

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

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PARISH NEWS

Please make use of this address when contacting the Parish Office: stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk
A reminder: Please could all items for the newsletter be sent to the office at Holy Family or the above email by Wednesday evening.

Last Week's Parish Collections: Offertory Collection : **£672.50**

2nd Cafod Family Fast Day **£1,135.88** Cafod Cafe **£327.16**

Second Collections: Today : **SVP** Next Week : **SPUC White Flower Appeal**

Stations of the Cross : Holy Family - Wednesdays at 6.30pm before 7.00pm evening mass. Parishioner lead stations will begin next Wednesday 25th February at Holy Family Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like to lead one of these. St Ambrose - Deacon Bob will lead stations on Fridays at 7.00pm commencing on Friday 20th February.

Family Walk During Lent: At the last Parish Council meeting it was discussed having a family walk during Lent. This will take place after the Saturday morning mass at 11.00am and will be for about an hour. We would then have tea and coffee in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome

S. P. U. C. White Flower Appeal : There will be a second collection at both Holy Family and St Ambrose Barlow Masses weekend Sat/Sun - 14/15 March in support of the tireless efforts of SPUC to uphold the sanctity of life at every stage. Please remember them in your prayers and give generously. Thank you.

Parish Development Strategy: It has been announced about the beginning of the Parish Development Strategy in our Deanery. This means that we will be taking a close look at all the parish communities in the deanery. In our parish I have asked a number of parishioners to help in these early stages by joining a 'Steering Group. Over the coming months we will prepare some ideas for the future. Changes are inevitable over the next couple of years, so let's pray that the Holy Spirit will give us all some guidance.

Garden Rescue at Holy Family : Grateful thanks to the parishioners who keep the grounds at Holy Family as attractive as they are. There is however, more to be done to smarten things up before our Easter celebrations. Could you spare a couple of hours on Saturday 14th March at 11.00am to help with some tidying up? Please bring your own tools. E.g. Gloves, secateurs, trowel, hand fork, loppers, shears etc.

Ladies Group : Ladies, in future our meetings will be every SECOND Thursday of the month. Our next get together will be Thursday 12th March.

St Ambrose Barlow Guides : We are having a Bag2school clothing collection on 12th March. If you have any old clothes, footwear, bags, belts, shoes, towels, bedding sets these would be most welcome Thank you. We hold two of these collections per year which helps to boost our unit funds. (Chance for you to have a spring clean too) Bags can be dropped off in the porch at the back of St Ambrose Barlow church for the next two Sundays or please drop On Thursday evenings in the church hall between 7 and 9pm. If you are unable to drop off, for collection of bags please contact Delia on 07753 929476. Thank you.

Sick List If there are any names that you wish to be added to the new list please contact Liz in the office.

Food Bank As many families are struggling in our midst please give generously if you are able. Food donated at church is taken to support our local food bank.

SVP The weekly meeting of the older men in the parish for lunch and a chat at the Boundary Stone at 12.30pm on Wednesdays

St Vincent de Paul - The SVP may be able to assist you or someone you know who needs help. We could help by providing people in our parish with supermarket food vouchers, essential furniture and home items and energy top ups where these are needed. If you are lonely we could visit you at home. For more information contact our dedicated SVP number 07566 725590

Holy Family Mothers Day Cafe : - Sunday 15th March. Please come along to the hall after the 9.30am mass, along with the usual tea and toast there will be extra special free treats for everyone. All Welcome



LOCAL PARISHES

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Ambrose Barlow
Astley
St. Gabriel's
Higher Folds
Holy Family
Boothstown

Parish of St. John Rigby

Sacred Heart
Hindley Green
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

Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and All Saints

Golborne

Parish of St. Lewis Croft

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 MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are Sick

All Cancer Patients
 Archbishop Kelly
 Carol Yates
 Brian Smith
 Chris Higgins
 Deborah Kane
 Eilish Glennon
 Frank Colgan
 Francis Lohan
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Jack Travis
 John Wall
 John Walsh
 Joseph Gray
 Lynne Lewis
 Louisa Duffy
 Matthew Ndumbe
 Margaret Wall
 Michael Ruddy
 Sean Flemming
 Tony Kenny
 Teresa Yates
 Yvonne Glynn
 Young Dougie Ward
 Ward Family

*All praise and glory is yours,
 Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love.*

Bless the sick of our parish so that they may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering.

Restore them to health, and lead them to glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Deaths

**Maureen O'Reilly
 Brian Nolan**

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Week Beginning 8 th March 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 4 Readings- Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Lent (A) Weekdays - 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)		
Sunday 8th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9:30am Mary Jacques	6.00pm - Eric Vincent Whiteside 11.00am - Florence & Jack Wilson, Joan & Joseph Rigby
Monday 9th March St Frances of Rome		
Tuesday 10th March		9:15am Eternal Repose Marilou Castaneda
Wednesday 11th March	10:00am Requiem Mass Maureen O'Reilly 6.30pm - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm - Paddy Furey	
Thursday 12th March	10.00am - Nancy Lavin RIP	
Friday 13th March	10:00am Hilda Almond	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 14th March	10.00am : Frances Rose & Terence O'Malley 10.30am : Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm People of the Parish
Next Sunday 15th March 4th Sunday of Lent	9.30am For The Souls of Eamon, Noel & Grace Gilmore	11.00am Anne Laing & John Burke

St Michael Archangel Prayer

*"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
 Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou,
 O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
 by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
 who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."*



Readings for next Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading - Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

"And the Lord said to Samuel: fill thy horn with oil, and come, that I may send thee to Isai the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons"

Second Reading - Ephesians 5: 8-14

"For you were heretofore darkness, but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light."

Gospel Reading - John 9: 1-41

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life"



BAPTISMS :

Maeve Elizabeth Southern

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of new life. As this child is reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, help us to be faithful to the promises we make this day. Teach us to guide our child by word and example in the way of faith, hope, and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"



To make an offering to the parish by text message

Text CLITHEROW to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, Text CLITHEROWNOINFO to 70085, 70450 to donate £3, 70460 to donate £5, 70470 to donate £10.