

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Feast of the Holy Family (A)

28th December 2025



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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 £701.15** **SVP: £256.63**
Second Collections: Today : Ukraine **Next Week : SVP**

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.

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 4th January. All Welcome.

APF Missio Red Mission Boxes : The latest collection from the mission boxes in the St Margaret Clitherow amounted to £495.71p Sincere thanks to all collectors and contributors for your response to the recent appeal. The next collection will be in April.

The next Ladies Meet and Chat will be 8th January to share an Epiphany lunch, 12-2pm in St Ambrose Hall. Thank you and have A lovely Christmas ??



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 28 th December 2025	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings- Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (A) Weekday of of Christmas before Epiphany		
Sunday 28 th December Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (A)	9:30am Denis Breasley	6.00pm - Patrick Kenedy 11.00am - L/D
Monday 29 th December St. Thomas Becket (of Canterbury)& Joseph (A)		
Tuesday 30 th December		9:15am - Kathleen & Peter Berry & Relations
Wednesday 31 st December New Year's Eve	7:00pm - People of the Parish	
Thursday 1 st January December New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mary of God. World Day for Prayer for Peace	9:30am - William Michael McManus	
Friday 2 nd January Memorial of St Basil the Great of Gregory Nazianzen	No Mass Today	
Saturday 3 rd January St John, Apostle	10:00am - Bogomil Panaytov 10:30-11:00am Adoration and Confessions	6:00pm Repose of the soul of Kathleen Berry
Next Sunday 4 th January 2 nd Sunday after Christmas	9.30am Louise Duffy	11.00am Whelan & Housefield Families

Deaths : Peter Agada

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Loving God, During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wonderous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircles the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. For this we pray. **Amen.**

Retiring Collections :

Weekend of the 28th December Ukraine/ 4th December SVP

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

2nd Sunday After Christmas (A)

First Reading - Eccl 24:1-2,8-12

The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus

Gospel Reading - John 1:1-18

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us



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**.

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