When I need to remember one or two of these,
or more, or all of the above;
bring me back to this prayer, Lord,
and to my trust in you today...



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LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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| Holy Family | £ 627.68 |
| St Ambrose Barlow | £ TBA |
| St Gabriel's | £ 152.25 |
| St Richard's & Sacred Heart | £ 706.80 |
| Total Parish Collection | £ |

SECOND COLLECTION Monthly SVP Collection

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| Holy Family | £ 128.41 |
| St Ambrose Barlow | £ |
| St Gabriel's | £ 57.99 |
| St Richard's & Sacred Heart | £ 80.47 |

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

| WEEK BEGINNING 6th October | HOLY FAMILY | ST AMBROSE BARLOW | ST GABRIEL'S | SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S |
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| SUNDAY | 9.00 am Thanksgiving 11.00 am Church Parade (Maura Fitzmaurice) 12.30 pm Baptisms | 11.00 am Ian Close & Dorothy Cooney | (Sat) 6.00 pm Moira Coyle | (Sat) 6.00 pm Vincent Harvey 9.30 am Fr Philip Orrell Graham & Vicky Holt 6.30 pm Martin & Mary Furey |
| MONDAY | 12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh | | | |
| TUESDAY | | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Barbara Johnston 7.00 pm Prayer Group | | 9.15 am Arthur Hennessy |
| WEDNESDAY | <i>Mass at St Ambrose Barlow</i> | 10.30 am Funeral Mass for Joan Clegg | 12.00 noon Funeral Mass for Annie McCabe (St Joseph's) | 9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| THURSDAY | 10.00 am Joan Clegg | | | 9.15 am Stephen Langin |
| FRIDAY | 11.30 am Funeral Service for Winnie Brierley | | 10.00 am Private Intention (LISC) | 9.15 am Margaret Murray |
| SATURDAY | 10.00 am Special intention | | 6.00 pm People of the Pastoral Area | 6.00 pm Madeleine McCann |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 9.00 am Anne Freeman 11.00 am Christopher Tickle 12.30 pm Baptisms | 11.00 am Special Intention | | 9.30 am Jimmy Stanley & Ernie Ormisher 6.30 pm Kathleen & Fred Lyth |

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:
Alastair Irvine, Lewis Joseph Bruns,
Una May Murphy & Flynn James Paul Murphy
May God bless them and their families

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:

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| Dorothy Crowther | Joan Clegg |
| Winnie Brierley | Annie McCabe |
| Deacon Frank Newton | |

Those who are sick, especially:

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| Anne Broad | Norah Atkinson |
| Alan West | Gillian Best |
| Joyce Nuttall | Lynda Daly |
| Fred Lyth | Mary Hall |
| Veronica Marsden | Elizabeth Oldershaw |
| Peter Topping | Connie Cilly |
| Rev Jim Melia | William Bennett |
| Thomas Laing | Jean Neary |

SECOND COLLECTION

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| Today | CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day |
| Next Week | Nugent Care |

Nugent Care is one of the leading charities in the North West, caring for children, disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages. It fulfils a major social welfare role by acting as both service provider and major employer. The scale of work is immense and ranges from care homes to special schools, adoption services to volunteer work and community groups.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

On being cured of leprosy, Naaman comes to believe in the true God, and is lavish in his gratitude towards the prophet Elisha.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Paul tells Timothy that the work of preaching the Gospel will result in hardship, opposition and persecution.

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one came back to say thank you.