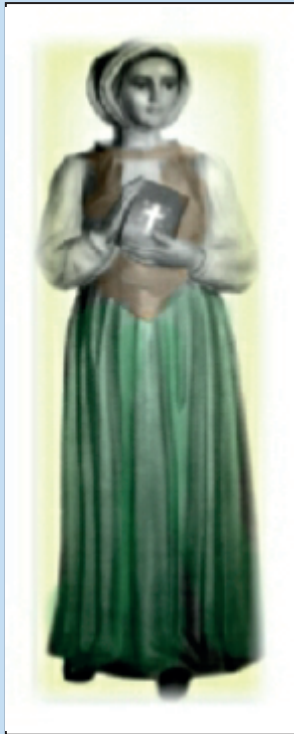


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

1st Sunday of Advent (B)

3rd 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 3rd December - for Wigan & Leigh Hospice
10th December - for Ukraine

Last Week's Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection: £874.62 2nd Collection: £194.35 (Animate Youth Services)

Advent Confessathon: will be at St Joseph's, Leigh on Saturday 9th December. Confessions 10am-11.50am, 12 noon Mass, Confessions 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

Family Masses: On the weekend of 9th and 10th December we celebrate Family Masses with a special invitation to the children and families of our parish to come and join us in our Advent preparations.

Confirmation: Those who applied via the Liverpool Called website earlier this year should now have received a letter via email about the joint preparations and Confirmation Services with St Margaret Clitherow and St John Rigby parishes. This is for current Y9 and above. If you haven't received the information please contact the parish office. The current Y8 will be asked to apply around March.

Special Collection: It has been suggested that as there is a need for support for the Wigan and Leigh Hospice, the collection this weekend will be for the Hospice and not the SVP. All support gratefully received to this place of care for those at the end of life's journey.

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

Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose: The next children's liturgy will take place during the 11am Mass this Sunday, 3rd December.

Churches Together in Boothstown: All are invited to the annual Carol Service and the switching on of the Christmas lights at Standfield Precinct this Sunday, 3rd December at 5pm. Father Christmas will be in the community centre after the service and refreshments are available.

Seniors Christmas Party: hosted by St Mary's High School and Sixth Form will be on Thursday, 14th December 12noon till 2pm. If you would like to attend please sign the sheet at the back of church and give your contact number. This information will be sent on to the school.

Ordination: Congratulations to Fr Hugh Donleavy who was ordained priest by Archbishop Malcolm last Friday in Warrington. We offer our prayers for him and for vocations. Fr Hugh will be joining our deanery as assistant priest to St William's parish in Wigan.

Food Bank: As winter approaches 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.

Greetings Card Campaign: It is that time of year again when we remember some of those imprisoned unjustly and/or in danger of torture for their beliefs and send them a greetings card to let them know that they are not forgotten. We have put details of the prisoners, cost of postage, simple message suggestions etc. on leaflets at the back of church and ask you to use cards of your choice and post them to the prisoners at the addresses given. For those who can receive a religious message, any Christmas card would be fine. For those indicated as only to receive a non-religious message, a simple (non-Christmas) notelet would be suitable. All the ones included this year were sent cards by us either last year or the year before but they are still suffering. So please support this venture if you can and send a message of hope at Christmas. Thank you.

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
 Anlyse 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 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
 + addition this week
 Michael Ruddy
 (Apologies for adding name to wrong list last week.)

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 3rd December	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings: Sunday - 1st Sunday of Advent (B) Weekdays - Advent Week 1		
SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Advent (B) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Migrants</i>	9.30am Walter Meanwell (Also livestreamed)	6.00pm Parishioners (Not livestreamed) 11.00am George Daniel Love (Also livestreamed)
MONDAY		
TUESDAY St John Almond		9.15am Kearns Family
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY St Ambrose	7.00pm Denis Reidy	
FRIDAY Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am Andy Berry <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School this week – Parishioners Welcome</i>	
SATURDAY	10.00am Danny Williams 10.30-11.00am Confessions 2.00pm Memorial Service for Bridgewater Funeral Services	6.00pm Mary and Martin Furey & Parishioners (Not livestreamed)
NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)	9.30am Teresa Unsworth (Also livestreamed)	11.00am Helen Gleeson (Also livestreamed)

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

ANNIVERSARY

Deacon Anthony Arrowsmith -
5th December 2018

(Deacon, St Edmund Arrowsmith)

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

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our family of Faith

Pearl Heald
 Wren Heald
 Ollie Tobin
 Leo Tobin
 Max Thomas

May God bless them and their families.

LATELY DEAD



Please pray for those who have died recently.

Doreen Baddeley
 Veronica Broster
 Lindy Corcoran
 Gordon Woods
 Joan Chorlton

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and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

First Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Prepare a way for the Lord.

Second Reading – 2 Peter 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:1-8

Make his paths straight.

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**.

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