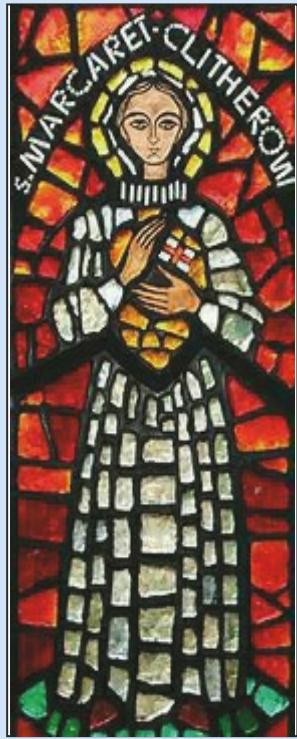


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4th Sunday of Advent (A)

21st 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 £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 21st 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 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.

"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 21st 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



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

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