Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A) **22nd November 2026**



St Margaret Clitherow

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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.

PARISH NEWS

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

Last Week's Parish Collections : Offertory: £675.14; 2nd Collection, Food Bank: £155.63
Retiring collections: Today, 22nd November: Animate Youth
Next week, 29th November: Missionary Society of St Paul

St Mary's Senior Citizen Christmas Party

St Mary's are holding their annual Christmas party on Wednesday 9th December 2026 from 12-2pm at St. Mary's Catholic High School and Sixth Form College: "We enjoy hosting this for members of the community every year, there will be an afternoon tea, bingo and musical entertainment."
Sign-up sheets will be at the back of both churches, or you can email directly to sixthformenquiries@st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk
Please include names, contact details and any dietary requirements.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Eileen Rothwell, former Headteacher of St Ambrose Barlow primary school. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eileen's family and friends. The funeral will take place at St Ambrose Barlow Church at 12noon on 8th December with internment in Leigh Cemetery.

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group pre-Christmas buffet will be on the 26th November, 12-2pm at St. Ambrose Barlow Hall.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

21st - 30th July 2027, for ages 15–22 or Year 10 upwards. See the notice board poster or Fr Francis. Booking opened 14th September.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Friday 4th December, 7.30pm: St. Ambrose Barlow Hall - **Cabaret Night** with Steven Green. £10 pp includes Hot Pot Supper (16 Years +).
Saturday 12th December, 6.45 pm - **Parish Christmas Dinner** at the Manchester Road Cafe (opposite the Cemetery).
Friday 18th December, 7pm - The Catenians are again holding a **Carol Singing Evening** to which members of the parish are invited. £10 pp includes a buffet, raffle with lots of prizes to be won - Sponsored by the Catenians, with profits going to HCPT.
See separate Flyer for all our Social Events

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.

Mission Appeal 28th/29th November

The Missionary Society of St. Paul, to which Fr Francis belongs, will be making a mission appeal in our parish next weekend (28th & 29th November) at all Masses. We ask for your generosity and support for the missions.

RCIA

RCIA is ongoing every Friday at 6.30pm at St. Ambrose and is also open to anyone who would like to join us. You are welcome to simply sit in, refresh your knowledge of the faith or share your thoughts and contributions. Those currently undertaking the RCIA programme will be presented to the parish community in Masses on the first Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land

We will be sending our Christmas cards to our 5 communities: Holy Family in Gaza, The Annunciation in Beit Jala near Bethlehem, Saint Saviour in Jerusalem, Luckner Parents Home in Jerusalem and Christ the Redeemer in Taybeh. Over this weekend (21st /22nd November) at all the Masses there will be large cards to each of these communities available for you to sign and send your greetings. Please spend a few moments of your time signing these cards in this action of solidarity and love for our brothers and sisters living in troubled times in the Holy Land. Thank you.

Please pray for those who are Sick

All Cancer Patients
Archbishop Kelly
Bernard Giblin
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 Fleming
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

Please Contact Liz in the office to add names



Lately Dead

Eileen Rothwell
Francis Ellis
Anne Shufflebottom

We remember them and their families in our prayers

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

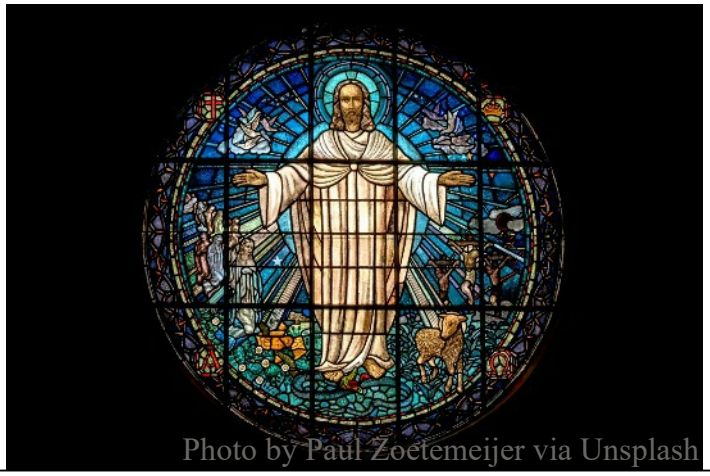
Week Beginning 22nd November	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings: Sunday - Christ the King Weekdays: Week 34 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 22nd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:30am **Dennis Sweeney**	6:00pm **Agnes & Harold Bostock & Harold Bostock Jnr** 11:00am **Father Francis**
Monday 23rd November St Clement	~	9:30am **Funeral Service Anne Shufflebottom**
Tuesday 24th November Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions		9:15am **Anne Shufflebottom**
Wednesday 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria	7:00pm **Paddy Jack Liam Hessian**	
Thursday 26th November	9:15am **Kathleen Connelly**	
Friday 27th November	10:00am **Mass in St Gabriel's School All Welcome People of the Parish**	
Saturday 28th November	10:00am **Special Intention** 10.30am **Confessions and Adoration**	6:00pm **Wyn & Alfred Brown, Alfred Brown Jnr & Clifford Grant**
Next Sunday 29th November First Sunday of Advent	9:30am **Walter Meanwell**	11:00am **George Daniel Love Dennis Yates Tony Berbas**

Baptisms

Charlie Marcus Alexander Tittley
Maisie Rosemary Tittley
Andrea Martinez
Erika Martinez

Readings for next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
First Reading
Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Reading
Mark 13:33-37

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc represents the 117 martyrs of Vietnam, born both in Vietnam and overseas, who died proclaiming the gospel. St. Andrew was born in 1795, and his preaching and humble life brought many to Christ, despite the persecution under the Vietnamese Emperor.



St Vincent de Paul

Dear Parishioner, You may be aware of our SVP appeals at church, so what keeps our conference busy? Our vision is for individuals and families who are in any form of need to have hope, together with a sense of dignity, worth and peace of mind. You can read more about what we do on the parish website **https://leighcatholic.co.uk/**
For help with supermarket food vouchers, essential furniture or household items, energy top ups, or home visits if lonely, please call our dedicated helpline 07566 725590.