

Times of Services this Week

ST. BERNADETTE'S

ST. MICHAEL'S

Saturday 6th – Sunday 14th March

Sat 6th	10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer 10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass	
Sun 7th	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tues 9th	7.30pm Mass	10.00am Mass
Wed 10th		10.00am Mass
Thurs 11th	10.00am Mass	7.00pm-8.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer
Fri 12th		10.00am Mass
Sat 13th	10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer 10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass	
Sun 14th	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday – St John of God. Tuesday St Frances of Rome.

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ephesians 2: 4-10. John 3:14-21.

Sick: Bernard Howell, Fr.Barry McAllister.

Recently Deceased: Howard Morgan, Winifrede Ward, Anne Pearson.

Anniversary: Win Stretton, James Deakin, Teresa Dease, Mary Morley, Bernard Lee, Brigid Quirke, Gill Family, Fr JOE Feeley, Ted Taylor.

Other: Rita Clarke, Teresa Fitzgerald, Holy Souls, Audrey Taylor, Philip McCaul, Margaret Duffy, Members of Finn and Johnson Families.

We hold in our prayers Ernesto Angeli RIP and Clare Gibney RIP whose funerals have taken place this week.
May their loved ones find consolation and peace.

Together

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



Third Sunday in Lent (Year B) 7th March 2021

LENTEN FASTING IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS.....

- Fast from hurting words*and say kind words.*
- Fast from resentment.....*and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger.....*and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism.....*and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries.....*and have trust in God.*
- Fast from some activity..... *and be prayerful.*
- Fast from bitterness.....*and fill your hearts with joy.*
- Fast from selfishness.....*and be compassionate.*
- Fast from grudges.....*and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words.....*and be silent so you can listen.*

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CHURCH OPENING Please note that our churches will be open for times of private prayer and Mass **as listed overleaf**. Please follow the one way systems in place and use face coverings. We are advised that it is best if the toilets are not in use. Ventilation of buildings is needed according to the latest instructions to lessen transmission of COVID, so windows or doors will remain open, dress accordingly! Grateful thanks to our Parish Team and stewards for their ongoing help and support which enables us to open our buildings and celebrate Mass. Under current Lockdown regulations from 4th January, 30 people can attend a funeral, 6 people can attend a Baptism if it is not appropriate to postpone it. **People are asked not to cross their social bubbles whilst in church as well as on arriving and departing the building. Anyone with any COVID like symptoms should not attend any public space.**

For resources for keeping Sunday at home see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources/> CAFOD VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sundays, 10.00am Register via the CAFOD website or search *CAFOD children's liturgy*. Mass is broadcast daily on the radio at 10.30am by RTE which can be found by tuning into LW 252.

TO SUBSCRIBE THE FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER please log on to whitefieldrc.co.uk and select the news tab. To the left of the screen there is an instruction to subscribe for latest newsletter.

ONGOING MEASURES FOR COVID SAFE GATHERINGS your continued cooperation, which enables us to keep our doors open and continue to gather, by your wearing of face coverings and hand-sanitising on arrival into church is much appreciated.

LENT 2021 On the Thursday evenings of Lent we will open one of our churches this week Thursday 11th March will be St Michael's, as advertised overleaf for a period of private prayer and some Lenten reflection.

RESOURCES FOR LENT The Diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk has various resources that the Formation team has compiled to help keep Lent this year.

WALK WITH ME LENT 2021 The "Walk with Me" booklets are available. They have a reflection and prayer for each day of the Lenten season and are a good resource particularly for those who do not have access to online resources.

ST MICHAEL'S & ST BERNADETTE'S CREDIT UNION is offering a telephone service. For information please phone 07803854963.

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. A total of £50 was donated week ending 6th March.

THANK YOU to the staff of our school communities for their on-going hard work which has enabled families and pupils to continue with home learning over this last lockdown, in addition to all the work that continued in school. We keep the schools in our prayers as they welcome back the pupils in full numbers this week.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Many thanks for the generous donations for the week ending 6th March of £2047.40, of which £677.65 could be gift aided. Details about direct debit donations are available, as are Gift Aid donation tax statements for 2019/20. Helen Carey in our parish office from Monday – Friday 9.00am – 2.00pm will be able to help you on 0161 766 5961 or email the info email address.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY 2021 was Friday 26th February. CAFOD Envelopes are available on the way into church for anyone who wishes to use them to donate to CAFOD as part of their Lenten observance.

DIOCESE OF SALFORD LENT COURSE LET US DREAM A Lenten Journey with Pope Francis. Over the Wednesdays of Lent we will explore Pope Francis' book, *Let us Dream*, with the assistance of Austen Ivereigh, who worked closely with Pope Francis on the book. *Let Us Dream* is the first book by a Pope in response to a specific crisis, and offers us Pope Francis's spiritual guidance for humanity in the throes of the Covid crisis, helping us to seize the opportunity for conversion and change, as individuals and as a society. The course will begin with an introductory presentation by on Wednesday 24th February at 7.00pm and then every Wednesday from 3rd March until 31st March, meeting from 7.00pm-8.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity and the Bishop and Diocese are very grateful to Austen Ivereigh for making this possible.

To sign up, email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lentcourse/>