

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1<sup>st</sup> February 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 : **£784.05** / 2<sup>nd</sup> St Francis Leprosy **£261.08**

**Second Collections:** Today : **SVP** Next Week : **Food Bank**

**Retiring Collections :** Weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> February : **SVP** : 8<sup>th</sup> February : **Food Bank**

**Parishioner Anne Laing's Requiem mass** will be held at St Ambrose Barlow Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1.00pm

**Ladies Group :** The next meeting will be held at St Ambrose on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 12-2pm

**HCPT Coffee Morning & Raffle Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Family :** This will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> February. Raffle tickets will be on sale at St Ambrose Barlow 11.00am mass on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> and at the 6.00pm mass Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets will be on sale at Holy Family at the 9.30am mass (15<sup>th</sup> Feb) and at the Coffee morning held in the hall after mass where the raffle will take place.

**Cafod Cafe** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March Cafod will be holding their famous cafe at Holy Family . A Raffle and delicious cakes will be for sale please make a note in your diary to come and support all the hard work.

**Holy Family Baby & Toddler Group :** Parents, Grandparents & Carers you are invited to join our friendly and welcoming baby and toddler group, we meet at Holy Family Community Hall on Wednesday mornings (term time only) 8.45am -11.00am. There is a variety of toys , sing alongs, arts and crafts and has a secure outside play area. A suggested donation of £3 per session ( £1 extra for each additional child ) includes a cuppa for adults and juice and snack for little ones. For more information please ring the office on 0161 790 2390.

**"XII Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage - Easter 2026.** If any parishioner is interested in participating in the pilgrimage, or if you require further information, please contact Therese Thompson on 07780 064502.

**Holy Family , Tea and Coffee after Mass:** Tea and Coffee is Today Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February. All welcome

**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.

**Barnabus :** Can you help S.V.P. to provide for those living on the streets by donating warm winter clothing, eg. socks, hats, gloves, jumpers etc. Donations will be passed on to the charity Barnabus. Thank you for your help

### 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  
 Brian Smith  
 Chris Higgins  
 Deborah Kane  
 Eilish Glennon  
 Frank Colgan  
 Francis Lohan  
 Guy Ryan  
 Hannah Delargy  
 Jack Travis  
 John Wall  
 John Walsh  
 Joseph Gray  
 Lynne Lewis  
 Louisa Duffy  
 Matthew Ndumbe  
 Margaret Wall  
 Michael Ruddy  
 Sean Flemming  
 Tony Kenny  
 Teresa Yates  
 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.**

Week Beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter: Week 4</b> <b>Readings- Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays - Week 4 in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Racial Justice Sunday</b>	9:30am <b>Joseph Delaney &amp; Keith Lewis</b>	6.00pm - <b>Jean Ashworth-Scott</b>  11.00am - <b>Birdie Elvie</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>		
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <b>St Blaise</b>		9:15am <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7:00pm <b>Eucharistic Service</b>	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>St Agatha</b>	10:00am <b>No Mass Today</b>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>St Paul Miki and his Companions</b>	10:00am <b>No Mass Today</b>	<b>Requiem Mass at St Ambrose, 1pm</b>  <b>Anne Laing</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>St John Bosco</b>	10:00am <b>No Mass Today</b>	6:00pm <b>Anne Laing</b>
<b>Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am <b>Peter Edwards</b>	11.00am <b>Family of Fr Francis</b>

**DEATHS :** Peter Agada, Anne Laing

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May they rest in peace. Amen,"*

## Today's Readings

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**First Reading - Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13**

*"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands;"*

**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

*"Brothers and sisters, look at what you were when God called you"*

**Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:12a**

*"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain"*



## Readings for next Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**First Reading - Isaiah 58:6-10**

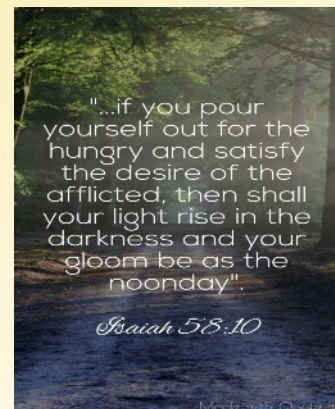
*"Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me"*

**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

*"Now when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with any brilliance of oratory"*

**Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:13-16**

*"You are salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again?"*



**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.