Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

All Saints (Year A) **1st 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 £601.67; 2nd Collection Food Bank £107.70
Retiring collections: Today, 1st November: SVP Next week, 8th November: Royal British Legion.

White Poppy for Peace

White poppies are available at the back of church. Please take one.
The wearing of a white poppy is a way of remembering all people, soldiers and civilians, who have died in war and conflict around the world. It is a flower used as a symbol of peace and can be worn to complement, or as an alternative to, the red poppy for Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Sunday at Astley War Memorial

The service will commence at 12.30 on Sunday, 8th November at the War Memorial (at the Bullcroft, Astley Straits). The traditional service will also include a Gospel reading, bidding prayers and hymns. We have purchased a wreath from the British Legion: it will be laid by one of our parishioners on behalf of all members of our church communities.

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.

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, but please note that because of their perishable nature, bread and butter cannot be accepted: dry and tinned goods only, please.

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

The Pope's Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

Paul Freeman

We remember them and their families in our prayers

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 1st November	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 3 Readings: Sunday - All Saints Weekdays: Week 31 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 1st November All Saints World Mission Sunday	9:30am **Sylvia Chigey**	6:00pm **Teresa McColl** 11:00am **Marilou Castañeda Fernandez Julieta Castañeda Bonifacio Castañeda**
Monday 2nd November The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	~	~
Tuesday 3rd November St Winifride		9:15am **Special Intention**
Wednesday 4th November St Charles Borromeo	11:00am **Requiem Mass Paul Freeman** 7:00pm **Costello Family**	
Thursday 5th November	9:15am **McDonald & Mullen Families**	
Friday 6th November	10:00am **Mass in St Gabriel's School All Welcome People of the Parish**	
Saturday 7th November	10:00am **Teresa Unsworth** 10.30am **Confessions and Adoration**	6:00pm **Eric Vincent Whiteside**
Next Sunday 8th November	9:30am **Thanksgiving**	11:00am **Joseph & Joan Rigby Jack & Florence Wilson**

Baptisms

Zechariah John

Readings for next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading
1 Thessalonisans 4:13-18

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13

Saint Charles Borromeo was a sixteenth century Italian cardinal who organised the third (and last) session of the Council of Trent. He was interested in catechesis, believing that some of the Church's problems at the time stemmed from ill-informed clergy. St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries for Catholic Priests to help improve their education. He is the patron saint of bishops, catechists and seminarians.



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.