

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th July 2026



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PARISH NEWS

A reminder: Please could all items for the newsletter be sent to the office at Holy Family or the following email stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk by Wednesday evening.

Last Week's Parish Collections: Offertory Collection : **£667.56** SVP : **£117.00**
Second Collections: Today : **Provisions for Priests in Retirement** Next Week : **Food Bank**



Afternoon Tea Dance - Saturday 15th August We wish to invite you, Seniors in our parish, to an afternoon 'Get Together' on Saturday 15th August at St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. We will commence with Mass at 2pm in church, followed by entertainment from our renowned singer Stephen Green. Later we will serve sandwiches and cakes and a glass of wine or two. We can cater for a maximum of 90 persons. We ask that any seniors who wish to attend contact either Steve Cooper **07952 152371** or Bernie McDonald **0161 799 1703** as soon as possible no matter which Mass you attend in the parish. Please note we need to be advised of special dietary requirements. We look forward to your company. If there are any volunteers willing to help on the day please contact us.

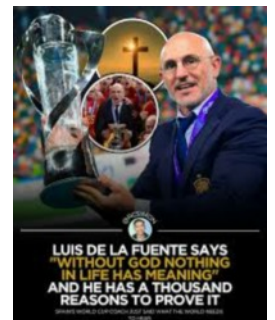
Children's Liturgy - There will be no Children's liturgy at 11am Mass at St Ambrose over the school summer holidays. Children's liturgy will restart in September. If anyone would like to volunteer to help run the sessions on a rota basis, please speak to one of the Children's liturgy leaders. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break! **Baby & Toddler Group** - Holy Family Baby & Toddler are now having their Summer break and will be back on Wednesday 9th September.

Parish Football Team : Our parish football team had another fabulous match this week with Spain (Holy Family) beating Argentina (St Gabriel's) 7-0. Another solid performance from Father Francis, Altar Servers Jimmy Brennan & Brian Ogbulie shining & Grant Burton making his debut with roaring & much appreciated support from Steve Cooper on the sidelines. Let's hope that the real World Cup Final can produce a Spanish victory and similar score line. We play again this coming Wednesday between 8 - 9pm, WhatsApp **07901 102066** and come and join us if you are free.

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**. **During the Summer Holidays** - The SVP could help struggling families with children during the summer holidays by means of food vouchers. Please contact the SVP number in confidence. **Food Bank** - Many thanks to all who contribute to the Food bank appeal but please note because of their perishable nature, bread and butter can not be accepted dry and tinned goods only please.

Gift Aid - Can all envelopes givers kindly pick up their envelopes for the new year. If anyone who is a tax payer and wants to join the Gift Aid Scheme please see Bernie or Des.

Sick List - If there are any names that you wish to be added to the new list please contact Liz.



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
Chloe Lally
Brian Smith
Deborah Kane
Frank Colgan
Francis Lohan
Guy Ryan
Hannah Delargy
Jack Travis
Br John Dawson
John Wall
Joseph Gray
Kevin Lawman
Lynne Lewis
Louisa Duffy
Martin Cosgrove
Matthew Ndumbe
Margaret Wall
Maureen O'Brien
Michael Ruddy
Reegan Lally Hilton
Sean Flemming
Stephen Gerrman
Tony Kenny
Teresa Yates
Yvonne Glynn
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.*



Baptisms

Aria Niamh
Hand



PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 19 th July 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 3 Readings- Sunday - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays - 16th week in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 19th July Provision for Priests in Retirement	9:30am Lois & Francis O'Neill	6.00pm Joyce, Teresa & all Deceased members of prayer group 11.00am Jack, Sienna & Samuel
Monday 20th July St Apollinaris		
Tuesday 21st July St Lawrence of Brindisi		9:15am June Maloney
Wednesday 22nd July	7:00pm Eucharistic Service	
Thursday 23rd July St Bridget	10.00am No Mass Today	
Friday 24th July St Sharbel Makhul	10.00am No Mass Today	
Saturday 25th July	10:00am No Mass Today	6:00pm Keith Wright
Next Sunday 26th July Priests in Retirement	9:30am Deborah Hailwood	11.00am Veronica Hall



St Michael Archangel Prayer

*"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in
battle. Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil. May
God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do
thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the
power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the
evil spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen"*

*"The kingdom
of heaven is like
treasure hidden
in a field, which a
man found and
covered up.*

*Then in his joy he
goes and sells
all that he has and
buys that field.*

■ MATTHEW 13:44

Readings for next Sunday - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

'At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Second Reading - Romans 8:28-30

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose.'

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13: 44-46

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.'



"I was touched by Jesus. I always want to know Him more"

Olivier Giroud

France World Cup Winner publicly discusses his faith

