

# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

4th Sunday of Easter (A)

30th April 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: 30th April - for Priests' Training Fund;  
7th May - for SVP

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

Offertory Collection: £692.09; 2nd Collection: £126.29 (Ukraine)

### **Message from Fr Ron Johnson, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese**

In these days of Eastertide, as we listen to the accounts of the growth and expansion of the early Church, we see how under the guidance of God's Spirit the seeds of the Gospel are carried from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are encouraged to pray that all Christians recognise their baptismal vocation, remembering the words of St Paul to the Ephesians that "to some his gift was that they should be apostles, to some prophets, to some evangelists, to some pastors and teachers, so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ."

Today we are encouraged to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In our diocese, Archbishop Malcolm will be Ordaining Hugh Donleavy as a Deacon in a little over a month at St Charles Church in Aigburth. This will hopefully be followed, by 3 more ordinations to the Diaconate in Oscott and the Venerable English College, Rome towards the end of the college academic year.

Please pray for our seven seminarians and for all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. Pray for our priests too, that our Church may be blessed with Good Shepherds who are prepared to spend their life in the service of the sheep entrusted to their care.

If you feel the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood why not speak to your Parish Priest about it, or make contact with the Vocations Director based at St Charles in Aigburth, by telephoning 0151727 2493 or emailing [r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk).

**Telephone Messages:** Please note the new phone number for St John Rigby parish on the front of the newsletter for Fr Carl Mugan who has now taken up his appointment as parish priest. In thinking about telephones, may I encourage anyone who rings the parish office here and doesn't get an answer to leave a message as it is not always possible to answer the phone. We endeavour to respond to messages as soon as is possible.

**Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose:** will be on Sunday 7th May at 11.00am.

**Thanks:** The family of Margaret Lyth would like to sincerely thank friends and parishioners at Holy Family for the cards of condolence, Mass intentions, love and kindness shown to them following Margaret's death. Thanks to Fr Paul, Father Phil and everyone who helped make her funeral Mass and reception afterwards a celebration of her life. Holy Family meant so much to her and the sense of Parish and Community shone through that day. Thank you.

**Holy Family Tea and Coffee 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 so a rota can be prepared and we can get this up and running as soon as possible.

**Holy Places:** A collection basket for the Holy Places will be placed near the Easter Cross in both churches.

**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.

**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.

### **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  
 Brendan Faulkener  
 Brendan Fleming  
 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  
 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 30th April	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
<b>Psalter:</b> Week 4 <b>Readings:</b> Sunday - 4th Sunday of Easter (A) Weekdays - Easter Week 4		
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4th Sunday of Easter (A) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9.30am Manuel Mendes <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	(Sat) 6.00pm Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>  11.00am The Brennan Family <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> St Joseph the Worker		
<b>TUESDAY</b> St Athanasius		9.15am Deceased Members of the McGrath & Beresford Families
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> St Philip & St James, Apostles	6.00pm Frank Burke <i>Please note earlier time as Fr Paul attending Deanery Synod Council Meeting</i>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> Feast of the English Martyrs	10.00am Jim, Mamie, James Neary	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00am Paddy Logan <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School – parishioners welcome</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am John O'Malley 10.30-11am Adoration and Confessions	6.00pm Teresa McColl & Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> 5th Sunday of Easter (A)	9.30am Margaret Lyth <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>  3.00pm Rosary & Benediction for the Month of May <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am Anna, Dorothy, Gerchard (Geoff) Bartoszek <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>

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

 <b>LATELY DEAD</b> Please pray for those who have died recently.  Joseph Ellis Annette Mills Freda Hargreaves Bernard Flynn Baby Alyssa Fowler  <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</i>	<b>READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY</b> 5th Sunday of Easter (A)  <b>First Reading – Acts 6:1-7</b> They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.  <b>Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:4-9</b> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.  <b>Gospel Reading – John 14:1-12</b> I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
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### 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**.

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