

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Trinity Sunday (B)

27th May 2018

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 4
Readings Sunday – Trinity Sunday (B)
 Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Week 8



Sunday Trinity Sunday (B)
Thursday Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday St. Justin
Next Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*) (B)

LEIGH DEANERY

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Ambrose Barlow
 Astley
 St. Gabriel's
 Higher Folds
 Holy Family
 Boothstown
 Sacred Heart
 Hindsford
 St. Richard's
 Atherton

Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

Our Lady of the Rosary
 Sacred Heart
 St. Joseph's
 Twelve Apostles
 Leigh

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity, our Christian belief that the one God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although this doctrine was formed many centuries ago, it can be understood as God's biography – it acts as a short summary of what we believe God has revealed to us of himself. Christians have always struggled to find ways to reconcile the core belief of the Old Testament that God is one, with the understanding that God is also in some ways three. This is because what we celebrate today is not so much a doctrine as an experience. The Threeness of the one God is how Christians throughout the centuries have come to know and love God. Jesus' final command to his followers is to "make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". "In the name of" is important: it expresses the idea of relationship. We are baptized not simply to wash away our sin but baptized in the name of God himself, which means we are immersed into the very life of God who is above all a relationship of love. Through our baptism we share in God's life. Jesus himself explained that the Father sent his Son into the world so that we might be saved – so that we might have life in all its fullness. Speaking to the first Christians in Rome, Paul states that we have the Spirit of God living in us, praying in us, leading us to share the glory of the Risen Christ. Our baptism in the name of the Trinity means that we are called to participate in the life of God, to enter into an intimate relationship with God, to join in the circle of love which is God. This is how we, as Christians, are called to experience God: the Father who creates and sustains us, the Son who is our Saviour, who gives himself completely for us, the Spirit who lives within us, animates, guides and directs us in our daily lives.

The Christian experience is that God is both beyond us, and one with us, and within us: Father, Son and Spirit. The content of this "mini biography of God" is fleshed out more fully in the scriptures – in Jesus' relationship with the Father and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to continue his work. But this biography of God is also meant to be fleshed out – literally made flesh – in the lives of Christians today. Because we have been immersed in the life of God, God continues to act, speak and reveal God's very self in the world today through us. God's biography becomes our biography, our pattern for life. The life of God transforms us and flows out through us, helping us to be like the Father – to create, not to destroy, to build up, sustain and care for God's world, especially for God's children. It means we are called to continue the saving work of the Son – to serve, to bring healing and wholeness into the lives of people who are wounded, marginalized or in need. And it means we become channels of the Holy Spirit – to encourage, to bring strength to those who are weak, to help people rejoice in their blessings, to console people who are sad and suffering, to speak out courageously against the evils of this world and to act to change them. Our deep, personal relationship with God – Father, Son and Spirit – means that our experience of God becomes our blueprint for living and our pathway to the fullness of life itself.

Psalms Response Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Liverpool Synod 2020

Please try your very best to come along to the three Holy Hours in the Deanery over the next few months. The first one, **this Wednesday**, will be led by Archbishop Malcolm. The Holy Hours are part of the preparations for the Archdiocesan General Synod in 2020. The Holy Hours in our Deanery will take place on the following dates and venues:-

- **Wednesday May 30th** at 7.30pm – St. Joseph's Church, Leigh (led by Archbishop Malcolm)
- **Wednesday June 27th** at 7.30pm – St. Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley.
- **Wednesday July 18th** at 7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church, Leigh.

Rome Pilgrimage 18th June

Meeting Tuesday, 29th May, 7.30 pm
St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall.

For all those booked we will be distributing information and boarding passes and sharing information. Please come along!

Children's Liturgy

It has been some while since this has been possible at Holy Family and once more I extend an invitation to anyone who might be interested in helping to run this as part of a team (ie not having to do it every week). It would be wonderful for our children to have the opportunity to encounter the Scriptures within their own liturgy. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Paul G.

S.P.U.C.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition calling for the Home Secretary to oppose any moves to restrict peaceful pro-life citizens' freedom of expression and freedom to pray outside abortion centres. Kindly support this petition by taking time to read the leaflet at the back of church and signing the petition form(s) which will be collected and forwarded to SPUC before the closing date, 27th July 2018.

Gardening Volunteers Wanted

Can you help to maintain the lawns and flower beds at Holy Family Church? Please put your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of church. Thank you in anticipation!

Next Two Weeks

Ladies Group

The next Ladies Group meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5th June** in St Ambrose Church Hall at 2.00pm.
Raffle: Kath Lloyd, Norma Quinn.
N.B. Could you please bring change for your subs!

Parish Administrator

Due to a change in circumstances, Helen recently left us for pastures new. As such the advert is available on line for the position of Parish Administrator working at Holy Family.

Closing date: Friday 8th June 2018.

Interview Date: Wednesday 4th July 2018.

This post is not subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check.

To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs.

Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1101 for an application pack.

Lourdes Music Group

The Music Group led by Fr Paul G, will be coming to the parish on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June** for a fundraising 'Singathon'. The group will be singing and playing over a 24-hour period to raise funds to help members with the cost of this year's pilgrimage. The group will lead the music at St Ambrose at the 6.00pm Mass and both morning Masses at Holy Family. The event will conclude with a Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise at 3.00pm on Sunday 10th in Holy Family ending with Benediction.

Lourdes Music Group Cake Sale

It has been suggested that, as has been done with the Youth SVP in times past, cakes donated by parishioners could go on sale after the Masses on **Sunday 10th June** to help raise funds for the Music Group. Fr Paul and the group appreciate any support you can give. Details of cake drop off to follow next weekend.

Summer Mass Schedule

This year we will operate the reduced Mass times for the whole of **July and August**. This allows us to once more try this out for when we have fewer priests. The Mass times will be 8.45am Holy Family, 10.00am St Richards, 11.15am St Ambrose Barlow.

Meru Women's Garden Project

Atherton Churches Together have agreed to help Soroptimist International, Leigh & District Club, raise money for a unique project which has been set up in Meru, a region of Kenya. The project aims to help 194 women create vegetable gardens which will not only feed their families but also allow them to sell any surplus to raise money and send their children to school. To do this we are collecting old, broken, perfect and not so perfect jewellery that can be exchanged for cash by weight. So the more we collect the more money we make for the project.

A box for the donated items will be placed at the back of St. Richard's Church for the next few weeks. The entire Parish is invited to take part. Please help if you are able to do so. Further information can be found at meruwomen.org Or you can contact Josie Carter on 07845973353.

This is a Soroptimist International, Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) project working with the charity child.org.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory	£1965.25
Friends of the Holy Land	£ 317.35
World Communications Day (additional)	£ 15.00

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Second Collection 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.

Next Week

Provision for Priests in Retirement

The annual collection for **Priests in Retirement** goes towards the cost of providing accommodation for those who retire at the age of 75. If you want to Gift Aid your offering and don't use offertory envelopes, there are some Gift Aid envelopes at the back of each church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Parish Forum

The next meeting of the Parish Forum takes place on **Tuesday, June 26th** at 7.45pm in Holy Family Church. The Forum is open to anyone who would like to come along and get more involved in Parish life.

Parish Trip to Stratford, 28th June

Only a few months late, Fr.Paul will phone round all the people on the list for the trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon this week. This is just to confirm that you are definitely coming. There are a few people who have expressed an interest in recent weeks so, if any spaces become available, we will let you know. More details regarding departure times very soon.

St Ambrose Barlow School Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre will be held in the school grounds on **Saturday 30th June** from 12 noon-4.00pm. Please come down and support this fantastic family day, featuring a variety of stalls and entertainment including a 'Bake-off' Competition, pony rides and Emergency Service Vehicles. A grand raffle will be drawn on the day with a first prize of £100 up for grabs as well as a selection of other prizes including bottles and chocolates.

Tickets for the raffle will be available after 11.00am Mass at St Ambrose Barlow **from Sunday 27th May**, priced at £1 a book, so everyone can join in even if you can't attend on the day.

Thank you for your support with this important event, all proceeds from which will go straight into supporting our school and children.

Eucharistic Assembly Liverpool

We have been informed that there are now some **extra places available for the National Eucharistic Assembly**, also known as "Adoremus" (7-9th September). Tickets are available for the Saturday of the Congress but you will need to book them directly from the Archdiocese. The contact person is Eleanor Lalley on 0151-52201047 and she will send you a booking form which you will need to return immediately. Or you can download the booking form from e.lalley@rcaol.co.uk or formation@rcaol.co.uk

Parish Trip to York - FULL!

Please note that the Parish trip to York on **Tuesday, December 11th** is now completely full. If you are still interested in going then please leave your name(s) and contact number with Fr.Paul (the Big One!) and you will be put on a reserve list. If any places become available you will then be invited on the trip asap. The cost should be approximately £10 per person. We will give you further details regarding pick-up points and times of departure and return much nearer the time.



Sacred Heart Club

Quiz Night

Cash Prizes

Every Thursday

Doors open 8.00 pm for 8.30 start.

Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

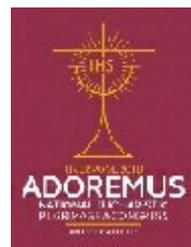
We thank you Father
For the love you have shown us
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
For the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,
So now send us out
To share what we have received
With our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
That you are calling us to be:
A community that listens, that trusts,
That lives with courage
And that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
Be a source of healing, of new life
And a deeper trust in you.
We ask this in faith
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



Reflect: Today we recall how Jesus commissioned his disciples to teach all nations about Jesus and baptise them in the name of the Trinity. As we read the Gospel on this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love. It may seem to be a difficult task for each of us, but if we consider that Jesus taught us very little about religion, but more about a way of living - what we say and do, in all we are we strive to be like Jesus.

Pray: The Father of many resting places grant you rest;
The Christ who stilled the storm grant you calm;
The Spirit who fills all things grant you peace.
God's light be your light,
God's love be your love,
God's way be your way.

Act: Share the journey - give someone a lift and save fuel. If you don't drive, interact cheerfully with someone you meet on your journey, bring light into their world.

Challenge: At the end of the Gospel Jesus promises that he is with us always. The challenge is, if Jesus himself is 'with you', what should you be doing? How then should you live?

Newsletter

Please ensure that items for next week's newsletter are sent in by Wednesday evening. Thank you.

Clergy Addresses

Fr Paul Seddon: St Richard's Presbytery, Mayfield Street, Atherton, Manchester M46 0AQ

Fr Paul Grady: Holy Family Presbytery, 208 Chaddock Lane, Boothstown, Worsley, Manchester M28 1DN

Finance

All monies should be paid into the Parish account of St Margaret Clitherow Please note spelling 'Clitherow'). Thank you.

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are Sick



Arthur Leggett.
 Agnes Pilkington
 All Cancer Patients
 Anne Broad
 Baby George
 Baby Grace
 Baby Luke
 Bernadette Bates
 Bernard O'Donnell
 Bridie Molyneux
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Derek Maude
 Edward Leach
 Emma Oldham
 Enid Kenwright
 Eugenie Cheetham
 Fon O'Hara
 Freda Peake
 Gerald Hackett
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Irene Burke
 Irene McIntyre
 Jamie Robbins
 Jean Tchibukdjian
 Jess Garrett
 Joan Wilkinson
 John Sleeman
 John Wall
 Kathy Kenyon
 Maisie Sweeney (age 9)
 Margaret Case
 Margaret Dawson
 Margaret Hurley
 Margaret Ross
 Margaret Wall
 Marjorie Price
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Michael Wright
 Mildred Hughes
 Patricia Wilson
 Rev Jim Melia
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Sr Megan Haisley
 Steve Clorston
 Ted & Harriet Langin
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin

Week Beginning 27th May	Holy Family	St. Ambrose Barlow	St. Richard's
SUNDAY	9.00 am Anastasia Giblin <i>(correction from last week)</i> 11.00 am William Joseph Silcot	(Sat) 6.00 pm Evelyn Ward 11.00 am Frank Green	(Sat) 6.00 pm Alan Charlton 9.30 am Joan Baxter
MONDAY			
TUESDAY		9.15 am Tony Berbas	12.00 noon Funeral Mass for Gertrude Sandilands
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Jim Donelan		9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Robert Carter
FRIDAY	<i>Mass at St. Richard's</i>		9.15 am Joseph Lyons
SATURDAY	10.00 am Eileen Ward 1.00 pm Nuptial Mass – Michelle Dermody and Paul Callan	10.00 am Exposition and Rosary 6.00 pm John West	6.00 pm Ernest James Daniels
NEXT SUNDAY	9.00 am Michelle Gannon 11.00 am Joan Mary Higgins	11.00 am John Evans	9.30 am Bernadette Sproston

BAPTISM
 We welcome into our family of Faith

Kaius Jay Boyce
 May God bless him and his family.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Gertrude Sandilands

 Elizabeth Anne Jones

 Kathleen Lyth

 Maureen Mitchell

 R.I.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturday Confessions after 10.00 am Mass at Holy Family and after both 6.00 pm Masses in St Ambrose Barlow and St Richards.

 Confession also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

First Reading *Exodus 24:3-8*
 Moses makes a Covenant with God on behalf of his people on Mount Sinai.

Second Reading *Hebrews 9:11-15*
 Through the redeeming work of Christ, God has entered into a new and eternal covenant with his people.

Gospel Reading *Mark 14:12-16,22-26*
 On the night before he died Jesus prepared to eat the Passover Meal with his disciples.