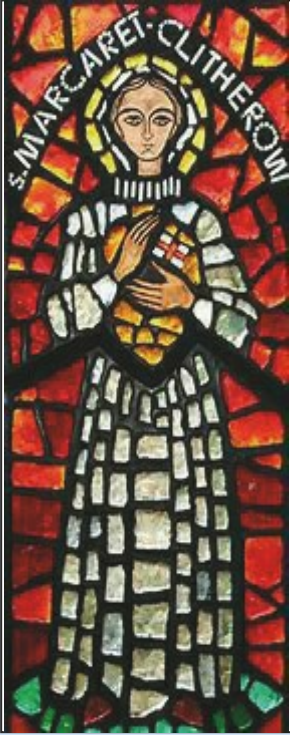


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th 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 : **£622.81** Priests in Retirement: **£313.39**
Second Collections: Today : **Food Bank** Next Week : **SVP**

The Trippers - In 2025 a group of elderly parishioners launched a new group for social trips - a chance to meet and chat with new and old friends. We use the Mini-bus belonging to the charity at St Ambrose-Barlow House. Our Summer Trips have started again. Our next two trips have 2 buses (driven by Andy Scott and Father Francis. Cost per person £12.50 and payment is required on booking. We try to keep the price to £12.50 (i.e. £100 for Charity).

Next Trips, Tues - 1st September to **Nantwich Market Town**, 8 seats available.

Mon - 16th November to **Oswaldtwistle Mill** - 8 seats available. Departures from St Ambrose 9:30-10am and we aim to be back for Tea-Time(ish). If you want to book a place please see Chris Bousfield after 11am Mass at St Ambrose in Hall after Mass or ring **07414 615398**.

Afternoon Tea Dance - Saturday 15th August We wish to invite you, the 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.

Baby & Toddler Group - Holy Family

We are now having our Summer break and will be back on Wednesday 9th September

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!

Parish Football Team : We play again this coming Wednesday between 8 - 9pm, WhatsApp **07901 102066** and come and join us if you are free. Greatly supported once again by Steve Cooper, notwithstanding a twisted archilles tendon for Father Francis.

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.

Sick List - If there are any names that you wish to be added to the 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

Nayla Chimamanda Da Fonseca
Edward Scott Robert Harris



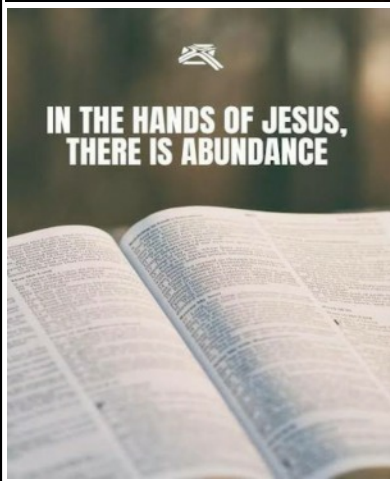
PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 26 th July 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings- Sunday - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays - 17th week in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 19th July	9:30am Deborah Hailwood	6.00pm Keith Wright 11.00am Veronica Hall
Monday 20th July		
Tuesday 21st July		9:15am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 22nd July	7:00pm Eucharistic Service	
Thursday 23rd July	10.00am No Mass Today	
Friday 24th July	10.00am No Mass Today	
Saturday 25th July	10:00am Teresa Unsworth	6:00pm People of the Parish
Next Sunday 26th July	9:30am Stephen Davies	11.00am Wilson, Long & Talbot Families



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 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-3

*'Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;'*

Second Reading - Romans 8:35, 37-39

'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?'

Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:13-21

'When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.'

*"God and church help me find peace beyond the pool,
I'd rather have my faith and my relationship with Jesus and come second than have a gold"*

Andy Peaty - Catholic Team GB Swimmer competing in this year's Commonwealth Games

