

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th February 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
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 : **£781.45** / 2nd Collection SVP **£344.72**

Second Collections: Today : **Food Bank** Next Week : **HCPT**

Retiring Collections : Weekend of the 8th February : **Food Bank**, 15th February : **HCPT**

Family Walk during Lent : At the last Parish Council meeting it was discussed having a family walk during Lent. This will take place after the Saturday morning mass at 11am and will be for about an hour. We would then have tea and coffee in the Parish Hall. Everybody is welcome.

Tyldesley and Astley Churches Together : invites everyone to a prayer meeting on Thursday 12th February 7pm for 7.30pm in meeting room of St Stephen's Church

HCPT Coffee Morning & Raffle Feb 15th Holy Family : This will take place on the 15th February. Raffle tickets will be on sale at St Ambrose Barlow 11.00am mass on Sunday the 8th and at the 6.00pm mass Saturday 14th February. Tickets will be on sale at Holy Family at the 9.30am mass (15th Feb) and at the Coffee morning held in the hall after mass where the raffle will take place. Please come along and support. All Welcome.

Cafod Cafe Sunday 1st March Cafod will be holding their famous cafe at Holy Family . A Raffle and delicious cakes will be for sale please make a note in your diary to come and support all the hard work.

Holy Family Baby & Toddler Group : Parents, Grandparents & Carers you are invited to join our friendly and welcoming baby and toddler group, we meet at Holy Family Community Hall on Wednesday mornings (term time only) 8.45am -11.00am. There is a variety of toys , sing alongs, arts and crafts and has a secure outside play area. A suggested donation of £3 per session (£1 extra for each additional child) includes a cuppa for adults and juice and snack for little ones. For more information please ring the office on 0161 790 2390.

"XII Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage - Easter 2026. Easter Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April; can those already booked on please pay the rest of their balance before the end of February. We have some available places if anyone would like to come , if so or for any more information please ring Therese Thompson on; 07780 064502.

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.

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.

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.

Barnabus : Can you help S.V.P. to provide for those living on the streets by donating warm winter clothing, eg. socks, hats, gloves, jumpers etc. Donations will be passed on to the charity Barnabus. Thank you for your help

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
 Brian Smith
 Chris Higgins
 Deborah Kane
 Eilish Glennon
 Frank Colgan
 Francis Lohan
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Jack Travis
 John Wall
 John Walsh
 Joseph Gray
 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 Jacques

"Eternal rest....."

Week Beginning	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
8th February 2026		
Psalter: Week 1		
Readings- Sunday - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays - Week 5 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 8th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am Peter Edwards	6.00pm - Anne Laing 11.00am - Family of Fr Francis
Monday 9th February The Presentation of the Lord		
Tuesday 10th February St Scholastica		9:15am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00pm Eucharistic Service	
Thursday 12th February St Agatha	10:00am No Mass Today	
Friday 13th February	10:00am No Mass Today	
Saturday 14th February Ss Cyril and Methodius	10:00am No Mass Today	6:00pm Vincent & Mary Topping
Next Sunday 15th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Pat Devlin	11.00am Craig Hill & Betty Thomas

Baptisms : Isaac Cawley :

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for this new life in Christ. May Your Spirit guide, protect, and strengthen them each day. Let their heart remain steadfast in faith, their steps firm in love, and their life shine with Your light. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Today's Readings

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading - Isaiah 58:6-10

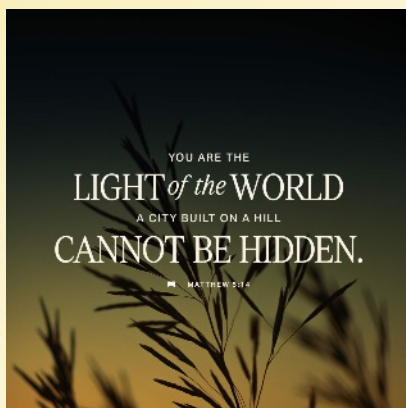
"Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me?"

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

"Now when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with any brilliance of oratory"

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:13-16

"You are salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again?"



Readings for next Sunday

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading - Sirach 15:15-20

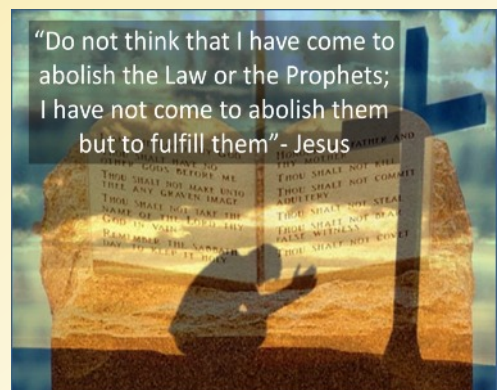
"If you choose, you will keep the commandments and so be faithful to his will"

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

"But still, to those who have reached maturity, we do talk of a wisdom, not, it is true, a philosophy of this age or of the rulers of this age, who will not last long now."

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:17-37

"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them."



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.