

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

5th Sunday of Lent (A)

22nd March 2026



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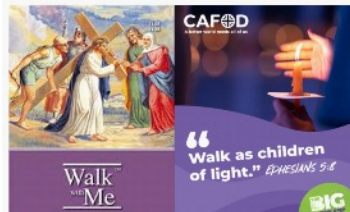
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PARISH NEWS

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 : £695.14 Spuc £164.06
Second Collections: Today : Nugent Care Next Week : Lenten Arms

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.

Easter Cards to the Holy Land : We will be sending cards again this Easter to our 5 communities: Holy Family in Gaza, The Annunciation in Beit Jala near Bethlehem, Saint Saviour in Jerusalem, Luckner Parents Home, in Jerusalem and Christ the Redeemer in Taybeh. Next weekend 21st/22nd March at all the Masses there will be large cards to each of these communities available for you to sign and send greetings. in an act of solidarity with our fellow Christians living in the Holy Land. Please spend a few moments of your time signing these cards next weekend. Thank you



Girl Guides Easter Chocolate Bingo : St Ambrose Barlow and St Joseph's guides are holding a chocolate bingo fundraising night on Thursday 26th March, 7 til 9pm. Entrance fee is by chocolate. Bring a bar, some crème eggs, a chocolate bunny or an Easter egg. Raffle tickets and refreshments will be available on the night so please bring some spare change. Don't forget your Dabbers! We look forward to welcoming you on the night.



Parish Development Strategy : It has been announced about the beginning of the Parish Development Strategy in our Deanery. This means that we will be taking a close look at all the parish communities in the deanery. In our parish I have asked a number of parishioners to help in the early stages by joining a 'Steering Group'. Over the coming months we will prepare some ideas for the future . Changes are inevitable over the next couple of years, so let's pray that the Holy Spirit will give us all some guidance.

Gift Aid - Can all envelope givers kindly pick up their envelopes for the new year. If any one who is a tax payers and wants to join the Gift Aid Scheme please see Bernie or Des.

For your Diary - Family Quiz night in Holy Family Hall at 7:30pm on Friday 24th April. £5 per family. Bring your own refreshments/snacks

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 Are kindly asking for donations of Easter Eggs for the Local Food Bank if anyone can kindly donate an egg please leave them at the back of church Thank you.



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.


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.


 Lord,
 Hear Our
 Prayer

Week Beginning 22 nd March 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week I Readings- Sunday - 5th Sunday of Lent (A) Weekdays - 5th Sunday of Lent (A) 		
Sunday 22rd March 5th Sunday in Lent	9:30am Mary Jacques	6.00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside 11.00am Joan & Joseph Rigby Florence & Jack Wilson
Monday 23rd March St Turibus of Mogrovejo		
Tuesday 24th March		9:30am Lent End of Term Mass St Ambrose School Angela Walters
Wednesday 25th March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	6.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Special Intention	
Thursday 26th March	10.00am Lent End of Term Mass Holy Family School Brian Nolan	
Friday 27th March	Mass In St Gabriels' School 9.15am Lent End of Term Mass St Gabriels's School David Baxter	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 28th March	10.00am Derek Maude 10.30am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Agnes & Harold Bostock & Harold Bostock Jnr
Next Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9:30am Manuel Mendes	11.00am Joan & Joseph Rigby Florence & Jack Wilson

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."



Readings for next Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

*"I did not cover my face against insult
 I know I shall not be shamed."*

Second Reading - Philipians 2:6-11

"He humbled himself, but God raised him high"

Gospel Reading - Matthew 26:14-27

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

"What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?"

BAPTISMS : Phoebe May Hamlett

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of new life. As this child is reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, help us to be faithful to the promises we make this day. Teach us to guide our child by word and example in the way of faith, hope, and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"



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.