

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

7th July 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Sunday Readings - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays Readings - Year 1, Week 14
Today **14th Sunday of the Year (C)**
Thursday **Feast of St. Benedict**
Sunday **15th Sunday of the Year (C)**
(Sea Sunday)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples, he said that their first words on entering a house were to be: "Peace to this house." They were to be ambassadors of peace and goodwill. Without peace, nothing would be possible for them.

One Christmas morning in Northern Ireland, in the height of the troubles, a Catholic priest went across the road to the local protestant Church to wish the minister and his congregation a happy Christmas. The minister received him warmly, wished him a similar greeting and later made a return visit to the Catholic Church. However, some of the elders of both churches resented what the priest and the minister had done. The two clergymen felt they were only doing what Christ would want them to do – to be instruments of peace and reconciliation in a troubled and divided society. Peace is not a negative thing. It is not just the absence of war or division. It is a positive thing. It involves openness, understanding, friendship, tolerance, goodwill, hospitality, reconciliation. It challenges us to reach out to others. It helps to break down barriers of suspicion, fear, prejudice and bigotry. Working for peace means welcoming people close to us, those who annoy us or disagree with us, those who provoke anguish within us. To take the path of peace means to accept people as they are, with all their limitations and weaknesses. The people we need to make peace with are not necessarily our friends, but our enemies.

Shortly before Holy Communion, the priest says to us, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." What a wonderful gift is being offered to us – the peace of Christ, a peace which the world cannot give. Then he invites us to "offer each other a sign of peace." The hand we reach out to our neighbours is the same hand with which we receive Jesus in Communion. We come to Mass to receive blessings from the Lord. If we took nothing else away with us from here but peace, our time would be well spent. The end of Mass is not like the end of a football game or a film where we simply get up and leave. At the end of Mass we are "sent out". Having received the peace of Christ, we are sent out as ambassadors of this peace to others, which is why people should not leave Church straight after Holy Communion but wait until the end!

If we wish to be effective messengers of God's peace then three things are necessary. Firstly, we have to be open to receiving the peace of Christ ourselves. Secondly, we have to be willing to share that peace with others. And thirdly, the other person has to be willing to receive peace from us. We have to accept that our peace will not always be accepted. It may come back to us like the echo of our own voice. But at least we should try, since it is part of our calling to follow Jesus. In a world torn apart by rivalry, anger and hatred, we have the challenging vocation to be living signs of love that can bridge divisions and heal wounds.

Psalms Response Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

**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

An Evening of Summer Music

Monton Voices Community Choir invites you to join them for an evening of summer music at Holy Family this Tuesday, July 9th, at 7.30 pm, with additional contributions from Martin McLaughlin and children from Holy Family School. 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.

St Ambrose Barlow Guides Family Quiz Night

Friday 12th July – 7.00 'til 9.00 pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. Please come along to this fundraising event which will help to off-set costs against our holidays and camps. Admission: £4 per Adult, £3 for Concessions - includes a pastie and peas supper followed by cake and tea, coffee or juice. You are free to bring your own alcoholic beverages. 1st prize - £25, 2nd prize - £10, 3rd prize - £5. There will also be a raffle and tuck shop on the night.

News from St Mary's High School

Over the last two Fridays, we have had our Year 11 June Ball and Year 13 Leavers Dinner. Thank you and well done to all staff and students involved in planning and delivering such wonderful occasions – they were enjoyed by all present!

This coming week is a busy one for our students. On Tuesday we have our Summer Concert – an evening filled with musical entertainment (for more details, contact the school), and on Wednesday is the English Spoken Word Final – students from across Key Stage 3 will compete to crown the best public speaker in the year. On Thursday Owen are running a marathon for charity! They have been busy collecting sponsors, and will spend a few hours on Thursday running the distance between them.

St Richard's Summer Fair

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fair at St. Richard's School recently. The day was a huge success, very well supported and raised over £1000 for the school. A special thanks to the Far Pavilion Restaurant for providing us with the food, to Mr & Mrs Nulty and St. Richards Staff, the fantastic SFG members and everyone who helped to make this a wonderful family day.

St. Richard's 500 Club July Winners

£100	235	C Hopkins
50	37	D Smith
25	157	DMT Grundy
15	104	M Walker
15	189	W Croghan

Thank you for your continued support

Thought for the Week

Sometimes when I'm praying, Lord,
I imagine you sitting next to me on a park bench
in a quiet place, on a beautiful day...

Sometimes we just sit there,
just the two of us, in the silence...

Sometimes I pour out my heart to you
and share my troubles and worries
and you listen...

Sometimes I savour recent joys or moments of peace
and I offer you my thanks
and you listen...

Sometimes I just listen and you speak,
from your heart to mine...

Sometimes when I listen I hear nothing
except the simple silence of your presence
and sometimes, that's word enough to bring me peace...

And sometimes, Lord, you and I just sit...

One thing I know
is that I never have to wait for you:
you're always there on the park bench waiting for me...

And you're never in a hurry,
you're pleased to stay as long as I like,
as long as I need...

And you listen, Lord,
you listen with all of your heart,
even when my silence
is the only prayer I make...
You listen...



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PARISH NOTES

Newsletter

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

Clergy Addresses

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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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



CAFOD's Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

You are warmly invited to the CAFOD's Annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 18th July at 7.30 pm at St Oswald's, St Oswald's Street, Liverpool L13 5SB. This year the speaker will be Jessica Matthews who is CAFOD's Regional Support Officer for West Africa and the Great Lakes. She will be talking about CAFOD's work in the DRC!

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.



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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

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



Come & See Weekend

The Irenaeus Group are holding a "Come & See" weekend in Christ the King High School, Southport, on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October. Keynote speakers 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 on 0151 9491199 or 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 this, please contact Fr. Paul or Bernie at St. Richards.



Tomorrow's Monday??
Again?? I don't think I can do
this every week!

LOURDES 'AT HOME' DAY



Thursday 25th July at St Ambrose Barlow

The schedule for the day:

- 8.00 am **Early Morning Mass**
(followed by tea and toast)
- 8.30 am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
(until 11.00 am)
- 12.00 noon **Mass of Anointing** (followed by lunch)
- 7.30 pm **Holy Hour & Procession**

There are lists at the back of church for those who wish to be anointed. Could Eucharistic Ministers please ask the people they visit to see if they wish to attend and sign for them?

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We need **volunteers** to help prepare for the day and ensure it goes smoothly.

On the night before (Wednesday 24th July at 7.00 pm):

† We will need plenty of willing hands to put tents up, move chairs and prepare the grounds, the hall and the church for the following day.

On the day itself, we will need:

- † A coordinator to ensure that those wishing to be anointed have transport.
- † Volunteers to bring people to the Midday Mass.
- † Marshalls to direct cars into the car parks.
- † Help distributing food and drink, especially after the Midday Mass.
- † People to assist the elderly and those in wheelchairs.

If you can help with any of the above, **please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of church.** Young people will be especially welcome as volunteers because in Lourdes they are an important part of the Liverpool Pilgrimage.

Many thanks

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 768.82
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 370.62
St Gabriel's	£ 200.52
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 679.88
Total Parish Collection	£2019.84

SECOND COLLECTION

Peter's Pence

Holy Family	£ 250.39
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 77.00
St Gabriel's	£ 77.56
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 305.07

Aid the the Church in Need

St Ambrose Barlow	£ 383.98
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 842.79

Thank you so much for your generosity

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 7th July 2013	HOLY FAMILY	ST AMBROSE BARLOW	ST GABRIEL'S	SACRED HEART & ST RICHARD'S
SUNDAY	9.00 am Private Intention (LISC) 11.00 am <i>(With Leigh Catenians)</i> Peter & Pauline Liptrott 12.30 pm Baptisms	11.00 am Donoghue & Roberts Families	(Sat) 6.00 pm John Raines	(Sat) 6.00 pm Henry Knotman 9.30 am Connie Seddon 6.30 pm The Watson Family
MONDAY	12.00 noon Mass at St Joseph's, Leigh			
TUESDAY		9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rosalyn Knox 7.00 pm Prayer Group		9.15 am In Thanksgiving
WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm Exposition 7.00 pm Kenneth Stockton			9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	10.00 am Chris Quinn			10.30 am Funeral Mass for Vincent Harvey
FRIDAY	12.00 noon Funeral Mass for Pat Burns		10.00 am 'With You Always' Thanksgiving Mass (Barbara Johnston)	9.15 am Brian Hodgkiss
SATURDAY	10.00 am Jimmy Coombes		6.00 pm Thomas Burke	6.00 pm Helen Bennett
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Patricia Awdas 11.00 am George Baybut	11.00 am Bernard Hughes	1.00 pm Baptisms	9.30 am Joseph Baker 6.30 pm Vincent Harvey

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

Thea Rose Stewart

May God bless Thea and her family

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who have died, especially:
**Vincent Harvey, Francis Lucas, Pat Burns
and Baby Rosie Belle Thomason**

Those who are sick, especially:

<p>Anne Broad Teresa Cooney Maureen Warren Margaret Langan Gillian Best Pat Burns Mavis Smith</p>	<p>Joan Clegg Norah Atkinson Margaret Dixon Alan West Mary Hall Veronica Marsden Elizabeth Oldershaw</p>
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Children who are missing, especially:
Madeleine McCann

SECOND COLLECTION

Today SSAFA
Next Week Apostleship of the Sea

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.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday when we remember and pray for seafarers. The Second Collection will be for the Apostleship of the Sea who visit, welcome and support seafarers while they are in port.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*
Moses urges the people to obey God's law, not as something imposed from outside, but as something that springs up in their hearts.

Second Reading *Colossians 1:15-20*
Paul assures the people of his belief in the absolute supremacy of Christ.

Gospel Reading *Luke 10:25-37*
We hear Jesus share the famous story of the Good Samaritan.