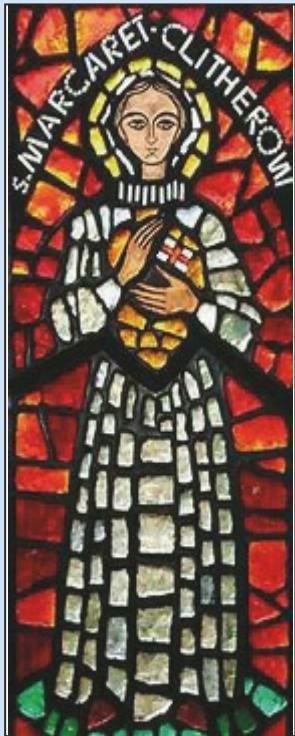


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday of Advent



7th 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 Parish Collections: Offertory Collection : **£662.40** Animate Youth: **£187.35**
Second Collections: Today : **SVP** Next Week : **Food Bank**

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.

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.

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.

The annual senior citizens Christmas party will be held on Wednesday 10th December at St Mary's Catholic High School. There will be an afternoon tea, bingo and musical entertainment. Please sign up on the sheet provided with contact details and any dietary requirements or email Sixthformenquiries@st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk

First Holy Communion: We will shortly be starting the First Holy Communion sacramental programme. Application forms can be found at the back of both churches for children in Year 4 and above who don't attend one of our three primary schools.

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

£10 pp includes Buffet with Pasties and a FREE Raffle - Lots of prizes to be won - Sponsored by the Catenians - Please book in advance to ensure we have the correct catering – Thank you

Wed 17th December - 1pm - Parish Christmas Luncheon at the Old Boat House
£28.00 per person for a 3 course lunch (incl tip)
(SEE SEPARATE FLYER FOR MENU CHOICES)



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve	6pm Holy Family	8pm St Ambrose Barlow
	11.30pm Carols and Readings	12.00am Midnight Mass - Holy Family
Christmas Day	9.30am Holy Family	11.00am St Ambrose

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
Joseph Gray
Lynne Lewis
Louisa Duffy
Matthew Ndumbe
Margaret Wall
Michael Ruddy
Sean Fleming
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 8 th December 2025	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings - Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)		Weekdays - 2nd Week of Advent
Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday in Advent (A)	9:30am Thanksgiving	6.00pm - Hilda Almond 11.00am - Helen Gleeson & Gleeson & Walsh Families
Monday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary		
Tuesday 9th December		9:15am Martin & Mary Furey
Wednesday 10th December	6:30pm - Adoration 7:00pm - Steve Hampson	
Thursday 11th December	10:00am Andy Barry	11:30am Funeral Mass Paul Whitwam
Friday 12th December	Mass in St Gabriel's School 10:00am Parishioners	
Saturday 13th December St Lucy	10:00am Anne Hayward & Danny Williams 10:30 - 11:00am Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm Winifred Smith
Next Sunday 14th December 3rd December Sunday of Advent (A) Gaudete Sunday	9.30am Graca Alves	11.00am Mollie & Eddie Whelan
RECENTLY DIED: We remember in our prayers: Paul Whitwam		BAPTISMS: We welcome into our community those baptised : Freya Owen-Fox

Holy Family , Tea and Coffee after Mass:

Next Tea and Coffee is today Sunday 7th December.

Our parish **Cafod group** will be holding a raffle and a variety of cakes will be for sale, please come along and support. All welcome.

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 7th December SVP / 14th December Food Bank

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

3rd Sunday of Advent (A)

First Reading - Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

God himself will come and save you.

Second Reading - James 5:7-10

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand

Gospel Reading - Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?

During Advent Adoration will be 6.30pm on Wednesday evenings before the 7.00pm mass at Holy Family



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.