

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Pentecost Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> May 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 : **£606.09** World Communications **£195.29**  
**Second Collections:** Today : **Food Bank** Next Week : **Ukraine**

**First Holy Communion** - Congratulations to all our children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion over the past few weeks May God grant our children the grace to love and grow in His wisdom Amen.

**Confirmation** : As earlier announced, the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Leigh area parishes will take place on the 10th of June at 7pm at All Saints Parish, Golborne. Those who have registered for it are invited to attend the rehearsal meeting on the 3rd of June at All Saints Golborne by 7pm.



**Wednesday Evening Readers Rota** - If anyone would like to be included in the next Wednesday readers rota please let Liz in the parish office know. This will involve reading approximately once every 6 weeks at 7pm mass. The new rota will start 17th June. All volunteers welcome.



**Holy Communion Cards and Rosary Beads** are on sale at St Ambrose Church



**Archbishop John Sherrington** is inviting all parishes and parishioners across the archdiocese to join together in praying a Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life on Sunday 21 June. The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena. The Novena is available on the Bishops' Conference website: <https://cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life>, as well as at <https://prayforlife.ie>

**PARISH BBQ June 27<sup>th</sup>** We are organising a BIG BBQ for Saturday 27th June in the grounds of St Ambrose Barlow Church starting 3pm until you want to go home!!! We will have BBQs to cook on and salads and sauces and the utensils for cooking so bring your own meats etc, bread and drinks. We have a Bouncy Castle and we will arrange games in the grounds. Cost is £3.00 per person or £10 for a family. Please come along for a fun day !!!!!



**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 info contact our dedicated SVP number 07566 725590.



**Students** Good Luck to all students in the parish who are taking their exams. You're half-way through now, keep going, you got this !

*"Lord, as this test begins, I look to You for help. Give me clarity of thought, a steady hand, and the ability to recall the knowledge that I've taken in. Help me to do this test to the best of my ability, trust in You, and let go of any fear of failure... Amen."*



## 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
- Chloe Lally
- Brian Smith
- Deborah Kane
- Frank Colgan
- Francis Lohan
- Guy Ryan
- Hannah Delargy
- Jack Travis
- Br John Dawson
- John Wall
- Joseph Gray
- Kevin Lawman
- Lynne Lewis
- Louisa Duffy
- Martin Cosgrove
- Matthew Ndumbe
- Margaret Wall
- Michael Ruddy
- Reegan Lally Hilton
- Sean Flemming
- 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.*

## ✝ Deaths ✝

Jim Hampson

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

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,*

*rest in peace  
Amen*

## Baptisms

Jasper James Magee

*"Loving God, we thank you for the precious gift of this child. Pour out your blessings upon them as they begin their journey of faith.*

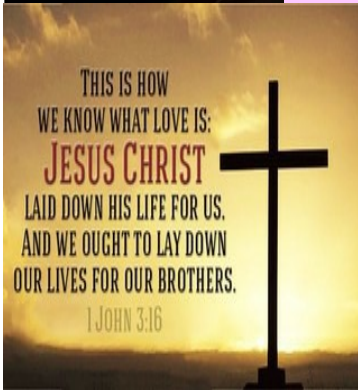
*Surround them with your love, guide their steps, and let your light shine within their heart now and always. Amen."*

Week Beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter: Week 4</b> <b>Readings- Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A) Weekdays - 8<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</b>		
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9:30am Mary Jacques	6.00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside 11.00am Jeff Cook & Tony Berbas
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b>		
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Philip Neri</b>		9:15am Graham Jones
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b>	7.00pm Private Intention (SF)	
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	10:00am Kathleen Connelly	
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Rita of Cascia</b>	No Mass Today	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00am Parishioners 10:30am Adoration & Confession	6.00pm Mary Bird
<b>Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	9:30am Kit & Johnny McGowan	11.00am Yvonne Mellin



## 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

#### **First Reading - Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9**

*'So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands'*

#### **Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

*'Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you'*

#### **Gospel Reading - John 3:16-18**

*'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'*

## Weddings

Shedrack Tobe Mekoma & Sonia Mercy Nyange  
Mark Chatwood & Lola Abs Osta

*Congratulations to both couples who celebrated their weddings at Holy Family this weekend*



### 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**.