Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) **15th November 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: £505.48; 2nd Collection, Royal British Legion: £117.80
Retiring collections: Today, 15th November: Food Bank Next week, 22nd November: Animate Youth

St Mary's Senior Citizen Christmas Party

St Mary's are holding their annual Christmas party on Wednesday 9th December 2026 from 12-2pm at St. Mary's Catholic High School and Sixth Form College: "We enjoy hosting this for members of the community every year, there will be an afternoon tea, bingo and musical entertainment."
Sign-up sheets will be at the back of both churches, or you can email directly to sixthformenquiries@st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk
Please include names, contact details and any dietary requirements.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Eileen Rothwell, former Headteacher of St Ambrose Barlow primary school. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eileen's family and friends.
Funeral details will be announced in due course.

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group pre-Christmas buffet will be on the 26th November.

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.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Friday 4th December, 7.30pm: St. Ambrose Barlow Hall - **Cabaret Night** with Steven Green. £10 pp includes Hot Pot Supper (16 Years +).
Saturday 12th December, 6.45 pm - **Parish Christmas Dinner** at the Manchester Road Cafe (opposite the Cemetery).
Friday 18th December, 7pm - The Catenians are again holding a **Carol Singing Evening** to which members of the parish are invited. £10 pp includes a buffet, raffle with lots of prizes to be won - Sponsored by the Catenians, with profits going to HCPT.
See separate Flyer for all our Social Events

First Holy Communion

We will shortly be starting the First Holy Communion sacramental programme. Application forms can be found at the back of both churches for children in Year 4 and above who don't attend one of our three primary schools.

Children's Liturgy - St Ambrose Barlow

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.

SVP

The weekly meeting of the older men in the parish for lunch and a chat at the **Farmhouse Kitchen** at 12.30pm on Wednesdays.

Food Bank

Many thanks to all who contribute to the food bank appeal. Please note that because of their perishable nature, bread and butter can not be accepted: dry and tinned goods only please.

Around the Archdiocese:

Scripture Morning, Tuesdays 18th and 25th November, 10.30am-12.00. "You either get it, or you don't. A look at the parables." A talk held at the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool. For those of us who live at the other end of the archdiocese, a Zoom link can be requested via centreirenaeus@gmail.com .

Please pray for those who are Sick

All Cancer Patients
Archbishop Kelly
Bernard Giblin
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



Lately Dead

Eileen Rothwell
Francis Ellis

We remember them and their families in our prayers

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 15th November	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings: Sunday - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekdays: Week 33 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 15th November	9:30am **Frank Furey**	6:00pm **Harry & Kathleen Hilton & Linda Hilton** 11:00am **Wilson, Long & Talbot Families**
Monday 16th November St Edmund of Abingdon	~	~
Tuesday 17th November St Hilda		9:15am **Hilda Almond**
Wednesday 18th November Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul	7:00pm **Teresa Unsworth**	
Thursday 19th November	9:15am **Phil & Christine Costello**	
Friday 20th November	10:00am **Mass in St Gabriel's School All Welcome People of the Parish**	
Saturday 21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am **Special Intention** 10.30am **Confessions and Adoration**	6:00pm **Agnes & Harold Bostock & Harold Bostock Jnr**
Next Sunday 22nd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:30am **Dennis Sweeney**	11:00am **Father Francis**

Baptisms

Eleanor Underwood
Lucas Hill
Oscar Folorunsho
Jayden Augustin
Zion Lugard Ukpebor
Britney Lugard Ukpebor
Talia Lugard Ukpebor

Readings for next Sunday: Christ the King

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:31-46

Saint Hilda was an incredibly important figure in the history of early English Christianity. Niece of Edwin, the first king of Northumbria, Hilda was influenced by both Celtic and Roman Christianity growing up. In 657, she was the founding abbess of Whitby Abbey. Seven years later, Whitby Abbey was the venue for the church synod in which the Anglo-Saxon churches decided to follow Roman practices.

The historian Bede writes highly of Hilda, describing her wisdom, love of the service of God, and example to those around her. Kings and princes asked for her counsel.

"All that knew her called [her] Mother, for her singular piety and grace."



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.