

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th September 2026



St Margaret Clitherow

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PARISH NEWS

Parish office Please use stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk. Send newsletter items to the office at Holy Family or by email by Wednesday evening.

Last Week's Parish Collections Offertory £567.09; Catholic Education £260.70;

Second Collections Today: **Home Missions**. Next week: **Food Bank**.

CAFOD Café Thank you for your support last Sunday. A total of £425.73 was raised.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Animate Youth has sent a message regarding the next Archdiocesan Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will take place from the 21st to the 30th of July 2027. A poster on the notice board has further details. It is open to 15- to 22-year-olds or year 10 and above. Have a look at the poster or have a chat with Fr Francis about this if you are interested. Booking opened on September the 14th and those who book before 19 October get a 100-pound discount.



Confirmation This is to inform those who are registered for the sacrament of Confirmation through St Mary's High School that the preparation for the sacrament will take place at St Richard's Parish Centre - Mayfield Street Atherton M46 0AQ on the 7th/14th/21st October at 7.00pm. Our first meeting will include information for parents/guardians. Please bring baptism certificates, or information about where your child was baptised, to this meeting. Attendance at the preparation sessions is essential for your child to receive the sacrament. Confirmations will take place at St Richard's on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of November 2026 at 7.00pm. Note This is not for the new Year 8; theirs would be early next year.



Children's Liturgy Volunteers are welcome to help run the St Ambrose sessions on a rota. Please speak to a Children's Liturgy leader.

Memory Walk 2026 Anna Davidson is walking for Alzheimer's Society on Saturday 3 October in Heaton Park. Sponsor her at www.justgiving.com/page/annadavidson2026 or use the form at the back of Holy Family Church.

Creation Time 2026 20th September: We are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet reflects his plan for peace, beauty and fullness. Laudato Si 53.

Gift Aid Envelope givers, please collect your new envelopes. Taxpayers wishing to join should see Bernie or Des. **Food Bank** Thank you for your contributions. Please give dry and tinned goods only; bread and butter cannot be accepted. **St Vincent de Paul** The SVP can help with food vouchers, essential household items, energy top ups and home visits. Call 07566 725590. **SVP lunch** Older men in the parish meet at the Boundary Stone on Wednesdays at 12.30pm.

Sick List To add a name to the new list, please contact Liz in the office.

Text donations Text CLITHEROW to 70085 for £2, 70450 for £3, 70460 for £5 or 70470 for £10. Texts cost the donation plus one standard rate message and opt you into contact by phone and SMS. To give without marketing, text CLITHEROWNOINFO to the same number.

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
Kate Lombardo
Kevin Lawman
Lynne Lewis
Louisa Duffy
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

Deaths

Frances Scott



Baptisms

Yuvini Madiri
Matthew David Riley



PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 20th September	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings - Sunday - 25th Week in Ordinary Time Weekdays - 25th Week in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 20th September Home Missions	9:30am Frances Scott	6.00pm People of the Parish 11.00am Jim Hampson
Monday 20th September St Matthew		
Tuesday 22nd September St Pius of Pietrelcina	11:30am Requiem Mass : Frances Scott	9:15am Jean Royle
Wednesday 23rd September - Our Lady of Walsingham	7:00pm Carolyne Dandy	
Thursday 24th September	10:00am No Mass Today	
Friday 25th September	10:00am No Mass Today	
Saturday 26th September	10:00am No Mass Today	6:00pm People of the Parish
Next Sunday 27th September	9:30am Michael Heavey	11.00am Thomas Higgins



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"

Readings for next Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Ezekiel 18:25-28

'When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live'

Second Reading - Philippians 2:1-11

'In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus'

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:28-32

'He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you'

MATTHEW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

**"You don't have to play Jesus on TV
to be Jesus to the world around you."**

Jonathan Roumie, actor, *The Chosen*

"THE CLOSER
I GET TO
JESUS,
THE MORE
EVERYTHING
ELSE
MAKES
SENSE."
Jonathan Roumie