

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 4th October 2026



St Margaret Clitherow

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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 £534.77; Food Bank £110.17

Retiring collections: Today, 4th October - SVP, next week, 11 October, Food Bank.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

Creation Time - 4th October

'Happiness means knowing how to limit some needs which only diminish us.' *Laudato Si* 223
Choice of quotes assisted by: 'Excerpts from *Laudato Si*' CAFOD (2016)

Parish Family Quiz Night.

There will be a Quiz Night for all the family at Holy Family Parish Hall on Friday 23rd October from 7.30 to around 9.30. Entry is just £1 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Ladies Group

The next Ladies Tea and Chat will be on the 8th October 12-2 at St Ambrose.

SVP Mens Group

There is a weekly meeting for older men for lunch and a chat at the Boundary Stone, Wednesdays, 12.30pm.

Holy Family, Gaza

We regularly report on the situation at Holy Family Parish in Gaza when parishioners send greetings at Christmas and Easter. The situation there has been difficult and dangerous this last two years but we now have more encouraging news. Fr Romanelli and parish staff have gradually repaired the buildings and the school has now reopened. The resumption of classes offers a small but significant step towards normalcy for dozens of children living in the midst of conflict and destruction. Further details are included on the parish website. <https://leighcatholic.co.uk/>

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

21-30 July 2027, for ages 15-22 or Year 10 upwards. See the notice board poster or Fr Francis. Booking opened 14 September; book before 19 October for a £100 discount.

Confirmation

If you are registered for the sacrament of Confirmation through St Mary's High School, please note preparation for the sacrament will take place at St Richard's Parish Centre - Mayfield Street Atherton M46 0AQ on the 7th/14th/21st October at 7.00pm. Our first meeting will include information for parents/guardians. Please bring your child's baptism certificate, or information about where they were baptised to this meeting. Attendance at the preparation sessions is essential for your child to receive the sacrament. Confirmations will take place at St Richard's on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of November 2026 at 7.00pm. (NB This is not for the new Year 8; their confirmation will take place early next year.)

Children's Liturgy - St Ambrose

If anyone would like to volunteer to join the rota to help run the sessions, please speak to one of the Children's liturgy leaders.

Food Bank

Thank you for your continued contributions. Please note we can only accept dry & tinned goods.



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
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*



Baptisms

Kassandra Ferendenus



Those Who Have Died

Mark Silcock
*....May he rest in
peace, Amen*

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 4 th October	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 3 Readings: Sunday - Week 27 in Ordinary Time Weekdays: Week 27 in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 4th October 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am Helal Lane	6:00pm Eric Vincent Whiteside 11:00am Claire Louise Roberts
Monday 5th October St Faustina Kowalska	~	~
Tuesday 6th October St Bruno		9:15am Sean Mellin
Wednesday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	7:00pm A Successful Operation	
Thursday 8th October	9:15am Jim Mamie & James Neary	
Friday 9th October St John Henry Newman	10:00am Mass in St Gabriel's School All Welcome Joyce Nuttall	
Saturday 10th October	10:00am Teresa Unsworth 10.30am Confessions and Adoration	6:00pm People of the Parish
Next Sunday 11th October 28 th Sunday in O.T.	9:30am Denis Breasley	11:00am Christopher and Ann Smith

Readings for next Sunday:
**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

First Reading
Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will prepare a
banquet, and will wipe away
tears from every cheek.

Second Reading
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the
One who gives me strength.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can find
to the wedding.



7th October
is the feast of
Our Lady of the Rosary

and the month of October is
dedicated to Our Lady.
Join with others across the
world in prayer by meditating
on the Holy Rosary each day
during the month.



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& James Coleman
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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.