Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 11th October 2026



St Margaret Clitherow

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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 NEWS

Parish office Please use stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk Send newsletter items to Holy Family office or this email by Wednesday evening.

Last Week's Parish Collections : Offertory £801.16; 2nd Collection SVP £155.88
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY £392.20

Retiring collections: Today, 11th October - Food Bank, Next week,18th October, World Missions.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Thank you for supporting the parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. You can still use the CAFOD envelope in church or donate online. To find our more about the work your generosity supports pls visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou

CAFOD Petition

We will be collecting signatures after Masses next weekend for a CAFOD petition about the global debt crisis, which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla from South Sudan has written to parishes in England and Wales to explain. Please stop for a minute as you leave next weekend and lend your support. Thank you for helping to build a better world..

Parish Family Quiz Night.

There will be a Quiz Night for all the family at Holy Family Parish Hall on Friday 23rd October from 7.30 to around 9.30. Entry is just £1 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Holy Family, Gaza

Pope Leo XIV has expressed his sorrow and assured Gaza's Christian community of his prayers after an Israeli airstrike killed five civilians, including two Orthodox women. The attack struck a residential building in the Rimal neighbourhood of western Gaza City in the early hours of Saturday, October 3, wounding numerous others. The situation there has been difficult and dangerous this last two years One piece of good news. Fr Romanelli and parish staff have gradually repaired the buildings and the school has now reopened. The resumption of classes offers a small but significant step towards normalcy for dozens of children living in the midst of conflict and destruction. Further details are included on the parish website. https://leighcatholic.co.uk/

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes



21st - 30th July 2027, for ages 15–22 or Year 10 upwards. See the notice board poster or Fr Francis. Booking opened 14th September; book before 19th October for a £100 discount.

Confirmation

If you are registered for the sacrament of Confirmation through St Mary's High School, please note preparation for the sacrament will take place at St Richard's Parish Centre - Mayfield Street Atherton M46 0AQ on the 14th/21st October at 7.00pm. Our first meeting will include information for parents/guardians. Please bring your child's baptism certificate, or information about where they were baptised to this meeting. Attendance at the preparation sessions is essential for your child to receive the sacrament. Confirmations will take place at St Richard's on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of November 2026 at 7.00pm. (NB Year 8; your confirmation will take place early next year.)

Children's Liturgy - St Ambrose

If anyone would like to volunteer to join the rota to help run the sessions, please speak to one of the Children's liturgy leaders.

Around the Archdiocese:

An Advent Retreat for Young Adults will be led by Fr Derek Lloyd, on Saturday 28th November 2026 at St Basil's Church, Widnes, WA8 4SZ. The Retreat Day will start at 10am and aim to finish at 4pm.
The event is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Please pray for those who are Sick

All Cancer Patients
Archbishop Kelly
Carol Yates
Chloe Lally
Brian Smith
Deborah Kane
Frank Colgan
Francis Lohan
Guy Ryan
Hannah Delargy
Jack Travis
Br John Dawson
John Wall
Joseph Gray
Kate Lombardo
Kevin Lawman
Lynne Lewis
Louisa Duffy
Matthew Ndumbe
Margaret Wall
Maureen O'Brien
Michael Ruddy
Reegan Lally Hilton
Sean Fleming
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

Please Contact Liz in the office to add names



Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Community

Arabella Rose Columbine

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 11th October	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 4 Readings: Sunday - Week 28 in Ordinary Time Weekdays: Week 28 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 11th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am **Denis Breasley**	6:00pm **People of the Parish** 11:00am **Christopher & Ann Smith**
Monday 12th October St Wilfrid	~	~
Tuesday 13th October St Edward the Confessor		9:15am **Michael & Ann Donellon**
Wednesday 14th October St Callistus	7:00pm **Mary & Martin Furey**	
Thursday 15th October St Teresa of Avila	9:15am **Veronica Marsden**	
Friday 16th October St Hedwig	10:00am **Mass in St Gabriel's School** **All Welcome** **Joyce Nuttall**	
Saturday 17th October	10:00am **John O'Malley** 10.30am **Confessions and Adoration**	6:00pm **Peter Topping**
Next Sunday 18th October World Mission Sunday	9:30am **Frances Scott**	11:00am **Anne Laing**



Lately Dead

Joan Grady
(the Mother of Fr Paul)
Mark Silcock

We remember them and their families in our prayers

Readings for next Sunday:
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Isaiah 45: 1,4-6

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:15-21



On 13th October 1917

Our Lady of Fatima told the 3 children there would be a great sign!!!!!
The Miracle of the Sun occurred as tens of thousands of people gathered in Fátima, Portugal, and reported seeing the sun spin, change colours, and move toward the earth.



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St Vincent de Paul

Dear Parishioner, You may be aware of our SVP appeals at church, so what keeps our conference busy? Our vision is for individuals and families who are in any form of need to have hope, together with a sense of dignity, worth and peace of mind. You can read more about what we do on the parish website **https://leighcatholic.co.uk/**
For help with supermarket food vouchers, essential furniture or household items, energy top ups, or home visits if lonely, please call our dedicated helpline 07566 725590.