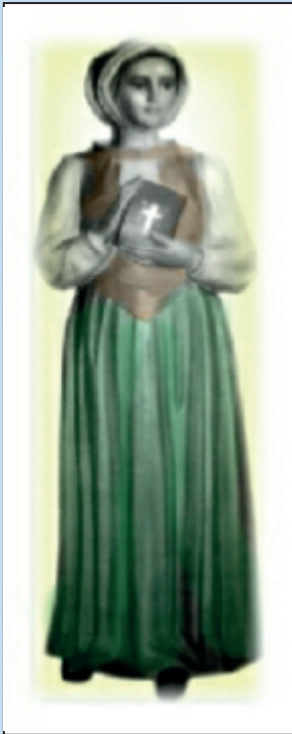


# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4th Sunday of Advent (B)

24th 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 24th December - for Ukraine  
31st December - for Foodbank

**Last Week's Parish Collections:**

Offertory Collection: £989.64      2nd Collection: £309.96 (Foodbank)

**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



**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.

**Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose:** will be on Sunday 7th January at the 11am Mass.

**Christmas Greeting:** To Fr Paul and friends, wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a very happy new year. God bless, from Harold and Colette.

**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 at 1.00pm on Wednesdays will resume on Wednesday 10th January after the Christmas break.



### 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 24th December	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter:</b> Week 4 <b>Readings:</b> Sunday - 4th Sunday of Advent (B) Weekdays - Octave of Christmas		
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4th Sunday of Advent (B) <i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Golden Wedding Anniversary Ann & Dave Callan, Keith Lewis <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>  <b>Christmas Night</b> <b>6.00pm</b> William & Margaret McManus & Relatives  <b>11.30pm</b> Carols & Readings <b>12Midnight</b> All Christmas Intentions	<b>(Sat) 6.00pm</b> Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>  <b>11.00am</b> Gordon Woods <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>  <b>Christmas Night</b> <b>8.00pm</b> Joseph & Joan Rigby, Jack & Florence Wilson
<b>MONDAY</b> Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>9.30am</b> Christopher Tickle, Harry & Kathleen Knight	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>11.00am</b> Kathleen & Peter Berry & Relations
<b>TUESDAY</b> St Stephen	<b>12noon</b> Joseph & Annie Callan, Madelaine Sighe	<i>No Mass at St Ambrose today</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> St John, Apostle & Evangelist	<i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> The Holy Innocents	<b>10.00am</b> The Holy Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.	
<b>FRIDAY</b> St Thomas of Canterbury	<i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Clare & Terry Barlow <b>10.30-11.00am</b> Confessions	<b>6.00pm</b> Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Feast of the Holy Family (B)	<b>9.30am</b> William Michael McManus <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Eric Vincent Whiteside <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.

**Bernard Hargreaves**  
**Frank Gilhooley**

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Feast of the Holy Family (B)

**First Reading – Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3**

Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood.

**Second Reading – Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19**

The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

**Gospel Reading – Luke 2:22-40**

The child grew, filled with wisdom.

### 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**.