

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4th Sunday of Lent (B)

10th March 2024



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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 March - for Nugent
17th March - for Ukraine

Last Week's Parish Collections:
Offertory Collection: £761.81, 2nd Collection: £374.65 (SVP), HCPT: £1121.32

Confirmations 2024: Any young person who is in year 8 or above, has made their First Holy Communion and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can register for Sacramental preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. The website for registration opened on the 15th January and closes on the 15th March. While the registration period is open, Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time, schools will teach about the Sacrament of Confirmation in RE classes.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent we have three weekly opportunities to take part in this devotion. From Wednesday 28th March until the Wednesday of Holy Week there will be parishioner led Stations at Holy Family on Wednesdays at 6.30pm before Mass. Deacon Bob will lead Stations at St Ambrose on Fridays at 7.00pm. Fr Paul will lead Stations followed by Benediction on Sundays at 3pm at Holy Family.

Parish Meeting: Thanks to those who were able to attend. The minutes are at the back of church. As always volunteers are welcome in all aspects of our parish life and the events that are being planned. If you would like to help please speak to Fr Paul.

Families of Parishes: The letter from last weekend is available at the back of church for your information.

Holy Family Tea and Coffee after Mass: This will be during Lent a CAFOD fundraiser as in past years. Please support if you can on Sunday 17th and 31st March.

HCPT Coffee Morning and Raffle: This was a great success. The fund at present stands at £1121.32 and will be forwarded on to the area HCPT. They will be on pilgrimage at Easter and will pray for our parish at the grotto. Many thanks for the wonderful support we had from everyone in achieving such a tremendous donation for a really good cause. A list of the winning tickets is displayed in both churches.

Easter Cards to the Holy Land: Once again this year we would like to send Easter greetings from our parish to parishes and communities in the Holy Land – The Annunciation in Beit Jala near Bethlehem, Holy Family in Gaza, Saint Saviour Parish and Luckner Parents Care Home in Jerusalem. As done last year we will have one large card for each of the four communities. It would be great if as many people as wish to could sign at least one card at the end of Masses this weekend.

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.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP): The weekly meeting of the older men in the parish for lunch and a chat at the Applewood Farm is at 1.00pm on Wednesdays. The SVP may be able to assist you or someone you know who needs help. We could help by providing people in our parish with supermarket food vouchers, essential furniture and home items and energy top ups where these are needed. For more information contact our dedicated SVP number 07566725590.

St Ambrose Barlow Guides: The guides are holding a bring and buy chocolate bingo on Thursday 21st March, 7 till 9pm. Entry is by chocolate, bars, boxes, eggs etc. There will be a raffle and refreshments for sale on the night. Please come along and join in this fundraiser. See you there! Delia.

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
 Archbishop Kelly
 Baby George
 Baby Grace
 Baby Iyla Faith
 Brendan Faulkener
 Carol Yates
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Dorothy Kelly
 Elizabeth Levien
 Emma Oldham
 Fr John Johnson
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Harry Mullen
 Hilary Cooper
 Irene McIntyre
 Jack Rothwell
 Jack Travis
 Jennifer Langin
 Jessie Lucas
 Joan Wilkinson
 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
 Stephen Cooper
 Stephen Garrett
 Teresa Yates
 Theresa Stanley
 Tony Kenney

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 10th March	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 4 Readings: Sunday - 4th Sunday of Lent (B) Weekdays - Lent Week 4		
SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Lent (B) <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	9.30am Jean Jones <i>(Also livestreamed)</i> 3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	(Sat) 6.00pm Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i> 11.00am Florence & Jack Wilson, Joan & Joseph Rigby <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		9.15am A very special intention
WEDNESDAY	6.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Paddy, Jack, Liam Hession	
THURSDAY	10.00am Terence Flanagan	
FRIDAY	9.15am Michael & Ann Donellon <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School – Parishioners Welcome</i> <i>(Please note earlier time this week)</i>	2.45pm Funeral Mass for Mary Evans 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	10.00am Alice & Frank Giron Conland 10.30-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Norah McHugh (92nd Birthday) & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
NEXT SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Lent (B)	9.30am For all innocent children <i>(Also livestreamed)</i> 3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am Theresa & Carol Yates <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>

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

 LATELY DEAD <i>Please pray for those who have died recently.</i> Mary Evans Jill Macbean <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</i>	CAFOD Children's Prayer for Lent 2024 <i>Loving God, your Son, Jesus, calmed the storm that frightened the disciples. You keep us safe too, even when we are afraid. Show us how to follow you, and help us to be there for one another. Teach us to share whatever we have fairly so that we, and our whole global family, may look to the future with hope. Amen.</i>
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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
5th Sunday of Lent (B)

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34
 I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Second Reading – Hebrews 5:7-9
 He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Reading – John 12:20-33
 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

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**.