

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

9th June 2013



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter	Week 3
Sunday	Readings - 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays	Readings - Year 1, Week 10
Today	10th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
Tuesday	St. Barnabas
Thursday	St. Anthony of Padua
Sunday	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Leonard Cheshire spent six years dropping bombs on Germany. He became a celebrated and decorated pilot in the RAF. As war ended in Europe, Cheshire went as a witness on the bombing raid, in 1945, that dropped the nuclear bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. It was the effect of seeing all this destruction that left him bereft of any faith that he grew up with. At the war's end, he was of the view that there could be no God, and that the notions of right and wrong only exist in the human mind to try to keep some semblance of social order in the world. Leaving the war behind him, Cheshire felt moved to try to help people who had been damaged by the war, especially ex-service men and women. One day, a man appealed to him for help and Cheshire took him to his own home. The man was dying. Cheshire learned nursing skills and looked after him. So began the great work of Leonard Cheshire's life - setting up homes for people with disabilities and caring for them. As this work of nursing developed, Cheshire and his wife, Sue Ryder, both converted to the Catholic faith. One day, Cheshire had idly picked up a book called "One Lord, One Faith", and so began a journey of discovering his own faith again and coming to know God. The experience of destruction had drained Cheshire of faith. The experience of compassion led him back to God.

In the life journey of St. Paul, a similar dramatic conversion took place. Whereas Leonard Cheshire had an undeveloped faith that faded away under the pressure of war, Paul developed a strong faith that was sometimes twisted by bias and bigotry. Earlier on, Paul tried to destroy the Christian faith. On this journey of destruction, Paul "met" the Risen Jesus, and was thrown into total confusion: "Who are you, Lord?" This confusion scattered the certainties of Paul's earlier religious practice and changed everything completely. God had opened up the way for a new person to be born in Paul. Hence the change of his name from Saul to Paul, to indicate the new nature that was growing within him. As the Lord himself said of Paul, this man who sowed terrible seeds of destruction would himself suffer much for the sake of the Lord's name. This is where we can see Paul's real conversion - from death to life. Saul of Tarsus was a man being eaten up by a narrow religion and a self-righteous indignation. God had become a useful ally with which to exploit Saul's anger at the world. In the meeting with the Risen Jesus, all Saul's anger flowed out of him, and a new spirit, the Holy Spirit, flowed in. Saul became Paul. The Lord whom we meet is a Lord of LIFE, not death.

As Jesus walks into the village of Nain, a procession of death - the burial of a young man - is processing out. These two processions cannot be allowed to bypass one another. Compassion for a widowed, grieving mother causes Jesus to go up to her and touch the body of her dead son. "Do not cry," Jesus says. "Young man, I tell you to get up." What a transformation must have come over the town of Nain that day. The Lord of life has restored joy their very lives.

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Psalms Response I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

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the church
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**St. Ambrose
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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.**

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The risen Lord is in our midst too. This Lord, who restores life to the dead, who reveals to us the promise and hope of everlasting life, is also the Lord who brings us to life today. Wherever death and destruction threaten us, wherever anger and violence darken the world, wherever sadness and despair rob our souls of light, there the Risen Lord comes to meet us. Saul of Tarsus, who threatened others with imprisonment and even death, did not realise how imprisoned he was. He did not understand that he was living a deathly life. But the touch of the Risen Lord changed all that. Confusion first, leading to blindness for a while, but then he was given new sight and a new way of living. Paul, the new man, could never stop thanking God for the gift of salvation. Let's thank God for the new life he gives us and pray that, as we follow him today, we may continue to follow the Risen Lord from death to new life in Heaven.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Welcome Afternoon

'Welcome' Afternoon today (Sunday) for parents who have had a baptism at Holy Family during the last twelve months: 2.00 - 3.30 pm beginning in church.

"The Witness"

The United Christian Singers are presenting a musical "The Witness" in Atherton Parish Church today (Sunday) at 6.30 pm. Tickets, priced at £5 each, are available from 01942 254426.

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).

Coffee & Cakes

Next Sunday, Danielle Pollitt-Walmsley (a pupil at St Mary's) will be holding a Cake Sale and Coffee Morning in Holy Family Church Hall: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. All proceeds will go to funding her trip to the INDRA World Congress in Derry in July where she has been asked to represent England. The Congress will provide an opportunity for young people from around the world to share their experiences and practice in dealing creatively with conflict in the world around them. If anyone would like to help, please call Diane on 07415 893869.

News from St Mary's High School

This is a busy time in school, with exams still going on and a lot of Primary Transition work taking place. We want to make the transition from Y6 to Y7 as easy as possible for our students, and so a team of staff and Y9 students are visiting the feeder primaries and delivering workshops to children joining us in September. Chaplain Emma is also out in the primaries working with some Year 5 students as they prepare for this year's Relay of Prayer (24th to 28th June). After a successful inaugural run last year, we are running the event again. If any parishioners would like to be involved in the week, there are opportunities to walk with the children and also to be join us with services each night that week. For more details please phone Emma at school (01942 884144) or email e.allison@smchs.org.uk

APPEAL FROM BARNABUS

The economic situation is exasperating the circumstances in which many people find themselves, especially those who are homeless. Barnabus, who serve the homeless on the streets of Manchester, are urgently in need of the items below. If you can help, please leave items at the back of any of the churches in the parish. Many thanks.

FOOD

Tinned meat (ham, corned beef) and fish for sandwiches and food parcels. Tinned hot dogs. Tinned ready meals (e.g. stew, bolognese, curry). Tinned vegetables (we are really running out of these basic items such as carrots, green beans, potatoes). Coffee. Long life milk. Cereal with long dates. Sugar. Cordial. Packets of instant noodles and pasta.

CLOTHES

Men's jeans 30"-36". Men's shoes, boots, trainers especially size 10 upwards. Coats especially waterproof. Men's new boxers (medium) trunk style. Men's new socks (thinner material for summer).

TOILETRIES

Shampoo. Roll on deodorant. Shaving foam.

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

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

St Margaret Clitherow St Vincent de Paul Society

Our next meeting will be held in St Richard's Parish Centre on Tuesday 18th June at 7.30 pm. This is for all members, so please do come along if you can.



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.

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

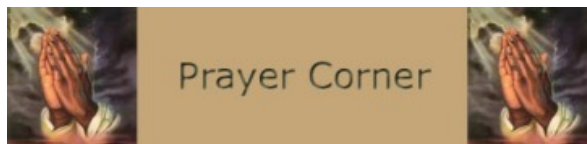
Bishop Malone invites you to join him on Saturday 29th June for the annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell, Fernyhagh Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 5RR. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at 12.00 noon in St Mary's Church, followed by Rosary Procession and Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch. 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. If you would like to take an active part in the Mass, please email: celebratethechild@tesco.net

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. 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.



Prayer for those taking exams

Lord Jesus, for me and all my fellow students,
may we have your help today
and all the days of these exams.
May I be assured of your friendship
and the friendship of all who wish me well.
Just give me a clear mind, a reassurance
that the work I've done will be enough,
and that I can believe in myself and my ability.
If, for a moment, that belief should fail,
may I depend on those I know who are praying for me.
Amen.

A Daily Prayer

Lord, I'm so easily consumed
by my own worries and problems,
looming larger than life in my fears and my dreams...

I need some perspective, a wider angle,
a longer view for seeing what's real,
what's great and what's small...

Lord, give me perspective in praying for others...

Let me pray for the dying and the critically ill;
for all those in prison or unjustly bound;
let me pray for the homeless, the poor on the streets,
those without medicine, water and food...

Let me pray for the lonely, forgotten and lost;
for innocent victims of terror and war;
let me pray for the abandoned, the abused and addicted
and for all who suffer alone...

Let me pray for those who have no friends,
no one to lean on when times are tough;
Let me pray for those who have no hope, no faith,
no God to pray to when worries and problems
loom larger than life in their fears and dreams...

Give me some perspective, Lord,
a wider angle, a longer view for seeing what's real,
what's great and what's small
in my mind and life today...

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LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Holy Family	£ 822.95
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 259.48
St Gabriel's	£ 174.80
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£ 676.49
Total Parish Collection	£1933.72

SECOND COLLECTION

Priests in Retirement

Holy Family	£ 288.92
St Ambrose Barlow	£ 104.97
St Gabriel's	£ 83.51
St Richard's & Sacred Heart	£

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