Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

17th August 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
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.

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.

Retiring Collections: 17th August : August Ukraine 24th August : August Food Bank

Last Week's Parish Collections: Offertory Collection: £750.19
2nd Collection: Food Bank £216.11

Second Collections: Today: Ukraine Next Week: Food Bank

St Ambrose Children's Liturgy: There will be no children's liturgy group at the 11am Sunday mass at St Ambrose over the school summer holidays. Children's liturgy will resume on Sunday 7th Sep.

Sacrament of Confirmation: We are hoping to organise the preparation and reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in conjunction with our family of parish members and St Mary's high school. If you have or know a young person who is interested in receiving this sacrament this year, from year 8 upwards, please have them register with us by writing their name and contact details on the sheet provided.

Priests in our Archdiocese: A recent statistic shows that we have 114 active diocesan priests in our parishes and pastoral work. 12 priests currently are over 75 and within the next couple of years will no longer be able to continue their ministry. In the next 5 years a further 22 priests will be in their late 70's, and should have already retired. So in the not too distant future we will only have 80 active diocesan priests. Our thanks go to those missionary priests from other parts of the world who are currently serving our parishes.

Appreciation: The parish has recently received a legacy gift from the estate of the Late Miss Kathleen Connelly to the tune of 10,000 pounds. This said fund has since been paid into the parish account. We use the avenue to appreciate the gift and to pray for the peaceful repose of Kathleen. Seven masses shall be offered by the parish for her peaceful repose. May God grant eternal rest to Kathleen and all the faithful departed. Amen.

Mission Appeal: In October, we shall have a visit from two different missionary orders to speak to us about their work and to solicit our continued spiritual and financial support. The first will be the Spiritans on the 18/19th and then Missio (Red Box Appeal) on the 2/26th. More details will be communicated nearer the dates.

Funeral: A requiem mass for the repose of Mrs Theresa Ann Flanagan will be celebrated on the 21st of August at St Ambrose Barlow Church at 11.30 am. Parishioners are welcome to pray for the repose of Theresa.

Sick List: If there are any names that you wish to be added to the new list please contact Liz in the office.

Please pray for those who are Sick



All Cancer Patients **Archbishop Kelly Carol Yates Brian Smith Deborah Kane** Frank Colgan Guy Ryan Hannah Delargy **Jack Travis** John Wall John Walsh Joseph Gray Lynne Lewis **Louisa Duffy Matthew Ndumbe Margaret Wall** Michael Ruddy Teresa Yates **Young Dougle 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 **Holy Family St Ambrose Barlow** 17th August 2025

Psalter: Week 4

Readings- Sunday 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time / Weekdays Week 20 in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am Eric Coups & James & Elsie Durkin	6.00pm Helen Gleeson 11.00am Eleanor Ridgeway
Monday 18 th August St Clare		
Tuesday 19 ^h August		9:15am John O'Malley
Wednesday 20 th August St Bernard	7:00pm Mike Wilmot	
Thursday 21 st August St Pius X	10:00am Philip Paterson & Teresa McColl	11.30am Theresa Ann Flanagan Requiem Mass
Friday 22 nd August Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass Today	
Saturday 23 rd August Feast of the Dedication of the Co-Cathedral	10:00am Peggy McGinty & Family 10:30-11:00am Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm Helen Gleeson
Next Sunday 24 th August	9.30am Martha Meanwell, Ellen Webb, Ron Sparrow & Margaret Langan	11.00am Joan & Joseph Rigby & Jack Wilson

Deaths:

Please pray for the recently dead Theresa Flanagan "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

Baptisms:

Isabella Margery Cassidy

"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life."

- Pope John Paul II

SVP Clothing Collection: The SVP Summer collection for Barnabus homeless charity will continue at all masses from 2nd August for three weeks. Please donate new or preloved men's and women's clothes, including new socks and underwear and any sleeping bags".

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 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

Readings for Next Sunday 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Isaiah 66:18-21

They shall bring all brothers from all nations.

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines the one he loves.

Gospel Reading - <u>Luke 13:22-30</u>

People will come from east and west, and recline at the table in the kingdom of God

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.

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

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