Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 18th 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 £482.56; 2nd Collection Food Bank £116.91
Retiring collections: Today,18th October: APF World Missions Next week, 25th October: Ukraine.

CAFOD Petition

We will be collecting signatures after Mass today 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 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

We regularly report on the situation at the Holy Family Parish in Gaza. The situation there has been difficult and dangerous these last two years, but one piece of good news is that 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.

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.

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 21st October at 7.00pm. 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.

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

Requiem Mass for Joan Grady

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Joan Grady, the beloved mother of our former Parish Priest, Fr Paul Grady, will take place on Monday 19th October, 12 noon, at St Mary's Church, Standishgate, Wigan WN1 1XL. All welcome to attend and join in prayer for Joan and support Fr Paul and his family.

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

Shayne Anderson McKoma

Robin James Hellemons

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 18th October	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings: Sunday - Week 29 in Ordinary Time **Weekdays: Week 29 in Ordinary Time**		
Sunday 18th October **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **World Mission Sunday**	9:30am **Frances Scott**	6:00pm **Peter Topping** 11:00am **Anne Laing**
Monday 19th October **St Paul of the Cross**	~	~
Tuesday 20th October		9:15am **Chris Higgins**
Wednesday 21st October	7:00pm **David Scott**	
Thursday 22nd October **St John Paul II**	9:15am **Joan Grady**	
Friday 23rd October **St John of Capistrano**	10:00am **Mass in St Gabriel's School** **All Welcome** **People of the Parish**	
Saturday 24th October **St Antony Mary Claret**	10:00am **Teresa Unsworth** 10.30am **Confessions and Adoration**	6:00pm **All Deceased & Living Members of the Families McGraph, Beresford & Rogers**
Next Sunday 25th October	9:30am **José Linza**	11:00am **Helen Gleeson & Kathleen Tregay**



Lately Dead

Joan Grady
(the Mother of Fr Paul)
Mark Silcock

We remember them and their families in our prayers

Readings for next Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Exodus 22: 21-27

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:34-40



'Jesus is living next to you, in the brothers and sisters with whom you share your daily existence.'

- St. John Paul II

As Pope, John Paul II was famous for travelling the world to spread the Gospel. He visited 129 different countries during his pontificate. In 1982, as well as visiting the UK, he visited ten other countries, including Nigeria, Argentina, Brazil and Spain.



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.