

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)

29<sup>th</sup> March 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 : **£655.09** Nugent Care **£236.47**  
**Second Collections:** Today : **Lenten Arms** Good Friday: **Holy Places** Easter Sunday: **No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

**Chrism Mass :** For all who have signed the sheet to go on the coach to the mass at the Cathedral pick up will be 5.15pm at Holy Family and on to St Richards for 5.30pm. You may wish to bring a sandwich and drink as there are no refreshments at the Cathedral. Any Altar Servers attending may bring their robes and join in the procession with servers from the archdiocese.



### 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.

### Easter Triduum

- Maundy Thursday** - **7.30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper (St Ambrose) Watching until Night Prayer
- Good Friday** - **10.00am** Stations of the Cross (St Ambrose)  
**3.00pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Holy Family)
- Holy Saturday** - **8.00pm** Mass of the Easter Vigil (Holy Family)



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

**X11 Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage** will have Mass on Easter Monday at St Richards, Atherton, 9am.

**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.

**SVP** - Are kindly asking for donations of Easter Eggs can kindly donate an egg please leave them at the



for the Local Food Bank if anyone back of church Thank you.

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

**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.

**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. For more information contact our dedicated SVP number 07566725590

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  
Kevin Lawman  
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 Tierney

*Eternal rest grant unto them,*

*O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

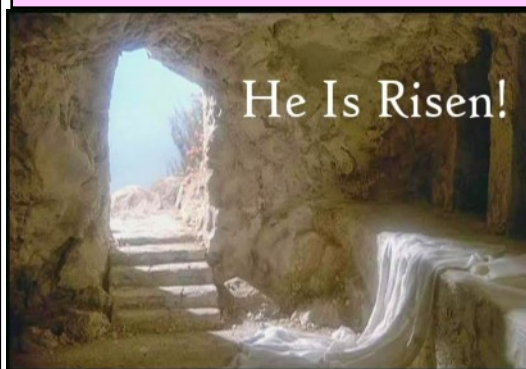
*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Week Beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter: Week 2</b> <b>Readings- Sunday - Palm Sunday    Weekdays - Holy Week</b>		
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	9:30am <b>Manuel Mendes</b>	6.00pm <b>Agnes &amp; Harold Bostock &amp; Harold Bostock Jn</b> 11.00am <b>Joan &amp; Joseph Rigby</b> <b>Florence &amp; Jack Wilson</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>		9:15am <b>Mildred Hughes &amp; A Successful Operation</b> 2:00pm <b>Funeral Mass</b> <b>Mary Tierney</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	7.00pm <b>No Mass today</b> <b>Chrim Mass at the Cathedral</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>		7.30pm <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	3:00pm <b>Service of the Lord's Passion</b>	10.00am <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	8:00pm <b>Mass of the Easter Vigil</b> <b>Keith Lewis</b>	
<b>Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	9:30am <b>Veronica Walsh</b>	11.00am <b>John Burke &amp; Pepe Villar</b>

**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**

**Easter Sunday**

**First Reading - Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

*Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism"*

**Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4**

*"Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on the earth,*

**Gospel Reading - John 20:1-9**

*'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'*

**BAPTISMS : Lula Harris, Jase Harris**

*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.