

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2026



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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 £506.45; Home Missions £192.59.

Retiring collections: today, 27th September, Food Bank; next week, 4 October, SVP.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please support the parish collection for neighbours short of food and safe water. Your gift helps children like Tayla in Zimbabwe stay in school through nourishing meals, better water access and school gardens. Use a church CAFOD envelope, cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.



Holy Family Gaza After two difficult and dangerous years, Fr Romanelli and parish staff have gradually repaired the buildings and reopened the school: a small but significant step towards normality for dozens of children amid conflict and destruction. Our parish sends greetings at Christmas and Easter. Details: <https://leighcatholic.co.uk/> **Bidding Prayer** As Holy Family Gaza pupils return to classes for the first time in three years, we pray that world leaders ensure all families can live safely, with sufficient accommodation, food and medical care, and mutual respect and acceptance across religions and traditions.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 21–30

July 2027, for ages 15–22 or Year 10 upwards. See the noticeboard poster or Fr Francis. Booking opened 14 September; book before 19 October for a £100 discount.



Confirmation For those registered through St Mary's High School: preparation at St Richard's Parish Centre, Mayfield Street, Atherton M46 0AQ, on 7, 14 and 21 October, 7pm. The first meeting includes parents/guardians; bring baptism certificates or baptism details. Attendance is essential. Confirmations: St Richard's, 11 and 12 November 2026, 7pm. Not for the new Year 8, whose programme is early next year. **Children's Liturgy** St Ambrose needs volunteers to help on a rota. Please speak to a Children's Liturgy leader.

Memory Walk 2026 Anna Davidson walks for Alzheimer's Society on Saturday 3 October, Heaton Park. Sponsor at www.justgiving.com/page/annadavidson2026 or on the form at the back of Holy Family Church. **Creation Time • 27 September** "Once we start to think of the world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realise that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others....we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit." Laudato Si 159.

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. Dry & tinned goods only; perishable bread and butter cannot be accepted.

St Vincent de Paul For help with supermarket food vouchers, essential furniture or household items, energy top ups, or home visits if lonely, call 07566 725590. Older men meet for lunch and a chat at the Boundary Stone, Wednesdays, 12.30pm.

Sick List Contact Liz in the office to add names to the new list. Please pray for Mark Silcock and all our sick parishioners. 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.

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
Mark Silcock
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



Baptisms

Aurora Daisy Whitworth



PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 27th September	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings - Sunday - Week 26 in Ordinary Time Weekdays - Week 26 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 27th September	9:30am Michael Heavey	6.00pm People of the Parish 11.00am Thomas Higgins
Monday 28th September St Wenceslaus		
Tuesday 29th September Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	2:00pm Mass at St Gabriel's Macmillan Coffee afterwards Hilda Almond	9:15am Frank Bryan, Pat Williams & A Safe Journey
Wednesday 30th September St Jerome	7:00pm John & Linda Scofield	
Thursday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus	9:15am Ken Hall	
Friday 2nd October Harvest Family Fast Day	NO MASS at St Gabriel's	
Saturday 3rd October	10:00am Frances Scott	6:00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside
Next Sunday 4th October	9:30am Helal Lane	11:00am Claire Louise Roberts



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

'The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel'

Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

'I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father'

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:33-43

'He will lease the vineyard to other tenants'

"...the
kingdom of
God
will be taken
away from
you and
given to a
people who
will produce
its fruit."

MATTHEW 21:43

Every day, my love for the
mountains grows more
and more. If my studies
permitted, I'd spend
whole days in the
mountains contemplating
the Creator's greatness in
that pure air.

Pier Giorgio Frassati

