

Parish of St Margaret Clithrow

Week 1 Baptism of the Lord

11th January 2026



St Margaret Clithrow

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PARISH NEWS

Please make use of this address when contacting the Parish Office: stmargaretclithrow@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 : £603.55
2nd Collection - SVP : £231.19

Second Collections: Today : Food Bank Next Week : Ukraine

Memorial Mass: I wish to invite all parishioners to join me in celebrating a memorial mass for my brother Peter who died on the 19th of December 2025. This mass will take place on Friday the 16th of January. Time is 7pm at Holy Family Church. Drinks will be served after mass. Please join me if you can. Fr Francis Agada MSP.

Family Holy Communion : Those preparing for their First Holy Communion from other schools are invited to the second session meeting on Thursday the 15th of January. Time is 6pm at Holy Family Church.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice & Peace Commission invites you to this year's Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture. In light of Pope Leo XIV's recent World Peace Day Message, Dr Joanna Frew will speak on "Towards an 'Unarmed and Disarming Peace': Seeking Sustainable Security for an Unstable World." This will take place on Peace Sunday: **January 18th at 2pm**, at St Vincent de Paul, L1 5JN. All those who wish to deepen their understanding of Pope Leo's message, and reflect on what it means for us today, are warmly welcome to join us for this lecture. **Please sign-up using the following link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/a6f3R6qc9M>

SVP 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

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.

"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 next Sunday, Sunday 18th January. All Welcome.

Burns Night Supper - Unfortunately, we are no longer able to host this in the Church Hall. If you would like to attend this event on Friday 23rd January at the Old Boat House please contact Des 07973 114365

LOCAL PARISHES

Parish of St. Margaret Clithrow

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

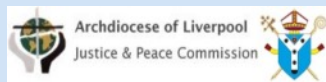
Golborne

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
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 11 th January 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings : Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord Weekdays - Week 1 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 11 th January The Baptism of the Lord 	9:30am Maureen Somers	6.00pm Jenna Meakin 11.00am John Morley & Peter Pessagno
Monday 12 th St Aelard of Rievaux		
Tuesday 13 th January St Hilary		9:15am Bartley & Una Furey
Wednesday 14 th January St Kentigern	7:00pm Paul Goggins	
Thursday 15 th January	10:00am - Colin & Rita Langin	
Friday 16 th January	10:00am Mass in St Gabriel's School William Michael McManus	
Saturday 17 th January St Anthony Abbot	10:00am Veronica Marsden 10:30-11:00am Adoration & Confessions	6:00pm Wyn & Alf Brown & Clifford Grant
Sunday 18 th January 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Peter Moran	11.00am Philip & Teresa Smith

Deaths : Peter Agada, Mary Carter

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.

Baptisms Albert John Whittaker

May the Lord bless you and keep you, wrap you in His love, and guide your steps in faith. May the waters of baptism be the beginning of a life filled with grace, joy, and peace. Amen.

Retiring Collections :

Weekend of the 11th January Food Bank / 11th January Ukraine

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

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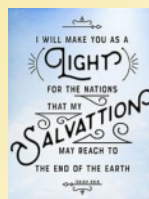
Readings for Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading - Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Reading - John 1:29-34



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**.