

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)

21<sup>st</sup> December 2025



## St Margaret Clitherow

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## PARISH NEWS

Please make use of this address when contacting the Parish Office: [stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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 £776.10** **SVP: £2306.96**  
**Second Collections:** **Today : Food Bank** **Next Week : Ukraine**

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

**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.

**Thank you to Mark and Team from the Old Boathouse** in Astley for hosting the Christmas Parish lunch on Wednesday afternoon the food was superb, a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Photos will be on the website.

**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.

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

**"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 07780064502.

**Holy Family , Tea and Coffee after Mass:** Tea and Coffee Today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December.



## 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**



### 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.

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  
Eilish Glennon  
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 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter: Week 4</b> <b>Readings- Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</b>		
<b>Weekdays - Week 4 of Advent</b>		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent (A)</b> <b>Day of prayer for expectant mothers</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Eileen Coates	<b>6.00pm</b> - Sr Anne-Marie Crowley <b>11.00am</b> - Bernard Hughes & Veronica Hall
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>		
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		<b>9:15am</b> - Kathleen & Peter Berry & Relations
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> - First mass of Christmas Keith Lewis <b>11:30pm</b> - Carols and Readings followed by <b>12:00am</b> Midnight	<b>8:00pm</b> - First Mass of Christmas Willie & Annie Leonard
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Holyday)	<b>9:30am</b> - Christopher Tickle & Harry & Kathleen Knight	<b>11:00am</b> - Ellen & Rex Baxter & David Baxter
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St Stephen</b>	No Mass Today	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St John, Apostle</b>	10:00am <b>No Mass Today</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Patrick Kenedy
<b>Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (A)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Denis Breasley	<b>11.00am</b> L/D

O most holy Virgin Mary, your appearance at Greccio, lying in a manger. By your intercession, may we seek humility, and be filled with a deep love for the poverty of Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

- CHRISTMAS Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

**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.

### Retiring Collections :

Weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> December Food Bank / 28<sup>th</sup> December Ukraine

**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

*Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (A)*

#### First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

He who fears the Lord honours his parents.

#### Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-21

Family life in the Lord.

#### Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.



### 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**.