

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4th Sunday of Easter (B)

21st April 2024



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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.

**Retiring Collections:** Weekend of the 21st April - for Priests' Training Fund  
28th April - for Foodbank

**Last Week's Parish Collections:**  
Offertory Collection: £845.28, 2nd Collection: £180.56 (Ukraine)

**Holy Family Tea and Coffee after Mass:** The next tea and coffee will be on Sunday 28th April after the 9.30am Mass.

**Children's Liturgy:** will next be held on Sunday 5th May at the 11am Mass at St Ambrose.

**Ladies Chat and Cuppa Group:** We are hoping to start a new group to bring people together. A meeting to discuss this with anyone interested will be held on Thursday 25th April at 2pm in St Ambrose Hall. All welcome.

**First Holy Communions:** will be celebrated over the coming weeks. Please pray for our children and their families at this holy and special time.

**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 Applewood Farm is at 1.00pm 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 07566725590.

## Vocations Sunday

Our synodal journey reinforced our commitment to becoming a Church that values the vocation of all the baptised, but on the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide, we are reminded of the importance of praying in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This Good Shepherd Sunday we have much to celebrate because this academic year is a significant one for vocations to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. God willing, by the end of July 5 men will have been ordained to the priesthood for our Archdiocese.

Fr Hugh Donleavy was ordained to the priesthood on 1 December at St Alban's Church in Warrington and plans are underway for the ordination of Deacons James Finnegan and Martin Fyles (from the Venerable English College, Rome), Peter Ross (from St Mary's College, Oscott) and Lister Tonge, (a former Anglican Minister). If all goes to plan, they will be ordained together in the Cathedral on 13 July.

There are currently three other men in formation for our Archdiocese in the Beda College, Rome and Allen Hall, London and two candidates currently involved in the process of applying to begin seminary in September.  
*(Continued overleaf)*

### 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  
Hannah Delargy  
Michael Ruddy  
Teresa Yates

There were many names that had been on the list for a number of years. It was agreed at the parish meeting that we would start a new list from the Sunday after Easter. This is the new list. If there are any names that you wish to be re-instated on the list or to be added to it please contact Liz in the office.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith  
Ted Ogden Phenix  
May God bless him and his family.

## PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 21st April	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter:</b> Week 4 <b>Readings:</b> Sunday - 4th Sunday of Easter (B) Weekdays - Easter Week 4		
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4th Sunday of Easter (B) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9.30am Paul Heywood <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	(Sat) 6.00pm Lola Lavin & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>  11.00am Margaret & William McManus <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b> Solemnity of St George		9.15am Kathleen & Peter Berry & Relations
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6.00pm Kathleen Connelly <i>Please note earlier time – Fr Paul attending Deanery Synod Council Meeting at 7.00pm</i>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> St Mark, Evangelist	10.00am William Michael McManus	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00am Anne & Mike Russell <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School – Parishioners welcome</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am Eileen Gavin 10.30-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Lola Lavin & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> 5th Sunday of Easter (B)	9.30am Joseph Holt <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am For the soul of Inacio Fernandes <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>

All Masses are usually livestreamed except for the Saturday night Mass and the Friday morning Mass.

### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for those who have died recently.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Easter (B)

#### First Reading – Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

#### Second Reading – 1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

#### Gospel Reading – John 15:1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

### Vocations Sunday (continued)

Usually, on the first Saturday of each month a group of men gather together to reflect on the priesthood and to discern whether this is God's calling for them. The road to the priesthood is long and these men need your continued prayer and the support you give to the Priest Training Fund collection that takes place today.

There is no one type of man that God is calling and our seminarians and discerners come from different backgrounds, have had a wide range of life experiences and cover a range of ages. Perhaps God is calling you!

If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest within our Archdiocese and are ready to explore this further and perhaps meet other men who are thinking about their vocation, please contact the Vocations' Director, either by telephoning the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More in Aigburth on 0151 727 2493 or email vocations@rcaol.org.uk.

### 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.

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