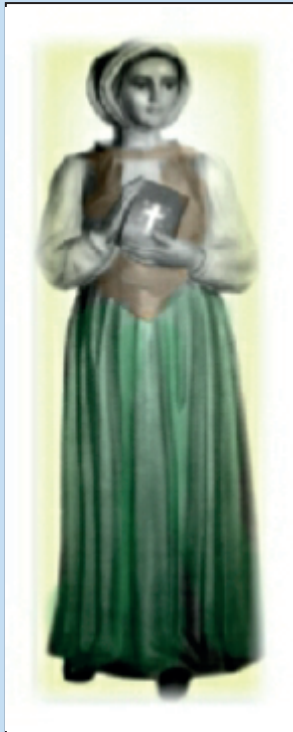


# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

27th August 2023



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## PARISH NEWS

Please make use of this address when contacting the Parish Office: [stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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 27th August - for Ukraine  
3rd September - for SVP

**Last Week's Parish Collections:**

Offertory Collection: £727.01      2nd Collection: £229.44 (Foodbank)

**How can you help your parish?** We are always looking for new volunteers for every aspect of the life of our parish. Please speak to Fr Paul if you want to learn more.

**Holy Family Tea and Coffee after Mass:** The next tea and coffee morning will be on Sunday 3rd September after Mass. If you are willing to go on a rota for serving tea and coffee after Sunday Mass at Holy Family please let Liz know in the office.

**Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose:** will be on Sunday, 3rd September at 11.00am.

**Food Bank:** There is an urgent need for food at the local foodbank. Please donate if you are able. Items can be left in the church porches. In addition to this it has been suggested that we have the second collection on occasion to support the food bank with monetary donations.

**SVP:** The weekly meeting of the older men in the parish for lunch and a chat will be at the Applewood Farm (Note new location) at 1pm on Wednesdays.

**Book Repair:** Are there beloved books on your shelf that have seen better days? Contact bookbinder Mark Chatwood - [mark.chatwood@gmail.com](mailto:mark.chatwood@gmail.com) 07493 292 039 (Mark recently repaired a parish prayer book to an excellent condition).

### **Creation Time (1st September - 4th October) 2023**

There will be a series of sessions held at 7pm - 9pm every Wednesday at St John's, Standishgate, Wigan. Parishioners from all of the churches in the Wigan and Leigh Deanery are invited and can attend all or any of the sessions. Topics include:

**6th September,** 'The Letter' film screening

**13th September,** Linking with Local Council

**20th September,** Why Creation Time?

**27th September,** What's the Archdiocese Doing?

**4th October,** Feast of St Francis. Prayerful reflection of Creation Time journey.

Further details can be seen on the posters at the back of church or on the website [www.leighdeanery.co.uk](http://www.leighdeanery.co.uk).

For any additional information contact Steve Atherton [satherton47@gmail.com](mailto:satherton47@gmail.com).

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### 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 lyla Faith  
 Brendan Faulkener  
 Carol Yates  
 Catherine Jones  
 Christopher Browne  
 Clifford Browne  
 Dorothy Kelly  
 Elizabeth Levien  
 Emma Oldham  
 Fr Phil Gregory  
 Freda Peake  
 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 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 27th August	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter:</b> Week 1 <b>Readings:</b> Sunday - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Weekdays - Ordinary Time Week 21		
<b>SUNDAY</b> 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)	<b>9.30am</b> Alice & Frank Giron-Conland, Ron Sparrow, Terry Allen, Martha Meanwell & Ellen Webb <i>(No livestream this week)</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00pm</b> Keith Wright & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>  <b>11.00am</b> Joan & Joe Rigby, Florence & Jack Wilson <i>(No livestream this week)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> St Augustine		
<b>TUESDAY</b> Passion of St John the Baptist		<i>No Mass today</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> St Edmund Arrowsmith	<i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b> St Margaret Clitherow	<i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>No morning Mass or Confessions today</i>	<b>6.00pm</b> Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)	<b>9.30am</b> Sr Ludres Reis <i>(No livestream this week)</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Gerald Turton <i>(No livestream this week)</i>

### Pope Francis to update landmark document on world environmental crisis



*Aug 21 (Reuters)* - Pope Francis said on Monday that he was writing a follow-up to his landmark 2015 encyclical on the protection of the environment and the dangers of climate change "to bring it up to date". He made the surprise announcement in a brief, unprepared addition in a speech to a group of lawyers from Council of Europe countries.

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si* (Praised Be), a major document on the need to protect the environment, face the dangers and challenges of climate change and reduce the use of fossil fuels. An encyclical is the highest form of papal writing.

"I am writing a second part to *Laudato Si* to bring it up to date with current problems," Pope Francis told the group, without elaborating.

More information can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-writing-a-second-part-of-laudato-si/>

### LATELY DEAD



*Please pray for those who have died recently.*

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

#### First Reading – Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

#### Second Reading – Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

#### Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:21-27

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

### 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**.