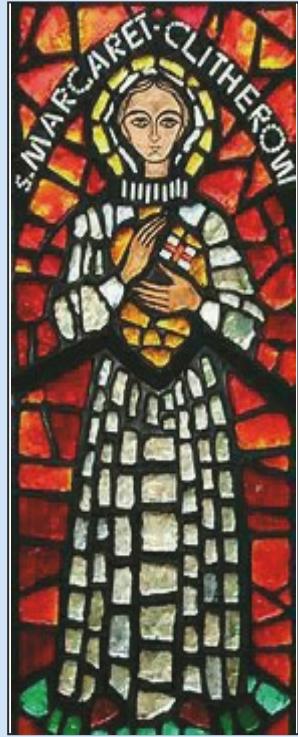


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday after Christmas (A)



4th 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 Collections: : **Offertory Collection Christmas Day : £1,063.24**
28.12.25: **£543.90**

Second Collections: Today : **Ukraine £182.42** Food Bank : £306.96

First Holy Communion: Those who registered for First Holy Communion from outside our parish schools who missed our first session before Christmas are invited to a rescheduled date for First session. This will take place on the 8th of January at 6pm. This will take place 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>
Peace Sunday Lecture: Peace be with you all- Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace.

SVP As announced at mass the SVP ask you to donate small (new books and toys) as Christmas presents for the children [aged 6 and below] who come with struggling parents to the Food Bank. Thank you for your generous support.

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.

Buy a Star for Cafod. Blank cardboard stars will be available in St Ambrose church porch from the 30th Nov. Write a Christmas message, plus your name and these stars will be displayed around a poster on the porch window. Donations to Cafod.

"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 Today Sunday 4th January. All Welcome.

The next Ladies Meet and Chat will be 8th January to share an Epiphany lunch, 12-2pm in St Ambrose Hall. Thank you and have A lovely Christmas ??

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 4 th January 2026	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
PSALTER: Week 2 Readings- Sunday - 2nd Sunday after Christmas Weekdays - Weekday of Christmas before/after Epiphany		
Sunday 4th January 2nd Sunday after Christmas	9:30am Louisa Duffy	6.00pm - Respose of the soul Kathleen Berry 11.00am - Whelan & Bousefield Families & Yvonne
Monday 5th January		
Tuesday 6th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	7:00pm - Mass for the soul of Vera Morris	9:30am - St Ambrose Barlow Christmas Mass in Church, William & Margaret McManus & Relations
Wednesday 7th January	7:00pm - Martin & Betty Furey	
Thursday 8th January	10:00am - Holy Family School Christmas Mass in Church T Duffy	
Friday 9th January	10:00am - St Gabriel's School Christmas Mass Agnes & Harold Bostock & Harold Bostock Jnr	
Saturday 10th January	10:00am - Peter Gavin 10:30-11:00am Adoration and Confessions	6:00pm Jenna Meakin
Sunday 11th January	9.30am Maureen Somers	11.00am John Morley & Peter Pessagno

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

Hattie Wilkinson, Bodhi Wilkinson



Lottie Robinson, Jude Robinson



Retiring Collections :

Weekend of the 4th January SVP Ukraine/ 11th January Food Bank

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

Barnabus : 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

Readings for Next Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.

Second Reading - Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God



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**.

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