



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY (YEAR B)
6TH OCTOBER 2024**

In today's Gospel the Pharisees question Jesus about marriage law. Under specific conditions and certain circumstances, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus, regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that it was God's original intention was that men and women would remain one in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. The law of Moses hoped to try to ensure that women would not be cruelly abandoned. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife; wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason.



At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus' blessing; we recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of the "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 6 th October	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday (St John Henry Newman)		9.30am Mass
Thursday (St Paulinus of York)	9.30am Mass	
Friday (St John XXIII)		9.30am Mass
Saturday (St Wilfrid)	10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer 10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 13 th October	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday – Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B). Wisdom 7:7-11. Hebrews 4:12-13. Mark 10:17-30.

Response to today's psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Christopher Burke, Kathleen Green

Anniversary: Mary & John Rogers, Matthew Maguire, John McMahon

Sick: Clare Muscat, Nick Fielding

Other: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Special Intention, Margaret Eagleton (Birthday Remembrance), Special Intention (Deceased family& friends)

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS for week ending 5th October 2024 £1343.70 of which £792.25 can be Gift Aided.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: £40.00 **SVP £10.00 RED DOOR (Caritas) £ 50.00** Thank you.

THE PRAYER GROUP will now meet via Zoom at 7.00pm on Tuesday evenings. For further information please contact Tel: 0161 766 5141. All Welcome.

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP For anyone who would like to know more about or reflect upon the Catholic faith, the group meets on Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Lourdes Room.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Children's Liturgy at the 11.00am Sunday Mass has reconvened. Thanks to those who are helping to restart the rota. 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 meet again on Thursday 10th October at 6.00pm in the Lourdes Room.

ST MICHAEL'S & ST BERNADETTE'S LADIES SOCIAL GROUP meets Wednesday 9th October at 2.00pm in the Lourdes Room at Sr Bernadette's. All welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL Sunday 20th October 9.45am - 12.45pm. Lots to browse around, stop for coffee & cake or a bacon buttie at our cafe.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER in St Michael's Hall. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our appeal for donations. As the Fair is fast approaching, we would like now to include - Bottles esp. Wine and Spirits - Christmas Food and Chocolate, we still need Unwanted Gifts, Toiletries, Good as New Toys, Soft Toys, Christmas Decorations, lots of Gift Bags, & Bottle Bags all sizes and for any event. Thank you

WHITEFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM Would you like to help your local environment? Find out about the brilliant work of the WEF. They have planted over 1600 trees and worked with local schools and residents, planting wildflowers and arranging Eco days at Springwater Park. They have future plans for Wilding Whitefield. Please join us on Wednesday 30th October at 7pm in the Archangel Room at St. Michael's Church. WEF will share their achievements and plans for the future with a short presentation. Guest speaker, Mike Duddy founder of the Mersey Basin River Trust will be talking about our rivers. There will be tea, coffee and homemade cake. Contact Felicity on 07707038885 with any questions. All are welcome. Sign up for regular info from WEF at whitefieldef@gmail.com

PARISH CHARITY COLLECTIONS with this Sunday providing an invitation to donate to the CAFOD appeal, the Parish Pastoral Team and the Parish Finance committee have suggested that we return to the practice of having a charity collection on the first Sunday of each month, as we did before the pandemic. The CAFOD appeal next week will see us resume this and at the end of each month the charity that will be supported on the following Sunday will be shown on the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATES! Our lovely choir at St Bernadette's Primary School would like to invite our parishioners into school on Wednesday 18th December for a Christmas Sing-along. Come and join us for a cup of tea and a mince pie whilst we entertain you with some fabulous festive songs that will really brighten up a dull, winter afternoon. We will start at 2.00pm and are looking forward to seeing you. No need for a ticket, just turn up and bring your friends!

THE 'FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be on Friday 20th December at 7.00pm. Tickets are £5 entry or £8 for a concert ticket and hotpot supper. Under 16s are free. Tickets will go on sale December 1st.

CARITAS SALFORD Bernie Boardman is running the Manchester half marathon (13.1 miles, equivalent of running from church to Salford cathedral and back), for Caritas Diocese of Salford - helping those less fortunate. You can donate to Caritas' JustGiving page by clicking <https://www.justgiving.com/caritassalford> and searching 'Bernie Boardman'. Paper copies of a sponsorship form will be at the back of each church.

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.

APPEAL FOR USED STAMPS FOR THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND Thank you for the great response for used stamps to support the RNIB. It would be most helpful if you could separate the foreign and British stamps and also trim the edges (approx 1cm) before placing them in the boxes provided. Your efforts are very much appreciated. There is a box at the back of each church for used stamps.