

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday of Easter (B)

7th April 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 7th April - for SVP
14th April - for Ukraine

Last Week's Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection: £1150.93, 2nd Collection: £70.05 (Friends of the Holy Land)
£270.15 (Holy Places)
£434.62 (CAFOD Café)

Easter Thanks for the cards and messages received by Fr Paul and Deacon Bob. Also thanks to all who have helped in any way to prepare our churches and liturgies for the celebration of Easter.

Divine Mercy: The Hour of Grace will be held at 3pm at Holy Family on Sunday 7th April beginning with the Chaplet and with Adoration. Confession will be available through the hour which will conclude with Benediction.

CAFOD Café: The total amount raised this year is £1188.56. This was a huge success over three Sundays in Lent. We thank everyone in Holy Family and St Ambrose who helped in any way to make this a great parish occasion as well as a fundraiser for Cafod. We will look at ways to build on this success and communicate this through the newsletter.

Holy Family Tea and Coffee after Mass: The next tea and coffee will be on Sunday 14th April after the 9.30am Mass.

Fr John Johnson: Some of you will know Fr Johnson from St Mary's Wigan. Sadly, we learned of his passing after illness on Wednesday night. He was Fr Paul's parish priest for 20 years before going to seminary and his passing is deeply felt. His devotion and faith have inspired several vocations over the years including Fr Paul's. Please pray for the repose of his soul and please pray for all our priests.

(See also back page for more Parish News)

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon Easter Message 2024 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As we start going out, and coming home in the light again, it usually means one thing; Easter is around the corner. As we leave Winter and enter Spring, we are also reminded of the new life that starts at this time of year. Whether that be the plants in your garden, the leaves on trees, or the caterpillars and butterflies that start showing their faces again. This time of year is an incredibly important one in our faith. We remind ourselves that Jesus Christ died for our sins, descended into Hell, and rose from the dead. It is a reminder that there is always hope, even in the depths of despair. When Jesus was betrayed by Judas and ultimately crucified on Good Friday, it felt like hope was lost. But on the third day, Christ rose from the depths of Hell and things were looking light again. It is a message we can all take into our everyday lives. When things are looking bleak, whether it be a personal issue, or a wider issue like conflict in Ukraine, Gaza and other parts of the world, a light can always be found. It's also important to remember the journey we have been on for the past 40 days for Lent. From Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday we have all tried to enrich our lives, by either giving up something that is bad for us, or adding something more positive, like praying into our everyday life. Whatever you have decided to do this year, I hope you had every success, and life is better for the choices you have made. May the light of Jesus Christ be present in you all, as we celebrate his resurrection.
Yours in Christ, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

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



Archbishop Kelly
Carol Yates
Hannah Delargy
Michael Ruddy
Teresa Yates

There were many names that had been on the list for a number of years. It was agreed at the parish meeting that we would start a new list from the Sunday after Easter. This is the new list. If there are any names that you wish to be re-instated on the list or to be added to it please contact Liz in the office.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith

Noelle Grimshaw

May God bless her and her family.

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 7th April	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings: Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter (B) Weekdays - Easter Week 2		
SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Easter (B) <i>Day of Divine Mercy</i>	9.30am Veronica Walsh <i>(Also livestreamed)</i> 3.00pm Divine Mercy Hour & Benediction	(Sat) 6.00pm Agnes & Gerry Yates & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i> 11.00am Mildred Hughes <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
MONDAY Annunciation of the Lord		
TUESDAY		9.30am Sheila Swift <i>Easter Mass with St Ambrose School in church (note later time)</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00pm Frances, Rose & Terrence O'Malley	
THURSDAY St Stanislaus	10.00am Fr Bernard Jackson <i>Easter Mass with Holy Family School in church</i>	
FRIDAY	10.00am Margaret & William McManus <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School – Parishioners welcome</i>	
SATURDAY	10.00am Agnes & Harold Bostock & Harold Bostock Junior 10.30-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm William Michael McManus & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)	9.30am Kathleen Connelly <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am Sheila Agnes Marsh <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.

Fr John Johnson
Fr Barry McAllister

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading – Acts 3:13-15,17-19

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

Second Reading – 1 John 2:1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:35-48

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Parish News (continued)

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. If you are lonely we could visit you at home. For more information contact our dedicated SVP number 07566725590.

Thankyou from St Ambrose Barlow Guides: We would like to thank everyone who attended our chocolate bingo night which raised £210, Thankyou so much to parents and parishioners who joined us. Also thankyou to everyone who joined in our Easter Sunday chocolate raffle, raising a total of £63. We are always blown away by your generosity. This money will go towards our summer camp, Thankyou.

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.

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