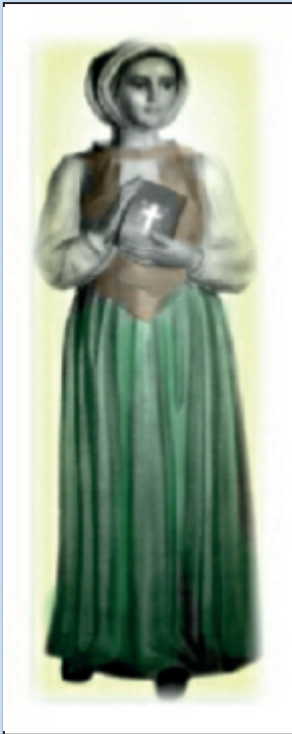


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

10th December 2023



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PARISH NEWS

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.

Retiring Collections: Weekend of the 10th December - for Ukraine
17th December - for Foodbank

Last Week's Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection: £848.61 2nd Collection: £487.69 (Wigan & Leigh Hospice)

Festival Carol Service: This will be on Sunday 17th December at 3pm in Holy Family. All welcome.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like the names of loved ones to be displayed in church during Christmas in whose memory we dedicate the flowers, please fill in a sheet and pass the names to the parish office stating which church you would like the names to be placed by Thursday 21st December

Holy Family Tea and Coffee after Mass: The next tea and coffee morning will be this Sunday, 10th December after Mass. All welcome.

Seniors Christmas Party: hosted by St Mary's High School and Sixth Form will be on Thursday, 14th December 12noon till 2pm. Numbers have now been passed on to the school. If you wish to be added please contact the school directly.

Thank you: Your SVP wishes to thank you for your generosity this year. We have been able to give vouchers to our school children and families: £2000 food vouchers and over £1500 to help with gym kits and school trips. You have supplied an average of 9 bags each week for the Food Bank. You have supplied over 60 bags of warm clothing for the Barnabus charity.

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 will be at the Applewood Farm at 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

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Advent

Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. It's a key time in which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord coming into the world as the incarnate God of love. The liturgical vestments priests wear during the season are purple, matching the candles lit on each Sunday of Advent. Purple is a colour typically associated with penance. The exception is the third Sunday – Gaudete Sunday – when priests wear pink (or rose) vestments – the colour of rejoicing.

"Advent has a two-fold character: for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period for devout and expectant delight." *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year*

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
 Anelyse Lewis
 Anne Broad
 Anthony Mullen
 Baby George
 Baby Grace
 Baby Iyla Faith
 Brendan Faulkener
 Carol Yates
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Dorothy Kelly
 Elizabeth Levien
 Emma Oldham
 Fr Phil Gregory
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Harry Mullen
 Hilary Cooper
 Irene McIntyre
 Jack Rothwell
 Jack Travis
 Jennifer Langin
 Jessie Lucas
 Joan Wilkinson
 John Henry
 John M
 John Mellin
 John Morley
 John Wall
 Louisa Duffy
 Lourdes Barnes
 Margaret Wall
 Mary Goulding
 Mary Griffin
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Kelly
 Michael Rafferty
 Michael Ruddy
 Michael Wright
 Ned Geoghegan
 Pat Mellin
 Pat Williams
 Sandra Jones
 Sean Fleming
 Shelagh Welsby
 Stephen Cooper
 Stephen Garrett
 Stephen Howell
 Teresa Yates
 Theresa Stanley
 Tony Kenney

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 10th December	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings: Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Advent (B) Weekdays - Advent Week 2		
SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)	9.30am Teresa Unsworth <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	6.00pm Mary and Martin Furey & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i> 11.00am Helen Gleeson <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		9.15am Bernard Hughes
WEDNESDAY St Lucy	7.00pm Steven Hampson	
THURSDAY St John of the Cross	10.00am Pat McCafferty 12.45pm Funeral Mass for Jean Briffa	
FRIDAY	10.00am Fr Bernard Jackson <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School this week – Parishioners Welcome</i>	
SATURDAY	10.00am Patricia Ann Stewart 10.30-11.00am Confessions	6.00pm Winifred Smith & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Advent (B) <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	9.30am Angela Walters <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am John Ronald Smith, Gladys Smith & Steve Smith <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>

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

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our family of Faith

Harriet & Harlan Lawless

Nell Aighton

Harriet & April Madden

Isabella & Hollie Sammon

Riley & Lexie Gould

Oakley & Harley Saunders

Enzo, Arlo & Huxley Anderton

May God bless them and their families.

LATELY DEAD



Please pray for those who have died recently.

Joan Hartley

Jean Briffa

Martin Ward

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) (B)

First Reading – Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

Second Reading – 1 Paul Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.

Gospel Reading – John 1:6-8,19-28

There stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me .

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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