

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

31st January 2021



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PARISH NEWS - THIS WEEK (no change from last week)

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.

CHURCH CLOSURE: In a recent email to priests of the Archdiocese, the Archbishop has written the following:-
"Although I have circulated the recent Government advice on the opening of churches, I want to emphasise that the final decision in this regard is yours. Only you know your people, their age profile and the risks they are likely to be exposed to and present to others. You have to consider your volunteers and stewards. You also have yourself to consider and I would not want you to expose yourself unnecessarily to infection from the virus."

So, after speaking to a number of health professionals, priests in the Archdiocese, nurses and NHS staff, all the priests of the Deanery have decided to cease the celebration of public worship and private prayer in all the churches in the area. We will review our position as and hopefully when the situation is a little better. There are several reasons for this:

- The number of cases in the NW is still very much on the increase.
- The new strain of the virus is more virulent than in the past.
- A good number of people who attend Mass are over 70 and are therefore in the vulnerable category – even though there is no obligation, attending Mass is a further risk.
- It is important to ensure the safety of our stewards. Our thanks go to them for all the work they have done in the past few months. Without them we would not have been able to open up any of our churches again.
- Even though our churches have been Covid secure it is still a gathering of people for 30 minutes which increases the risk of spreading the virus.

The overall message from the Government and health officials is to STAY AT HOME. Please do so, stay safe, and please God we will be able to open up our churches very soon to welcome you back. As we see the vaccine distributed, closing our churches now is a small price to pay to welcome back a time when we can feel safe everywhere, especially when we gather to pray together one day.

- In the current lockdown weddings and baptisms are not permitted except in danger of death.
- Funerals which take place in church may only be attended by up to 30 people maximum.

Mass on the internet: YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdiZm6Ng-14daTz6Q9ZcRLQ> This is also on Facebook on the page titled 'Parish of St Margaret Clitherow, Leigh'. The Sunday **9.30am** Mass will be broadcast and for those who can access it the video will remain to be watched anytime afterwards if you miss it live. Where possible daily Masses will be broadcast and other prayer services which can also be watched and participated in at any time later.

Food collection – Thank you for continued donations for the food bank operating in St Gabriel's school for the families in need there. Non-perishable food such as tinned or dried food may be left at church or dropped off at Holy Family Presbytery.

Faith Leaders joint response to the latest Covid-19 situation – The leaders of faith communities in Liverpool and Merseyside, including The Most Revd Malcolm McMahon OP, Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool call ... people across the region ... to the following actions:

- In all aspects of our lives, including in the practice of our faith, we must maintain COVID-secure behaviour so as to care for one another.
- We strongly encourage everyone to take up the vaccine offer when it is made to us, and we should support other people in receiving the vaccine.
- In these stressful days we must show kindness to one another, and especially to the anxious and those more vulnerable than ourselves.
- Where asymptomatic mass-testing is available, we should participate in order to play our part in protecting others from infection.

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**.

Online giving website

The Archdiocesan online giving website can receive both one-off and regular monthly donations. Each parish has its own unique link on the website and all donations will go to the parish selected by the donor. There is a detailed guide on how to donate on the website. The link to the page for St Margaret Clitherow parish is:
<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-margaret-clitherow-boothstown>

LEIGH DEANERY

Parish of St. John Rigby

Sacred Heart
Hindley Green
Sacred Heart
Hindsford
St. Richard's
Atherton

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Ambrose Barlow
Astley
St. Gabriel's
Higher Folds
Holy Family
Boothstown

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
 Anelyse Lewis
 Anne Broad
 Anthony Mullen
 Baby George
 Baby Grace
 Baby Iyla Faith
 Baby Luke
 Bill Burke
 Brenda Southern
 Brendan Faulkener
 Catherine Jones
 Christine Costello
 Christopher Browne
 Clare Barlow
 Clifford Browne
 Dorothy Kelly
 Elizabeth Hulmes
 Elizabeth Levien
 Emma Oldham
 Enid Kenwright
 Freda Peake
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Hilda Almond
 Irene McIntyre
 Jack Rothwell
 Jack Travis
 Jean Tchibukdjian
 Jennifer Langin
 Jess Garrett
 Jessie Lucas
 Joan Wilkinson
 John Wall
 Kathy Kenyon
 Margaret Case
 Margaret Wall
 Mary Bird
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Maureen Kelly
 Michael Wright
 Neville Thomas
 Ron Sparrow
 Rosalind Richardson
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Stephen Howell
 Terence Flanagan
 Theresa Stanley
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Viktor Batrak

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 31st January	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 4 Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Weekdays - Week 4 of Ordinary Time	All the priests of the Deanery have decided to cease the celebration of public worship and private prayer in all the churches in the area. We will review our position as and hopefully when the situation is a little better. The reasons for this are explained on the front page. The Sunday Obligation remains suspended by the Bishops Conference.	
SUNDAY 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	9.30 am Teresa Unsworth <i>(Livestreamed only)</i> 3.00pm Rosary & Benediction <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Parishioners <i>Mass in Private</i> 11.00 am Keith Lewis <i>Mass in Private</i>
MONDAY		
TUESDAY Presentation of the Lord	10.30 am Funeral Service for Bridget O'Neill <i>Maximum 30 limit - listed attendees only</i>	9.15 am Winifred Smith <i>(livestreamed only)</i>
WEDNESDAY St Blaise	7.00 pm Marie & Dermot Gahan <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	
THURSDAY	10.00 am Philip & Edyta Duffy <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	
FRIDAY St Agatha	9.15 am Norman Lithgo <i>(livestreamed only)</i> Please note earlier time today	
SATURDAY St Paul Miki & Companions	10.00 am Patrick McCafferty <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Parishioners <i>Mass in Private</i>
NEXT SUNDAY 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.30 am William Walsh <i>(Livestreamed only)</i> 3.00pm Rosary & Benediction <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	11.00 am Mary & Sam O'Kane <i>Mass in Private</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession (The Sacrament of Reconciliation) is available by request or by appointment following social distancing guidelines.



LATELY DEAD

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Bridget O'Neill

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon her.
 May she rest in peace.
 Amen.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading – Job 7:1-4,6-7
 Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Kevin Snape

*Late Parish Priest, Holy Family,
 d. 7th February 2017*

Archbishop Derek Worlock

d. 8th February 1996