

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

17th January 2021



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PARISH NEWS - THIS 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.

OTHER ITEMS

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.

Archdiocese of Liverpool J&P Commission Annual Memorial Lecture, Sunday January 17th at 2pm (on Zoom) – This year's Memorial Lecture will be given by Mary Colwell, an award winning writer and producer specialising in natural history, environment, religion and human stories; she is also a Feature Writer for the Tablet. The title of the lecture will be: 'To Prepare a Future Full of Hope Amid Chaos and Uncertainty'. To register please go to the J&P website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or use the link <http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2021/01/05/memorial-lecture-registration-17-january-2021/>

Faith Leaders joint response to the latest Covid-19 situation – From the leaders of faith communities in Liverpool and Merseyside, including The Most Revd Malcolm McMahon OP, Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool: We call members of our own faith communities, as well as people across the region of any faith or of none, 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
Rosalind Richardson
Sandra Jones
Shelagh Welsby
Stephen Howell
Terence Flanagan
Theresa Stanley
Thomas McLoughlin
Viktor Batrak

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 17th January	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Weekdays - Week 2 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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Peace Day</i>	9.30 am Deborah & Warren Coates <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 Michael Grady <i>Mass in Private</i>
MONDAY <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today</i>		
TUESDAY		9.15 am Kathleen McHugh <i>(livestreamed only)</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Michael McGuillion <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	
THURSDAY St Agnes	10.00 am Thomas McLoughlin <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	
FRIDAY	10.00 am Wyn, Alf & Clifford Brown <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	
SATURDAY	10.00 am Agnes & Harold Bostock <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Parishioners <i>Mass in Private</i>
NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	9.30 am John Pearson <i>(Livestreamed only)</i> 3.00pm Rosary & Benediction <i>(livestreamed only)</i>	11.00 am Frank & Margaret Fletcher <i>Mass in Private</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BETTY GERRITY

Betty Gerrity sadly passed away suddenly and peacefully in Wigan Infirmary in the presence of her loving family on 25 December 2020, aged 89 years.

Funeral service to take place at Howe Bridge Crematorium on 25 January 2021 at 1.00 p.m. Sadly, due to current covid restrictions, only those invited may attend. However, there will be a webcast of the service which can be watched live or for 28 days afterwards. Enquiries to the family, Tel. 01942 886756.



LATELY DEAD

Please pray for those who
have died recently:

Andrew Adshead
Ernie Mowatt
Winifred Smith
Philip & Edyta Duffy
Betty Gerrity

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading – Jonah 3:1-5,10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.