

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas (A)



4<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## St Margaret Clitherow

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## PARISH NEWS

Please make use of this address when contacting the Parish Office: [stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 ??

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

Text CLITHEROW (or CLITHEROWNOINFO) to 70470 to donate £10.