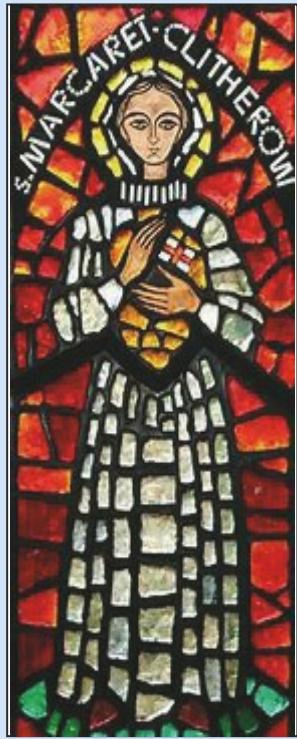


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

18th January 2026



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
Hindford
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 : £665.29 / 2nd Collection Food Bank: £187.70
Second Collections: Today : Ukraine Next Week : St Francis Leprosy Guild

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>

HCPT Coffee Morning & Raffle Feb 15th Holy Family

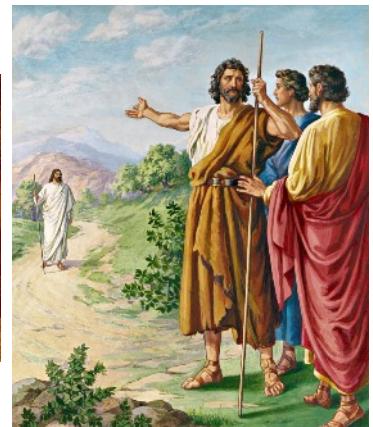
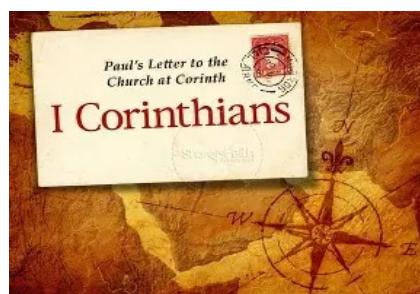
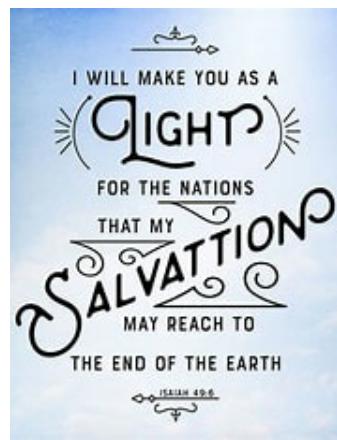
This will take place on the 15th February. Raffle tickets will be on sale at St Ambrose Barlow 11.00am mass on Sunday the 8th and at the 6.00pm mass Saturday 14th February. Tickets will be on sale at Holy Family at the 9.30am mass (15th Feb) and at the Coffee morning held in the hall after mass where the raffle will take place.

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 is 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.

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 , Tea and Coffee after Mass: Tea and Coffee is Today Sunday 18th January. All welcome



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 18 th January 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings- Sunday - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays - Week 2 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 18th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am Peter Moran	6.00pm - Wyn & Alf Brown & Clifford Grant 11.00am - Philip & Teresa Smith
Monday 19th January St Wulstan		
Tuesday 20th January St Fabian		9:15am John Pearson
Wednesday 21st January St Agnes	7:00pm Gertrude Delargy & John Morley	
Thursday 22nd January St Vincent	10:00am Paddy Furey	
Friday 23rd January	10:00am No Mass Today	
Saturday 24th January St Anthony St Francis de Sales	10:00am No Mass Today	6:00pm Rosaleen Byrne
Next Sunday 25th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Leprosy Day	9.30am Mike Wilmot	11.00am Veronica Hall

DEATHS : Peter Agada, Mary Carter, Anne Laing

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May they rest in peace. Amen,"

Loving Father,

You call each of us by name and invite us to follow Your Son, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

Open our hearts to hear Your voice clearly, and give us the courage to respond with faith and joy. May our lives reflect the light of Christ, bringing hope to the weary, comfort to the broken, and peace to all who seek Your truth. Strengthen us to serve with humility and love, so that in all we do, Your glory may be revealed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Retiring Collections :

Weekend of the 18th January Ukraine / 25th January St Francis Leprosy Guild

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

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading - Isaiah 9:1b-4

"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you,

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

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**.