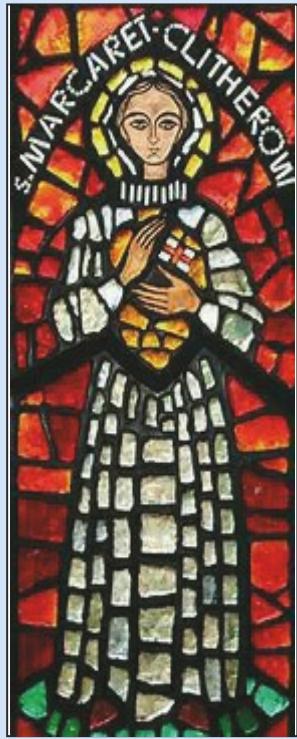


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

3rd Sunday of Advent (A)

14th December 2025



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
Hindford
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.

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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 Collections: : Offertory Collection £633.65 SVP: £237.98 Cafod Cafe : £226.00
Second Collections: Today : Food Bank Next Week : Food Bank

First Holy Communion : This is special information for the parents and their children who have registered to prepare for their First Holy Communion this academic year who do not attend our three parish schools. Our first meeting will be on Thursday the 18th of December at 6pm. Venue is Holy Family Church. Other details will be communicated at this meeting.

Christmas Cabaret Evening : Thank you to all who supported the evening, a total of £220.00 pounds was raised to assist parish youngsters to go on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Also a special Thank you to Des for the superb catering.

St Margaret Clitherow Christmas Lessons and Carol Service : We shall be having a service of lessons and carols for Christmas on Sunday 21st of December. Time 4pm at Holy Family Church Boothstown. Bring friends and neighbours to this opportunity to welcome Baby Jesus together.

Wed 17th December - 1pm - Parish Christmas Luncheon at the Old Boat House

£28.00 per person for a 3 course lunch (incl tip)

Last day to book is Monday - Please contact Des 07973 114365 as Liz will not be in the office (SEE SEPARATE FLYER FOR MENU CHOICES)

Holy Family Baby & Toddler Group Parents, Grandparents and 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 are 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 at Holy Family 0161 790 2390.

SVP As announced at mass the SVP ask you to donate small (new books and toys) as Christmas presents for the children [aged 6 and below] who come with struggling parents to the Food Bank. Thank you for your generous support. 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

Buy a Star for Cafod. Blank cardboard stars will be available in St Ambrose church porch from the 30th Nov. Write a Christmas message, plus your name and these stars will be displayed around a poster on the porch window. Donations to Cafod.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 6pm Holy Family

8pm St Ambrose Barlow

11.30pm Carols and Readings followed by 12.00am Midnight Mass - Holy Family

Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Family

11.00am St Ambrose Barlow

During Advent Adoration will be 6.30pm on Wednesday evenings before the 7.00pm mass at Holy Family



Please pray for
those who are Sick



All Cancer Patients
Archbishop Kelly

Carol Yates

Brian Smith

Chris Higgins

Deborah Kane

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

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.

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 14 th December 2025	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 3 Readings- Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)		Weekdays - Week 3 of Advent
Sunday 14th December 3rd Sunday in Advent (A) Gaudete Sunday	9:30am Graca Alves	6.00pm - Winifred Smith 11.00am - Mollie & Eddie Whelan
Monday 15th December		
Tuesday 16th December		9:30am - End of term Advent Mass with St Ambrose school. Eric Vincent Whiteside
Wednesday 17th December	6:30pm - Adoration 7:00pm - Teresa Unsworth	
Thursday 18th December	10:00am End of term Advent Mass with Holy Family School People of the Parish	
Friday 19th December	10:00am - End of term Advent Mass with St Gabriel's school at Holy Family - Martha & Frank Ryan	
Saturday 20th December	10 am Mass Pat & Angela McCafferty 10:30 - 11am Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm Sr. Anne-Marie Crowley LD
Next Sunday 21st December 4th Sunday of Advent (A)	9.30am Eileen Coates	11.00am Bernard Hughes & Veronica Hall

Advent Family Prayer

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent. As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

"XII Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage - Easter 2026. If any parishioner is interested in participating in the pilgrimage, or if you require further information, please contact Therese Thompson on 07780 064502

Holy Family , Tea and Coffee after Mass: Tea and Coffee is next Sunday 21st December.

Retiring Collections :

Weekend of the 14th December Food Bank / 21st December Food Bank

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 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

Readings for Next Sunday

4th Sunday of Advent (A)

First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-14

Behold the virgin shall conceive

Second Reading - Romans

Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God

Gospel Reading - Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, Son of David



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**.

Text **CLITHEROW** (or **CLITHEROWNOINFO**) to **70450** to donate **£3**.

Text **CLITHEROW** (or **CLITHEROWNOINFO**) to **70460** to donate **£5**.

Text **CLITHEROW** (or **CLITHEROWNOINFO**) to **70470** to donate **£10**.