# Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

5th Sunday of Easter (B)

28th April 2024



## St Margaret Clitherow

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# **PARISH NEWS**

Please make use of this address when contacting the Parish Office: <a href="mailto:stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk">stmargaretclitherow@rcaol.org.uk</a>. 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 28th April - for CAFOD Sudan Appeal 5th May - for SVP

Last Week's Parish Collections:

Offertory Collection: £912.93, 2nd Collection: £288.41 (Priests Training Fund)

Holy Family Tea and Coffee after Mass: The next tea and coffee will be on Sunday 28th April after the 9.30am Mass.

CAFOD Sudan Appeal: 'The people of Sudan need our urgent help. CAFOD are launching an emergency appeal for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out. But the Church and our local partners are sill there. Please stand with them today.' At CAFOD's urgent request, the second collection this week has been changed to support this appeal. Donations after this weekend may be made during this week or next weekend in an envelope marked 'Sudan'.

A Year of Encounter: With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and the SVP equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on 4th May.

Holy Family, Gaza: Fr Gabriel Romanelli was due to visit the archdiocese this week but we have been informed that he will need to return to Jerusalem as soon as possible, meaning he will not be able to visit Liverpool. Please keep Fr Gabriel, his parish, and the people living in the midst of war and conflict in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy: will next be held on Sunday 5th May at the 11am Mass at St Ambrose.

First Holy Communions: will be celebrated over the coming weeks. Please pray for our children and their families at this holy and special time.

Food Bank: As many families are struggling in our midst please give generously if you are able. Food donated at church is taken to support our local food bank.

SVP: The weekly meeting of the older men in the parish for lunch and a chat at the Applewood Farm is at 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

St Vincent de Paul: The SVP may be able to assist you or someone you know who needs help. We could help by providing people in our parish with supermarket food vouchers, essential furniture and home items and energy top ups where these are needed. If you are lonely we could visit you at home. For more information contact our dedicated SVP number 07566725590.

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 Archbishop Kelly Carol Yates Hannah Delargy Michael Ruddy Teresa Yates

There were many names that had been on the list for a number of years. It was agreed at the parish meeting that we would start a new list from the Sunday after Easter. This is the new list. If there are any names that you wish to be re-instated on the list or to be added to it please contact Liz in the office.

# PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Week Beginning 28th April	Holy Family	St Ambrose Barlow
Psalter: Week 1 Readings: Sunday - 5th Sunday of Easter (B) Weekdays - Easter Week 5		
SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Easter (B)	9.30am Joseph Holt (Also livestreamed)	(Sat) 6.00pm Lola Lavin & Parishioners (Not livestreamed)  11.00am For the soul of Inacio Fernandes (Also livestreamed)
MONDAY St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe		
TUESDAY  Day for Survivors of Sexual  Abuse		9.15am Deceased Members of the McGrath & Beresford Families
WEDNESDAY	<b>7.00pm</b> William Michael McManus	
THURSDAY St Athanasius	<b>10.00am</b> Peter Lomas	
FRIDAY St Philip & St James, Apostles	10.00am Frank Julian Mass in St Gabriel's School – Parishioners welcome	
SATURDAY Feast of the English Martyrs	10.00am Kathleen Connelly 10.30-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	6.00pm Teresa McColl & Parishioners (Not livestreamed)
NEXT SUNDAY 6th Sunday of Easter (B)	9.30am Manuel Mendes & Deceased Family (Also livestreamed)	<b>11.00am</b> For the soul of Liberada Rodrigues (Also livestreamed)

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.

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

# READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

# First Reading - Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-10 God is love.

## Gospel Reading - John 15:9-17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

# 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.