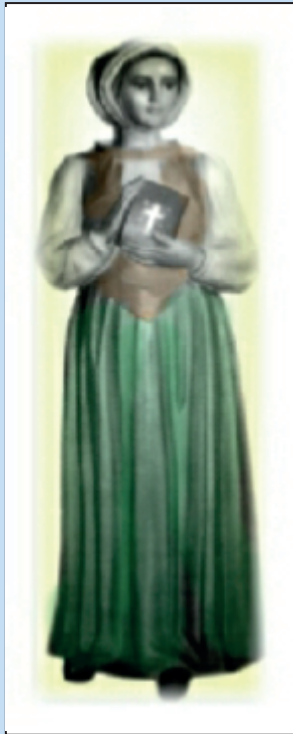


Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Easter Sunday (A)

9th April 2023



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Happy Easter!

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: 9th April - for Ukraine; 16th April - for Ukraine

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

Offertory Collection: £665.12 2nd Collection: £205.85 (SVP)

Easter Thanks: Thanks to all who have helped to prepare our churches for Easter and have helped with the liturgies by music, serving, reading, stewarding or any other way. Thanks from Fr Paul and Deacon Bob for all the kind cards and Easter greetings received.

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.

Divine Mercy: The hour of grace will be held on Sunday 16th April beginning with the Chaplet at 3pm with Adoration. Confession will be available through the hour which will conclude with Benediction.

Easter Message 2023 from the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

As the evenings become brighter and there is sunshine in early morning, I notice life in my garden here at Archbishop's House. The various birds and animals that make their homes in the trees and in the flowerbeds seem to be more alive. My garden took on a greater significance for me during the pandemic. It was a place I could walk and sit down in the fresh air. The annual feast of Easter reminds us so much of those things of the garden where the Lord was buried. It seemed that the darkness of Good Friday would eclipse all in its shade as Jesus was placed in the tomb, which was sealed, such darkness is felt in Ukraine and in other parts of the world where there is war, violence, and suffering. The quietness of that feast of Passover which is described as 'when the King sleeps' reminds us of the silence of helplessness and death present in all our lives. But the garden also reminds us of the new and abundant life that bursts forth on Easter Day, the life which cannot be put back in the tomb. The life of Jesus, poured into each of us in our baptism is a reason for hope this Easter Day. As we continue to see so much uncertainty in the political sphere, both local and global, we are called to return to the source, to the risen Jesus, who reminds us that there will be suffering, but ultimately glory; the glory of the life of God given to each of us in His son, Jesus Christ. The glory given to us is the culmination of a journey – a journey of hope. The disciples hoped for the Messiah and found him in Jesus, yet their journey wasn't an easy one. They experienced that darkness of Good Friday and felt lost as their hope turned to despair, as their lives were turned upside down. Yet, three days later on Easter morning their lives were completely transformed as the tomb was empty and the risen Lord was truly with them again. It is hope which is part of the journey of so many - refugees and asylum seekers longing for peace, safety and a better life – may we welcome them with the peace of the risen Christ. May we bring light to the darkness of the people of Ukraine and join with them in their hope for peace and may our own journey lead us to give hope to the lonely, those who mourn, those in poverty and the oppressed. May we welcome the light of the Risen Christ into the darkness of our lives so that we can see what hope his call holds for us and on this great feast of Easter let us remember that Jesus has won the victory and extends life to all. May the Risen Lord touch our hearts and lives with His hope, peace, and life this Easter Day.

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 9th April	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings: Sunday - Easter Sunday (A) Weekdays - Easter Octave		
SUNDAY Easter Sunday (A)	(Sat) 8.00pm Mass of the Easter Vigil Margaret Lyth and Easter Intentions <i>(Also livestreamed)</i> 9.30am Veronica Walsh, Mike Wilmot, Keith Lewis and Easter Intentions <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	No Saturday 6pm Mass today – Mass of the Easter Vigil 8pm at Holy Family 11.00am Parishioners and Easter Intentions <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		<i>No Mass today</i>
WEDNESDAY	7.00pm Sheila Swift	
THURSDAY	10.00am Vinnie Atkinson 11.45am Funeral Mass for Frank Burke	
FRIDAY	10.00am Ellen Baxter <i>Mass in Holy Family Church</i>	
SATURDAY	10.00am Rex Baxter 10.30-11am Adoration and Confessions	6.00pm Parishioners
NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Easter (A) <i>Day of Divine Mercy</i>	9.30am John Conneely <i>(Also livestreamed)</i> 3.00pm Hour of Divine Mercy & Benediction (Confession available) <i>(Also livestreamed)</i>	11.00am Mykola, Kateryna & Viktor Batrak <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. Frank Burke Stephen Harris Fr Vin McShane Fr Michael O'Dowd <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</i>	READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Easter (A) First Reading – Acts 2:42-47 The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common. Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9 In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead. Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.
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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**.

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>