

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

1st March 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
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 : £647.30 / 2nd Collection Lenten Alms £155.89

Second Collections: Today : CAFOD Next Week : SVP

Stations of the Cross : Holy Family - Wednesdays at 6.30pm before 7.00pm evening mass. Parishioner lead stations will begin next Wednesday 25th February at Holy Family Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like to lead one of these. St Ambrose - Deacon Bob will lead stations on Fridays at 7.00pm commencing on Friday 20th February.

Family Walk During Lent: At the last Parish Council meeting it was discussed having a family walk during Lent. This will take place after the Saturday morning mass at 11.00am and will be for about an hour. We would then have tea and coffee in the Parish Hall. Everybody is welcome

Cafod Cafe Today Sunday 1st 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.

S. P. U. C. White Flower Appeal There will be a second collection at both Holy Family and St Ambrose Barlow Masses weekend Sat/Sun - 14/15 March in support of the tireless efforts of SPUC to uphold the sanctity of life at every stage. Please remember them in your prayers and give generously. Thank you.

Ladies Group Ladies, in future our meetings will be every SECOND Thursday of the month. Our next get together will be Thursday 12th March.

St Ambrose Barlow Guides We are having a Bag2school clothing collection on 12th March. If you have any old clothes, footwear, bags, belts, shoes, towels, bedding sets these would be most welcome Thank you. We hold two of these collections per year which helps to boost our unit funds. (Chance for you to have a spring clean too)

Bags can be dropped off in the porch at the back of St Ambrose Barlow church for the next two Sundays or please drop on Thursday evenings in the church hall between 7 and 9pm. If you are unable to drop off, for collection of bags please contact Delia on 07753 929476, Thank you.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2026 Easter Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April; can those already booked on please pay the rest of their balance before the end of February. We have some available places if anyone would like to come , if so or for any more information please ring Therese Thompson on; 07780 064502

Holy Family Baby & Toddler Group Parents, Grandparents and 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 at Holy Family 0161 790 2390.

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
 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
 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 :

Maureen O'Reilly
 Brian Nolan

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Baptisms :

Maeve Elizabeth
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Week Beginning 1 st March 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 3 Readings- Sunday - 2 nd Sunday of Lent (A) Weekdays - 2 nd Sunday of Lent (A)		
Sunday 1 st March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	9:30am Lent Family Mass Lindsey Duffield	6.00pm Parishioners 11.00am Ann & Christopher Smith
Monday 2 nd March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales		
Tuesday 3 rd March		9:15am Hilda Almond
Wednesday 4 th March St Casimir	6.30pm - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm - Kathleen Connelly	
Thursday 5 th March	10.00am - Teresa Unsworth	
Friday 6 th March Women's World Day of Prayer	10:00am People of the Parish	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 7 th March Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	10.00am - Barry Holt 10.30am - Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside
Next Sunday 8 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am Mary Jacques	11.00am Florence & Jack Wilson Joan & Joseph Rigby

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."*

Today's Readings

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First Reading - Genesis 12:12 1- 4a

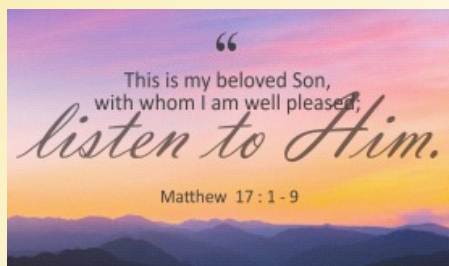
"The Lord commands Abram to leave his land, relatives, and father's house for a new land"

Second Reading - Timothy 1:8b-10

... We know that the law is good, if any one uses it lawfully,"

Gospel Reading - Matthew 17:1-9

"Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain by themselves"



Readings for next Sunday

3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading - Exodus 17:3-7

"Give us water to drink."

Second Reading - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

"The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us."

Gospel Reading - John 4:5 - 42

"A spring of water welling up to eternal life."



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.