

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

1st Sunday of Lent (A)

26th February 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: 26th February - for Ukraine; 5th March - for SVP

Last Week's Parish Collections (not including online donations):

Offertory Collection: £700.27 2nd Collection: £532.06 (Earthquake Appeal)

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation: is open and closes on the 17th March. Any young person in Year 8 (or above if they have not been Confirmed) can register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

First Holy Communion: Dates have now been sent out with a reply slip for the children in our parish schools to fill in to indicate which date they would prefer. Please return these as soon as possible after the half term break to either school or the parish office. If you haven't received a letter please contact the parish office – this doesn't apply to those children who aren't in the parish schools, as a date has been given to these families.

Adults who want to become Catholics: There are a number of adults who are interested in preparing to be welcomed into the Church. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about our faith the next meeting of the RCIA preparation group is on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm after Mass. The meeting lasts under an hour. All welcome.

Lent Stations of the Cross: Stations will be prayed during Lent and volunteers to lead them are invited for the Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm in Holy Family – a sign up sheet is at the back of Holy Family church. Stations will also be prayed with Deacon Bob on Friday evenings at St Ambrose at 7pm, and with Fr Paul on Sunday afternoons at Holy Family at 3pm.

Warm Places: Tea and Coffee will be available at St Ambrose after the 9.15am Mass for an hour or two. All welcome.

Food Bank: The food bank is under extreme pressure to meet the increasing needs of families. Please be generous if you are able.

SVP: There is a weekly meeting of the older men in the parish for lunch and a chat at the Bull's Head at 1pm on Wednesdays.

Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose: The next Children's Liturgy is on 5th March. It will be once a month with a planned celebration on the first Sunday of every month.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 3rd March: This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. In Bangladesh, 14 year old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Give today to help families grow in strength and adapt to the climate crisis. Use the envelope or give online at cafod.org.uk/lent

The Pantomime "ALADDIN"

The St Ambrose Barlow Players are pleased to present this fairytale for your pleasure and enjoyment!!!

Performances:

Wednesday 1st March to Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm PLUS
Saturday 4th March - Matinee at 2.30pm and Evening Show at 7.15pm

Tickets: Adults £6.00, Seniors £5.00 and Primary School Children £4.00

The GREATEST SHOW in town - Don't miss it!!!

Tickets are available by contacting Des on 07973 114365.

St Joseph's Players Present: GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE BAND

Venue: St Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2PR

Saturday, 18th March 7.30pm.

FUND RAISING EVENT: Tickets £10. Available on-line at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Enquiries: 07907880308 (Office Hours)

Refreshments / Bar Available

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
 Baby Luke
 Brendan Faulkener
 Brendan Fleming
 Carol Yates
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Dorothy Kelly
 Elizabeth Levien
 Emma Oldham
 Frank Burke
 Fr Phil Gregory
 Freda Peake
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Harry Mullen
 Irene McIntyre
 Jack Rothwell
 Jack Travis
 Jennifer Langin
 Jessie Lucas
 Joan Wilkinson
 John M
 John Mellin
 John Wall
 Louisa Duffy
 Lourdes Barnes
 Margaret Wall
 Mary Griffin
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Maureen Kelly
 Michael Rafferty
 Michael Wright
 Ned Geoghegan
 Pat Mellin
 Sandra Jones
 Sean Fleming
 Shelagh Welsby
 Stephen Garrett
 Stephen Howell
 Teresa Yates
 Theresa Stanley

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 26th February	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings: Sunday - 1st Sunday of Lent (A) Weekdays - Lent Week 1		
SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Lent (A) <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	9.30am Clare Barlow <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 Joyce Worden
WEDNESDAY St David, Patron of Wales	6.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm John, Sue & Martin Hogg	
THURSDAY	10.00am Caroline & George Smallshaw	
FRIDAY Lent Fast Day & Women's World Day of Prayer	10.00am James Gallagher <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School – Parishioners Welcome</i>	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	10.00am Jean Royale 10.30-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)	9.30am Carmel Higgins & Norah Murray <i>(Also livestreamed)</i> 3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am Joan & Joe Rigby and Florence & Jack Wilson <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>

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

BAPTISM

We welcome into our family of Faith
 Indiya Southern
 May God bless them and their family.

LATELY DEAD



Please pray for those who have died recently.

James Higson
 Kevin Orwell

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading – Genesis 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of the people of God.

Second Reading – 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God calls and enlightens us.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

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**.

Online giving website The Archdiocesan online giving website can receive both one-off and regular donations. Each parish has its own unique link on the website and all donations will go to the parish selected. There is a detailed guide on how to donate on the website. The link to the page for St Margaret Clitherow parish is: <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-margaret-clitherow-boothstown>