

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

1st Sunday of Lent (A)

22nd 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
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 : **£550.40** / 2nd Collection HCPT **£1305.68**

Second Collections: Today : **Lenten Alms** Next Week : **CAFOD**

Retiring Collections : Weekend of the 22nd February : **Lenten Alms** , 1st March : **CAFOD**

Stations of the Cross - 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 11am and will be for about an hour. We would then have tea and coffee in the Parish Hall. Everybody is welcome.

Cafod Cafe 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.

HCPT Coffee Morning The recent HCPT coffee morning was once again a great success with wonderful support from both St Ambrose & Holy Family churches. The final total of money raised from the Raffle, Donations and the Retiring collection amounted to an amazing total of £1305.68. This will cover the cost to send one child to Lourdes, the children will visit Lourdes this Easter lighting a candle and saying special prayers for our Parish. Special Thank you to all who helped on the day and a to Our Parish for your generosity, gifts, huge efforts and private donations at a time when costs are increasing across the board you helped us achieve the target. Thank You!

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. 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.

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.

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.

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
 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 : **Mary Jacques, Maureen O'Reilly** "Eternal rest....."

Week Beginning 22 nd February 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 3		
Readings- Sunday - 1st Sunday of Lent (A)		
Weekdays - 1st Sunday of Lent (A)		
Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent	9:30am Seamus McNulty	6.00pm Robert Palmer 11.00am Joe & Mary Sharples
Monday 23rd February		
Tuesday 24th February St Polycarp		9:15am Successful Heart Operation
Wednesday 25th February	6.30pm - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm - Carolyn & George Smallman	
Thursday 26th February	10.00am - Barbara Huddleston 12.45pm - Requiem Mass Mary Jacques	
Friday 27th February Cafod Lent Family Fast Day	10:00am Martin Furey	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 28th February	10.00am - Nancy Quinn 10.30am - Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm Lent Family Mass Parishioners
Next Sunday 1st March 2nd Sunday in Lent Day of Prayer for the needy and hungry of the world (Cafod)	9.30am Lent Family Mass Lindsey Duffield	11.00am Lent Family Mass Ann & Christopher Smith

Prayer for First Sunday of Lent:
 Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Today's Readings

1st Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading - Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

"Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-19

"Death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam."

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:1-11

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights,"



Readings for next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading - Genesis 12:1-4a

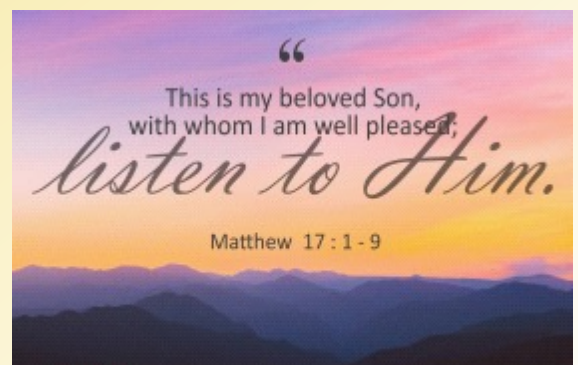
"The Lord commands Abram to leave his land, relatives, and father's house for a new land"

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"



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.