

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

17<sup>th</sup> May 2026



## St Margaret Clitherow

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## PARISH NEWS

Please make use of this address when contacting the Parish Office: [stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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 : **£475.60** Cafod **£1411.53**  
**Second Collections:** Today : **World Communications** Next Week : **Food Bank**

**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 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.

**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

**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  
 Deborah Kane  
 Frank Colgan  
 Francis Lohan  
 Guy Ryan  
 Hannah Delargy  
 Jack Travis  
 John Wall  
 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

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*

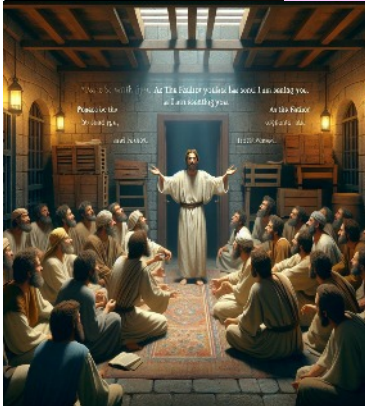


Week Beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter: Week 3</b> Readings- Sunday - 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A) Weekdays - 7 <sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide		
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9:30am Larry Thibault	6.00pm John & Edna Neary 11.00am Mrs Chris Worth RIP
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St John 1</b>		
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Dunstan</b>		<b>9:30am</b> Terence Flanagan
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Bernadine of Siena</b>	7.00pm John Walsh	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>St Christopher</b>	10:00am Martin & Mary Furey	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <b>St Rita of Cascia</b>	Mass in St Gabriel's School 10.00am Paddy, Liam, Jack Hessian	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	10:00am Parishioners 10:30am Adoration & Confession	6.00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside
<b>Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	9:30am Mary Jacques	11.00am Jeff Cook & Tony Berbas



## 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 2:1-11

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place"*

#### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

*"Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit"*

#### Gospel Reading - John 20:19-23

*"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

### 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**.