

### Times of Services this Week

**ST. BERNADETTE'S**                      **ST. MICHAEL'S**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Mass	10.00am Mass
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Mass	10.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Mass	10.00am Mass
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>		10.00am Mass
<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00-11.30am Church open for Private Prayer	
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>		10.00-11.30am Church open for Private Prayer

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**Sat 10.00-11.00pm**

### **DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday – St John de Brebeuf & St Isaac Rogues; St Paul of the Cross.

Thursday – St John Paul II.

Friday – St John of Capistrano. Saturday – St Anthony Mary Claret.

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Thirtieth Sunday Year A**

Exodus 22:20-26. 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10. Matthew 22:34-40.

#### **Mass Intentions received:**

**Sick:** Pauline Rea, Liam O'Neill, Maire Charleton, Susan Hennesey.

**Recently Deceased:** Frederick Riley, David Cahill, Edna Welch, Mark Short, Patrick Quirk, Jean Bullock, Mary O'Brien, Collette Halsall.

**Anniversary:** Dominic Mannion, Mary Linihan, Roseleen Ebbs.

**Other:** Teresa Fitzgerald (Remembrance), Holy Souls, Rita Clarke (Remembrance), Finian Comes-Lang, Special Intention, William Farow (Remembrance), Mary Farrow (Remembrance).

**Please note** that morning Masses this week will be held in St Michael's Church and evening Masses in St Bernadette's Church to enable the builders working on the roof at St Bernadette's and the collapsed internal ceiling, to work uninterrupted.

# Together

## at St. Michael's & St. Bernadette's Whitefield



### **TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY (YEAR A)** **18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

It can be very useful to have a place where we put things, where things belong. It helps us know where keys, phones, bags, wallets and all the things that often evade us, can be tracked down. In today's Gospel, Jesus says the same: give what belongs to where it belongs and to whom. Jesus is being asked about the payment of taxes to Caesar, to the Roman occupying forces, and he is being asked by two groups, the Pharisees and the Herodians. These have completing different opinions and disagree fiercely with each other: so Jesus is trapped here, whatever he says is going to cause problems. So he shifts the debate onto higher questions, and something about Jesus' answer asks us – where do we belong?

Belonging can sometimes sound heavy – as if we are being controlled. In other ways, belonging brings security and contentment. For Jesus, belonging speaks of love, not of power and control. Much is not in our control. We are not born and do not die at our own time, we are not fully in control of our lives, we come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community. But there's an addition: belonging to God means belonging to each other. This time of pandemic reminds us all of the responsibility we have for each other's welfare through the common good. We have rights and duties of love. To give to others what belongs to others; give to those in need what belongs to those in need. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind, and shelter for the body. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, it is justice. To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth.

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**Please note that Mass times this week are as on the back of this newsletter and that our churches will be open for private prayer at the following times:**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October St Bernadette's Church 10.00am - 11.30am**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October St Michael's Church 10.00am - 11.30am**

**THANK YOU** to members of the Parish Pastoral Team for ongoing hard work in organising our church buildings and our gatherings and for all the cleaning after each Mass. We could not keep our churches open for Masses and private prayer without their efforts. **Anyone with any COVID like symptoms should not attend any public gathering.** For resources for keeping Sunday at home see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources/> There is an extensive list of where Mass is available livestreamed online. The *Lord's Day at Home* prayer sheet is being made available by email with this newsletter and can be found on our parish website, along with a Sunday activity sheet for children. CAFOD VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sundays, 10.00am Register via the CAFOD website or search *CAFOD children's liturgy*. Face coverings in church should currently be worn in church. Please note under the most recent instructions from Public Health England, the numbers that can attend liturgical celebrations (until further notice) which are described as "life-cycle events" have been amended to thirty people to a funeral, fifteen to a wedding and six to a Baptism. From 31<sup>st</sup> October/1<sup>st</sup> November we will try to put a Saturday evening and some Sunday morning Masses back into the Mass schedule. Anyone who is able to attend Mass during the week is asked to do so then and so leave room for those who are not able to attend during the week to attend at a weekend. During the on-going pandemic there is no obligation nor expectation upon anyone to attend Sunday Mass. Bishop John suggests that parishioners who can attend during the week do so and therefore leave room, in the limited capacity in our buildings on Sundays, for those who are unable to come to Mass during the week. Please be aware that ventilation is recommended to lessen transmission of COVID, so some windows or doors may remain open, resulting in the church being cooler than is preferable; as autumn draws on, dress accordingly!!!

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Thank you for the generous donations for the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> October of £1185, £803.65 of which can be Gift Aided. Thank you to those who have recently gone to the trouble of setting up direct contributions. Details about direct debit donations are available by emailing the info email address. Helen Carey in our parish office from Monday – Friday 9.00am – 2.00pm will be able to help you.

**ST MICHAEL'S & ST BERNADETTE'S CREDIT UNION** is offering a telephone service. If you have any concerns or require more information please phone 07803854963.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Over the next few weeks the children and families who were not able to celebrate First Holy Communion in June this year will be given the opportunity to do so, if they wish to, in smaller socially distanced celebrations of Mass. Unfortunately these celebrations will not be open to the wider community due to the

current restrictions upon us. We can all be involved and do what we can, by keeping the children and their families in our prayers at this time, Theo, Thomas, Flynn and Evan received Holy Communion for the first time this week.

### **NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE AND THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

As we approach the month of the Holy Souls, we wish to remember especially all those who have died in the last 12 months. The last seven months have been a particularly hard time to be bereaved and the usual funeral service and support of the parish family has not been possible. The Parish Pastoral Team have been thinking of ways we can offer prayers and support to those families during the month of November. If you have lost a loved one in the last year, and would like to send a photograph of them, it will be added to a display in church for the duration of the month. You can either email a photo to [info@whitefieldrc.co.uk](mailto:info@whitefieldrc.co.uk) or post a printed copy through the letterbox of the Parish House at St Bernadette's of the parish office at St Michael's. We will endeavour to return all physical copies so please leave contact information with them. Similarly, if you wish for us to remember a loved one who has died at any time, send their name, again, either by email or written and pushed through the letterbox. A candle will be lit in church for each person. The November Remembrance envelopes will also be available at the churches to enclose prayer lists of our loved ones. We hope this provides some comfort for you, even if you don't feel ready to come back to church just yet.

**OUR PARISH SOCIAL CENTRE AT ST BERNADETTE'S NEEDS YOU!** - We are launching a fundraising campaign to renovate the entrance and the toilets. This is a much-used community resource accessed by many groups popular for parties, fitness, children's activities etc. We'd love you to join in our fundraising.

Donations can be sent to our Gofundme page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-bernadette039s-social-centre>

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS NEEDED** Calling all crafty parishioners! can you donate some of your work for us to sell. We have now raised 10% of our target for The Social Centre Renovation Fund in the last 2 months. We are also looking for anything at all that we can sell, especially toys, jigsaws, unwanted gifts etc. Fundraising ideas are very welcome. Thank-you.

**FOODBANK** Contributions can be left in the porch of the house at St Bernadette's, our response is providing very generous and much needed support to many in a time of increasing need. £130 was also been donated by the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

**RED DOOR** (Caritas, Diocese of Salford) is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am–1.00pm, at St Joseph's (former Presbytery), Peter St, Bury, for food parcels, toiletries, showers and a laundry service. There is also help and advice with housing and benefit issues. Anyone who might benefit from this local support, is encouraged to visit Red Door.