

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

26<sup>th</sup> April 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 : **£647.15** SVP **£177.47**  
**Second Collections:** Today : **Priest's Training Fund** Next Week : **SVP**

**First Holy Communion** - As we celebrate the Easter season 2026, we pray for and congratulate all our children from Holy Family, St Ambrose and St Gabriel's Catholic primary schools and those from non Catholic schools who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion. The dates for Holy Communion Masses are 25th April, 2nd May, 9th May and 16th May 2026. May God grant our children the grace to love and grow in His wisdom Amen.



**Marriage** This is a marriage announcement between Shawn Maseko and Jill Bernadine Dacanay who are parishioners of ours. The marriage is scheduled to take place on the 2nd of May 2026 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Archdiocese of Davao in the Philippines. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Marriage** : This is an announcement of marriage between Mark Chartwood and Lola Abs Osta. The marriage is scheduled to take place at Holy Family Church Boothstown on the 23rd of May 2026. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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.

**Holy Family Tea & Toast** will be held today after the 9.30am Mass. All Welcome.



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

**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.

**Quiz Night** Thank you to all who helped organise and host and those who turned up to the Quiz night on Friday. We had a lot of fine and raised £266 and somebody has promised to round it up to £300.

**Students** Good Luck to all GCSE & A-level students in the parish who commence their exams next week.

**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.

**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

**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.

## 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  
 Chris Higgins  
 Deborah Kane  
 Eilish Glennon  
 Frank Colgan  
 Francis Lohan  
 Guy Ryan  
 Hannah Delargy  
 Jack Travis  
 John Wall  
 John Walsh  
 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

Trev Picking  
 Chris Higgins

*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

Joshua Hall

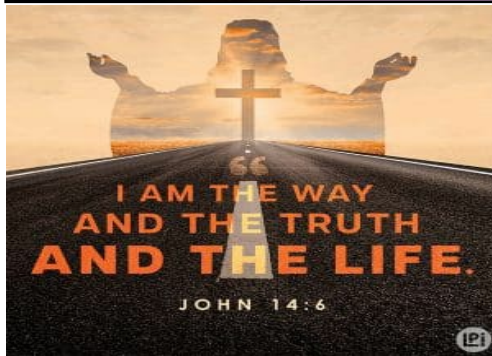


Week Beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter: Week 3</b> Readings- Sunday - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A) Weekdays - 4 <sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide		
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9:30am Eileen & Peter Gavin Mary Keaveney	6.00pm People of the Parish 11.00am Veronica Hall
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Peter Chanel</b>		9:30am Patricia Williams
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	7.00pm Joseph Holt	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Pius V</b>	10:00am Parishioners	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>	10.00am St Gabriel's Easter Mass	1
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <b>St Athansius</b>	12:00pm John Walsh 2:00pm First Holy Communion	6.00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside
<b>Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9:30am Mary McAndrew	11.00am Juanita & Maria Lemus



## 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 - Acts 6:1-7

*'The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith'*

#### Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:4-9

*'The mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light'*

#### Gospel Reading - John 14:1-12

*"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you"*

### A Student's Prayer by Thomas Aquinas

**"Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom... Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect... Give me a penetrating mind, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning..."**

*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**.