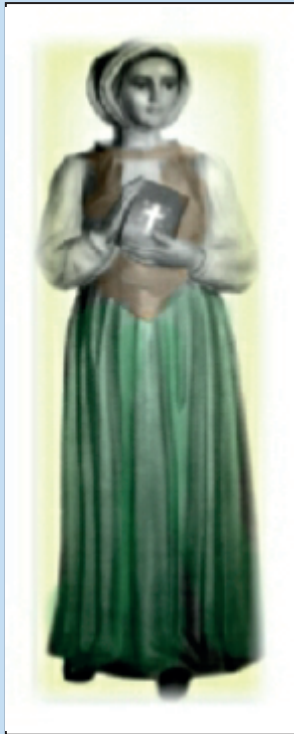


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

3rd 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 3rd March - for SVP
10th March - for Nugent

Last Week's Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection: £855.89, 2nd Collection: £670.95 (CAFOD), CAFOD Cake Sale: £54.50

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 will be available shortly. 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.

Churches Together: There will be a prayer meeting with local churches on Thursday 7th March at St John's, Mosley Common. Refreshments at 7pm, 7.30-8.30pm prayer time. All welcome.

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: A coffee morning to raise funds for HCPT will take place in Holy Family Hall on Sunday 3rd March after the 9.30am Mass. Raffle tickets will be on sale in church and the hall. Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the 6pm Mass at St Ambrose on 2nd March.

Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose: will be on Sunday 3rd March at the 11am Mass.

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 3rd March	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 3 Readings: Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Lent (B) Weekdays - Lent Week 3		
SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)	9.30am Margaret Langan <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 Ann Smith <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		9.15am John Burke
WEDNESDAY	6.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Kathleen Berry	
THURSDAY	10.00am Velta Kantor	
FRIDAY	10.00am Anthony Ivors <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School – Parishioners Welcome</i> 1.00pm Funeral Mass for Kathleen Connolly	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	10.00am Souls in Purgatory 10.30-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
NEXT 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>	11.00am Florence & Jack Wilson, Joe & Joseph Rigby <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
Oliver Richardson
Sophia-Ezmae Steenson-Thompson
 May God bless them and their families.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for those who have died recently.

Kathleen Connolly
Mary Evans

*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 Lent (B)

First Reading – Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Second Reading – Ephesians 2:4-10

You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

Gospel Reading – John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

CAFOD Children's Prayer for Lent 2024

*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.

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**.

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