

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

6th Sunday of Easter

10th May 2026



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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 : **£664.50** Priest's Training Fund **£190.31**
Second Collections: Today : **Cafod** Next Week : **World Communications**

First Holy Communion - As we celebrate the Easter season 2026, we pray for and congratulate all our children from Holy Family, St Ambrose and St Gabriel's Catholic primary schools and those from non Catholic schools who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion. The dates for Holy Communion Masses are 25th April, 2nd May, 9th May and 16th May 2026. May God grant our children the grace to love and grow in His wisdom Amen.

Confirmation : As earlier announced, the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Leigh area parishes will take place on the 10th of June at 7pm at All Saints Parish, Golborne. Those who have registered for it are invited to attend preparation sessions on the 13th and 20th of May at St Richards Parish Club Atherton. Time is 7pm. And then there will be a rehearsal meeting on the 3rd of June at All Saints Golborne by 7pm.



Marriage - This is a notice of a Marriage scheduled to take place between Shedrack Tobe Mekoma and Sonia Mercy Nyange. This marriage will take place at Holy Family Church on the 22nd May 2026. We pray for the couple.



Cafod Cafe - Our parish Cafod group will be holding their famous Cafod Cafe today after the 9.30am mass at Holy Family. Along with the usual tea and toast there will be delicious cakes for sale and a raffle will be held. Please come and join us All welcome.



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 the 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.

Holy Communion Cards and Rosary Beads are on sale at St Ambrose Church

Ladies Group The next meeting will be held on the 14th May St Ambrose Church Hall 12-2pm

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.

Gift Aid - Can all envelopes givers kindly pick up their envelopes for the new year. If anyone who is a tax payer and wants to join the Gift Aid Scheme please see Bernie or Des.

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.



Students Good Luck to all students in the parish who are taking their exams.

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
 Chloe Lally
 Brian Smith
 Chris Higgins
 Deborah Kane
 Frank Colgan
 Francis Lohan
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Jack Travis
 John Wall
 John Walsh
 Joseph Gray
 Kevin Lawman
 Lynne Lewis
 Louisa Duffy
 Martin Cosgrove
 Matthew Ndumbe
 Margaret Wall
 Michael Ruddy
 Reegan Lally Hilton
 Sean Flemming
 Stephen Gerrman
 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

Eilish Glennon

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 10 th May 2026 | Holy Family | St Ambrose Barlow |
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| Psalter: Week 6 Readings- Sunday - 6 th Sunday of Easter (A) Weekdays - 6 th week of Eastertide | | |
| Sunday 10th May 6 th Sunday of Easter | 9:30am Teresa McColl | 6.00pm People of the Parish 11.00am Anne Laing |
| Monday 11th May | | |
| Tuesday 12th May Ss Nereus and Archilleus | | 9:30am Chris Higgins |
| Wednesday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima | 7.00pm Thomas Holmes | |
| Thursday 14th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord | 10:00am Matthew Thomas & Thresia Matthew | 11:30am Parishioners |
| Friday 15th May | Mass in St Gabriel's School 10.00am Christine Nolan | |
| Saturday 16th May | First Holy Communion Mass 12 noon | 6.00pm John & Edna Neary |
| Next Sunday 17th May 7 th Sunday of Easter | 9:30am Larry Thibault | 11.00am Mrs Chris Worth RIP |

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

First Reading - Acts 1:12-14

"Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city"

Second Reading - 1 Peter 4:13-16

"But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed"

Gospel Reading - John 17:1-11a

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him"



A Student's Prayer by Thomas Aquinas

"Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom... Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect... Give me a penetrating mind, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning..."

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**.