

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

5th March 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: 5th March - for SVP; 12th March - for Earthquake Appeal
Last Week's Parish Collections (not including online donations):

Offertory Collection: £718.80 2nd Collection: £138.14 (Ukraine)

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: The next meeting of the RCIA preparation group is on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm after Mass. The meeting lasts under an hour. All welcome.

Fr Paul Seddon will be moving to a new parish in April and will be greatly missed after many years both in St Richard's and St Ambrose and more recently Sacred Heart Hindley Green. We wish him all the best and will see him in our parish before his departure. We will then welcome Fr Carl Mughan as the new parish priest of St John Rigby parish. Please keep both priests in your prayers.

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. Stations will also be prayed with Deacon Bob on Friday evenings at St Ambrose at 7pm, and with Fr Paul on Sunday afternoons with Benediction 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.
The next meeting for SVP is on Thursday 16th March after the 10am Mass – all welcome.

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.

Pantomime: Many thanks to all who were involved in the production of the parish pantomime. It is wonderful to gather and enjoy time together once again.

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 5th March	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 2 Readings: Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Lent (A) Weekdays - Lent Week 2		
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>	(Sat) 6.00pm Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i> 11.00am Joan & Joe Rigby and Florence & Jack Wilson <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	1.00pm Funeral Service for Kevin Orwell	9.15am John Burke
WEDNESDAY	10.00am Funeral Service for James Higson 6.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Norah McHugh	
THURSDAY	10.00am Those affected by the earthquake	
FRIDAY	10.00am John Conneely <i>Mass in St Gabriel's School – Parishioners Welcome</i>	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	10.00am Thanksgiving 10.30-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Parishioners <i>(Not livestreamed)</i>
NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)	9.30am William Higgins <i>(Also livestreamed)</i> 3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am Keith Lewis <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

Lily Atherton, Frankie Lennon, Luca Halstead
May God bless them and their families.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for those who have died recently.

James Higson
Kevin Orwell
Joseph Galvin

*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 Lent (A)

First Reading – Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Second Reading – Romans 5:1-2,5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Reading – John 4:5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

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>