

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

12th April 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: **£813.05** Holy Places **£232.40**
Second Collections: Today: **SVP** Next Week: **Food Bank**

Divine Mercy Sunday - Today we celebrate the feast of the Divine Mercy. Today we shall have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm. 1 hour adoration will follow. At 4pm we will have an evening of songs and praise. Please join us you will be spiritually uplifted.



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.

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.



For your Diary - Family Quiz night in Holy Family Hall at 7:30pm on Friday 24th April. £5 per family. Bring your own refreshments/snacks.

Guides Spring Fayre - The guides are having a spring Fayre on Sunday, 19th April after the St Ambrose Barlow 11am mass. Bacon and sausage butties, a variety of hot and cold drinks and stalls. Tombola, cakes, books and of course a raffle. Hope to see you all there. Delia, all the leaders and guides.



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

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



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
 Eilish Glennon
 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
 Reagan 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

John Walsh

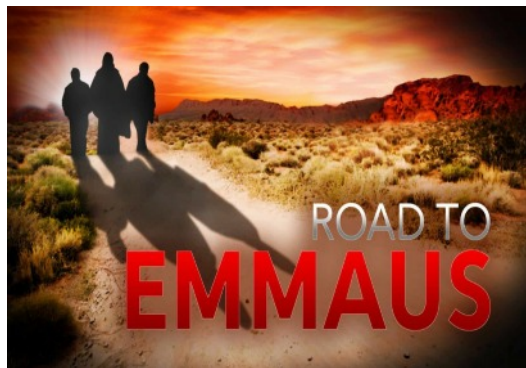
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Week Beginning 12 th April 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings- Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday (A) Weekdays - 2nd week of Eastertide		
Sunday 12th April Divine Mercy Sunday	9:30am Margaret Langan	6.00pm Wyn & Alf Brown & Clifford Grant 11.00am Bernard Quinn
Monday 13th April St Martin		
Tuesday 14th April		9:15am Molly Whelan
Wednesday 15th April	7.00pm Teresa Unsworth	
Thursday 16th April	10:00am Tommy Cunningham	
Friday 17th April	No Mass Today	1
Saturday 18th April	10.00am Parishioners 10.30am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Deceased members of the McGrath & Beresford Families
Next Sunday 19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	9:30am John Walsh	11.00am Veronica Hall

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading - Acts 2:14, 22b-33

It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Gospel Reading - Luke 24:13-35

They recognised Him at the breaking of the bread.



Holy Family - Tea & Toast today

All Welcome



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**.