Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) **8th November 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: £573.10; 2nd Collection, SVP: £132.55
Retiring collections: Today, 8th November: Royal British Legion Next week, 15th November: Food Bank

White Poppy for Peace

White poppies are available at the back of church. Please take one.
The wearing of a white poppy is a way of remembering all people, soldiers and civilians, who have died in war and conflict around the world. It is a flower used as a symbol of peace and can be worn to complement, or as an alternative to, the red poppy for Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Sunday at Astley War Memorial

The service will commence today at 12.30 on Sunday, 8th November at the War Memorial (at the Bullcroft, Astley Straits). The traditional service will also include a Gospel reading, bidding prayers and hymns. We have purchased a wreath from the British Legion: it will be laid by one of our parishioners on behalf of all members of our church communities.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Eileen Rothwell, former Headteacher of St Ambrose Barlow primary school. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eileen's family and friends.
Funeral details will be announced in due course.

Ladies Group

The next Ladies Tea and Chat will be Thursday 12th November at St. Ambrose Barlow hall, 12-2pm, and don't forget our pre-Christmas buffet on the 26th November.

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.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Friday 4th December, 7.30pm: St. Ambrose Barlow Hall - **Cabaret Night** with Steven Green. £10 pp includes Hot Pot Supper (16 Years +).
Saturday 12th December, 6.45 pm - **Parish Christmas Dinner** at the Manchester Road Cafe (opposite the Cemetery).
Friday 18th December, 7pm - The Catenians are again holding a **Carol Singing Evening** to which members of the parish are invited. £10 pp includes a buffet, raffle with lots of prizes to be won - Sonsored by the Catenians.
See separate Flyer for all our Social Events

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.

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.

Celebrating 48 Years of Marriage

Austin & Claire Perkins are celebrating their 48th anniversary of marriage on Saturday 14th November, 2026. Holy Mass at Holy Family Church, 1pm. Parishioners are invited to pray and rejoice with the Perkins on this important occasion.

Please pray for those who are Sick

All Cancer Patients
Archbishop Kelly
Bernard Giblin
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

Eileen Rothwell

We remember them and their families in our prayers

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 8th November	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 4 Readings: Sunday - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekdays: Week 32 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 8th November	9:30am **Thanksgiving**	6:00pm **Eric Vincent Whiteside** 11:00am **Joseph & Joan Rigby Jack & Florence Wilson**
Monday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	~	~
Tuesday 10th November St Leo the Great		9:15am **Jim Whelan Speedy Recovery**
Wednesday 11th November St Martin of Tours	7:00pm **Valarie Davies**	
Thursday 12th November St Josaphat	9:15am **Andrew Neary**	
Friday 13th November	10:00am **Mass in St Gabriel's School All Welcome People of the Parish**	
Saturday 14th November	10:00am **Successful Operation** 10.30am **Confessions and Adoration**	6:00pm **Harry & Kathleen Hilton & Linda Hilton**
Next Sunday 15th November	9:30am **Frank Furey**	11:00am **Wilson, Long & Talbot Families**

Baptisms

Alfie Capeleti-Robinson

Readings for next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
A perfect wife - who can find her?

Second Reading
1 Thessalonisans 5:1-6
Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:14-30
You have been faithful in small things, come and join in your master's happiness.

Saint Martin of Tours was Roman soldier in the 4th Century AD (when Christianity was permitted within the Empire). The most famous story about him is that on a cold winter's night he saw a beggar shivering outside Amiens. He cut his own cloak in two, giving half to the beggar. That night, Christ appeared to St. Martin in a dream, saying Martin had covered him with his garment.

Martin was baptised and left the army. He was encouraged by St Hilary to preach the Gospel, but after some time felt called to the life of a hermit, and an early monastic community gathered around him. The people of Tours, however, tricked him into their city by telling him that a sick person needed his care. Once he was within the city, they made him their bishop.



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.