Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 25th October 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 £570.29; 2nd Collection Food Bank £204.57
Retiring collections: Today, 25th October: Ukraine Next week, 1st November: SVP.

CAFOD Petition

We collected signatures after Mass last weekend for a CAFOD petition about the global debt crisis, which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla from South Sudan has written to parishes in England and Wales to explain. A copy of his message may be found on the parish website. Thank you for helping to build a better world.

Tea and Toast

Holy Family Tea and Toast is today after the 9:30am Mass. Toast and drinks will also be in the parish hall after the 11am Mass at St. Ambrose Barlow. All are welcome.

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.

Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk

Anna would like to thank everyone who either signed the sponsor sheet or donated via www.justgiving.com/page/annadavidson2026.
Together we have made a difference: Sponsored sheet money raised £677, with a further £360 online, making a grand total of £1027. Well done Anna!

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

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
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
Mark Silcock

We remember them and their families in our prayers

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 25th October	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings: Sunday - Week 30 in Ordinary Time Weekdays: Week 30 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 25th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	9:30am **José Linza**	6:00pm **All Deceased & Living Members of the Families McGraph, Beresford & Rogers** 11:00am **Helen Gleeson & Kathleen Tregay**
Monday 26th October St Chad and St Cedd	~	~
Tuesday 27th October		9:15am **Teresa Dempsey**
Wednesday 28th October Ss Simon and Jude	7:00pm **Private Intention**	
Thursday 29th October	9:15am **People of the Parish**	
Friday 30th October	11:00am **Requiem Mass Mark Silcock**	
Saturday 31st October	10:00am **Kathleen Connelly** 10.30am **Confessions and Adoration**	6:00pm **Teresa McColl**
Next Sunday 1st November All Saints	9:30am **Sylvia Chigey**	11:00am **Marilou Castañeda Fernandez Julieta Castañeda Bonifacio Castañeda**

Readings for next Sunday: All Saints

First Reading
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Second Reading
1 John 3:1-3
We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:1-12a
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.



Saints Cedd and Chad were Northumbrian brothers, educated at Lindisfarne. In the 7th Century, they helped the spread of Christianity through the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Mercia (of which our parish would be around its northern border).

Bede's History recounts a story Bede himself heard from Trumbert, one of St. Chad's monks. If St. Chad heard a sudden gust of wind he would immediately stop what he was doing and pray to God for mercy. His monks asked him why he did so. St. Chad replied that storms and strong winds were a reminder of God's power, sent to dispel the pride of men.

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.