

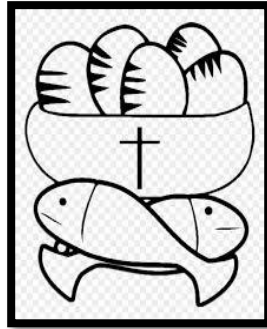


Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (YEAR B)
28TH JULY 2024**

Over the past two Sundays we have heard in Mark's Gospel how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would now hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. However, we leave Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead reflect upon this miracle as told in the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."



John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms the offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and pray that we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 28 th July	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday (St Peter Chrysologus)	12 Noon Requiem Mass Patrick McDaid RIP 7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday (St Ignatius of Loyola)		9.30am Mass
Thursday (St Alphonsus Ligori)	9.30am Mass	
Friday (St Eusebius. St Peter Julian Eymard)		9.30am Mass
Saturday	10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer 10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 1.00pm Nuptial Mass Dominique Carr & Paul Lynch 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B). Exodus 16:2-4,12-15. Ephesians 4:17, 20-24. John 6:24-35.

Response to today's psalm: You open wide your hand O Lord and grant our desires.

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Patsy McDaid, Anthony Higgins, Seamus O'Hanlon, Grazia Drynda, Patrick Coyle.

Anniversary: Jessie Green, Sophia Kealey

Sick: David Jackson

Other: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Holy Souls, John Sheader (Birthday Remembrance)

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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Weekly offerings for week ending 27th July 2024 £1294.86 of which £797.60 can be Gift Aided.

Foodbank donations: £30.00 **Thank-you.**

THE PRAYER GROUP will meet during the summer months in The Lourdes Room, at St Bernadette's on Tuesdays at 8.00pm, after 7.30pm Mass. All are welcome.

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP For anyone who would like to know more about or reflect upon the Catholic faith. There will be a break for the summer and the group will reconvene on Wednesday 11th September at 7.00pm in the Lourdes Room.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Children's Liturgy at the 11.00am Sunday Mass will take a break for the summer holiday and reconvene in September; thanks to all who have supported it. Activity packs and Sunday activity sheets for children continue to be available at the back of each church.

THE PARISH IMPACT YOUTH GROUP (YCW) for 10 – 14-year-olds to see how you can be more involved in the life of the parish. Thanks to all those who have supported this group over the last few months. We will break for the summer and meet again on Thursday 12th September at 6.00pm in the Lourdes Room.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES FOR 2025 YEAR OF JUBILEE The Diocese is planning a number of pilgrimage opportunities in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. Bookings for the Rome pilgrimage will open on Monday 5th August but please note that places will be limited. The Youth and Young Adults Ministry Team is also delighted to be offering pilgrimages to Walsingham, Lindisfarne and Rome for the Youth Jubilee celebrations, announced by Pope Francis at last year's World Youth Day. For further information and updates, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>.

RED DOOR (Caritas, Diocese of Salford) is open each weekday (Monday-Friday) from 10.00am until 1.00pm at St. Joseph's (former Presbytery), Peter St, Bury, for meals, food parcels, toiletries, showers, a laundry service and advice with housing and benefit issues. Tel 0161 272 0771.

PLEASE DONATE USED STAMPS TO THE RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind). All used stamps, large or small, are appreciated and will really go a long way to helping RNIB deliver its vital services for blind and partially-sighted people. If you can help, please leave your used stamps in the box provided at the back of each of our churches. Thank you.

LADIES NIGHT AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL Friday 30th August from 7pm. A Good Night Out for all. Licenced Bar, Bingo, Quiz, Raffle, Free entry. Bring your friends. We usually have several tables for you to browse & buy. If you would like to reserve a table to sell your New - Hand Made stock, please contact 07759 678753.

BAKE SALE Thank you for £70.34 raised by Jack and Thomas McGarvey who held a bake sale to help with fund raising for the Social Centre Renovation Fund.

FR PHRAIM COLLECTION Many thanks for £638.81 collected last weekend by Jacinta Yates, who took part in a 14K run, in the Lakeland Trail Run Series to raise funds for the Orphanage in South Africa, supported by Fr Ephraim MHM. A message of thanks from them was received this week.