

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

5th Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026



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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 : **£593.40** Priest's Training Fund **£272.05**
Second Collections: Today : **SVP** Next Week : **Cafod**

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.

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 preparation sessions on the 13th and 20th of May at St Richards Parish Club Atherton. Time is 7pm. And then there will be a rehearsal meeting on the 3rd of June at All Saints Golborne by 7pm.



Marriage - This is a notice of a Marriage scheduled to take place between Shedrack Tobe Mekoma and Sonia Mercy Nyange. This marriage will take place at Holy Family Church on the 22nd May 2026. We pray for the couple.

Cafod Cafe - Our parish Cafod group will be holding their famous Cafod Cafe on Sunday the 10th May after the 9.30am mass at Holy Family. Along with the usual tea and toast there will be delicious cakes for sale and a raffle will be held. Please come and join us All welcome.



A BIG Thank you - We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has supported us with recent events. Our clothing collection achieved us £168.90, our Easter chocolate bingo was £363.72 and our Spring Fayre bacon butty fundraiser raised an amazing £343.41. Thank you to the SVP for their very kind donation to support two of our guides who are experiencing some difficulties, this is very much appreciated. And finally our Easter Sunday raffle raised £88! We realise we are so lucky to have everyone's support and this means none of our guides miss out. Delia and all the leaders and guides



Missio Red Mission Boxes - The latest collection from mission boxes in our parish amounted to £1121.65. An amazing total, and the biggest single collection we have ever sent to Missio! Sincere thanks to all contributors and collectors, your efforts are very much appreciated.

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.

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 07566 725590.

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.

Baptisms

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HOLY BAPTISM

Week Beginning 3 rd May 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 5 Readings- Sunday - 5 th Sunday of Easter (A) Weekdays - 5 th week of Eastertide		
Sunday 3rd May 5 th Sunday of Easter	9:30am Mary McAndrew	6.00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside 11.00am Juanita & Maria Lemus Morales
Monday 4th May Feast of the English Martyrs		
Tuesday 5th May Day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse		9:30am Hilda Almond
Wednesday 6th May	7.00pm John Walsh	
Thursday 7th May	10:00am Teresa Unsworth	
Friday 8th May	Mass in St Gabriel's School 10.00am Steve & Pat Cooper Golden Wedding Anniversary	
Saturday 9th May	First Holy Communion Mass 12:00pm	First Holy Communion Mass 2:00pm 6.00pm People of the Parish
Next Sunday 11th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	9:30am Teresa McColl	11.00am Anne Laing

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 8:5-8, 14-17

'Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there'

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18

'But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have'

Gospel Reading - John 14:15-21

'If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth'



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.