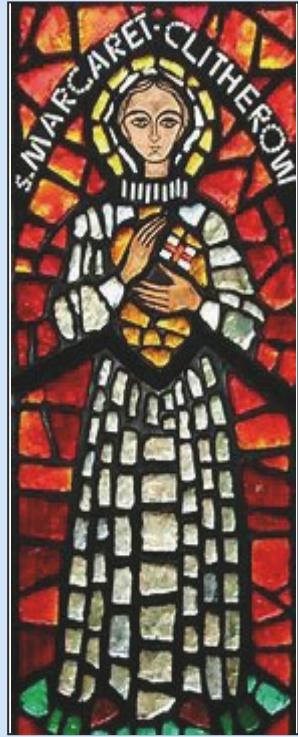


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

1st Sunday of Advent (A)

30th November 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.

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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 Parish Collections: Offertory Collection : £834.83 Animate Youth: £214.74

Second Collections: Today : Ukraine Next Week : SVP

Sacrament of Confirmation: Those involved in the preparation for the sacrament of confirmation should mark their diaries for the following important dates and venues. :

Tuesday 2nd Dec : Rehearsal for the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation. Venue: St Joseph's Leigh. 7pm.

Thursday 4th Dec: Celebration of the sacrament of confirmation: Venue: St Joseph's Leigh. 7pm.

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

Eucharistic Ministers EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The training for our new and old extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist was a success on Saturday the 22nd of November. We congratulate and thank all those who put themselves forward for this service. Their commissioning will take place this weekend at our masses and next weekend for those who are not here this weekend.

"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 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.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land After each Mass this weekend there will be an opportunity to sign and give our good wishes to five communities in the Holy Land: The Annunciation (in the Bethlehem Governorate), Holy Family in Gaza, Saint Saviour in Jerusalem, Lucknow Parents Care Home in Jerusalem and a parish in the West Bank, Christ the Redeemer, Taybeh. There is a very large card for each community: please feel free to sign some or all of them. Life can be so difficult for Christians in the Holy Land and our signing of the cards sends a message of hope this Christmas in the Jubilee Year of Hope.

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 Cards A range of HCPT Christmas Cards will be on sale at Holy Family today and next Sunday

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 6th December 7.30pm - St Ambrose Barlow Hall - Cabaret Night with Steven Green

- £10 pp includes Cottage Pie Supper - 18 Years +

Fri 12th December 7pm Carol Singing Evening -St Ambrose Barlow Hall

£10 pp includes Pasties and a FREE Raffle - Lots of prizes to be won - Sponsored by the Catenians

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

(SEE SEPARATE FLYER FOR ALL OUR SOCIAL EVENTS)

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

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEK BEGINNING 30th November 2025	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings- Sunday -1st Week of Advent (A)		
Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday in Advent (A)	9:30am Walter Meanwell, Margaret & Thomas Murray & Agnes & Elijah Corbett	6.00pm - Andrzej Ochmanek 11.00am - Dennis Yates & George Daniel Love
Monday 1st December St Andrew Apostle		
Tuesday 2nd December		9:15am People of the Parish
Wednesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier	7:00pm Teresa Unsworth	
Thursday 4th December	10:00am S J Birthday	
Friday 5th December St John Almond	Mass in St Gabriel's School 10:00am Doreen Henderson	
Saturday 6th December	10:00am John Skeet 10:30-11:00am Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm Hilda Almond
Next Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)	9.30am Thanksgiving	11.00am Helen Gleeson & Gleeson & Walsh Families
DEATHS : We remember in our prayers the recently dead : Teresa Dempsey		BAPTISMS: We welcome into our community those baptised : Dahlton Ward, Layla London, Charlie Wallbank, Lottie Wallbank, Elara Smith, Imogen Johnson, Harley Blackman, George Beatty, Skye Garnett, Kaira-May Siddeley, Sophia Charnock

Holy Family , Tea and Coffee after Mass: Next Tea and Coffee is Sunday 7th December. All Welcome Ladies group
Ladies our next meeting for tea and chat is the 4th December, 12-2 St Ambrose Hall.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOOTHSTOWN CHRISTMAS CAROL:

This is to inform and invite all parishioners to our annual Christmas Carol service where all Christian churches in BOOTHSTOWN gather to usher in Christmas with song and prayers. This year's one is scheduled for **Sunday 7th of December. Time is 4.30pm ...**
Every Parishioner is invited.

Retiring Collections :

Weekend of the 30th November Ukraine / 7th 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 of Advent (A)

First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

With righteousness he shall judge the poor

Second Reading - Romans 15:4-9

Christ saves humanity

Gospel Reading - Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

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**.