

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

17th December 2023



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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 17th December - for Foodbank  
24th December - for Ukraine

**Last Week's Parish Collections:**

Offertory Collection: £703.34      2nd Collection: £141.60 (Ukraine)

**Christmas Masses:** (Sunday morning Masses are as normal even though Christmas Eve is a Sunday)

**Christmas Eve:**

6pm Holy Family (Children's Mass)  
8pm St Ambrose (Children's Mass)

11.30pm Carols and Readings (Holy Family)  
12.00am Midnight Mass (Holy Family)

**Christmas Day:**

9.30am Holy Family  
11am St Ambrose

**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 in the new year.

**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.



**Red Mission Boxes:** Collections amounted to £378.64. Sincere thanks to all collectors and donators. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

### 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 17th December	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter:</b> Week 3 <b>Readings:</b> Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent (B) Weekdays - Advent II		
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent (B) <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Angela Walters <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>  <b>3.00pm</b> Festival Carol Service	<b>6.00pm</b> Winifred Smith, Teresa McColl & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>  <b>11.00am</b> John Ronald Smith, Gladys Smith & Steve Smith <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>9.30am</b> <i>(Note later time)</i> Private Intention Advent Mass with St Ambrose School in church
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Funeral Mass for Martin Ward  <b>7.00pm</b> Roy Greenall	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Maureen Kelly Advent Mass with Holy Family School in church	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> William Michael McManus Advent Mass with St Gabriel's School in church	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Ellen and Edward Wardle  <b>10.30-11.00am</b> Confessions	<b>6.00pm</b> Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> 4th Sunday of Advent (B) Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers	<b>9.30am</b> Golden Wedding Anniversary Ann & Dave Callan, Keith Lewis <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Gordon Woods <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.

**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 4th Sunday of Advent (B)

#### First Reading – 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

#### Second Reading – Romans 16:25-27

The mystery, which you kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.

#### Gospel Reading – Luke 1:26-38

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son .

### 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**.