



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C) 13TH APRIL 2025

This Sunday, Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we reflect upon what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God, revealing the fulness of God's life-giving love.



Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 13 th April	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 15 th April	6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 16 th April		9.15am Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon
Maundy Thursday 17 th April	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm.	
Good Friday 18 th April	3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	10.30am Stations of the Cross.
Holy Saturday 19 th April	8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass	
Easter Sunday 20 th April	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday – Easter Sunday (Year C). Acts 10:34-43. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9.

Response to today's psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Mass Intentions:

Sick: Ellen Gardner, Terry McGuinness

Anniversary: Ava Alice Geelan, Gabrielle Jones, James & Sarah Johnson, Tony Ingham, Joe Durkin, Bernice Durkin, Leo Cavanagh, Edward John Allen.

Recently deceased: Jacinta Martin, Thomas Hamilton, Teresa Mulkeen, Fred Greer, Christine Makinson, Baron Parker, Martin Lavelle, Tony Leonard, Seamus Brennan, James Boyle. Seamus Brennan, Josephine Payne, Olive Foden.

Other: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Georgina Busuttil (Birthday Remembrance), Zoe, Teddora, Marian & Ian (Birthday), Marie Bales (Special Intention)

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Weekly offerings for week ending 12th April 2025 £1516.07 of which £879.75 can be Gift Aided.

Total donations: FOODBANK £30.00

CAFOD Lenten Fast Appeal now totals £930.65 of which £3.55.00 can be Gift Aided.

Donation envelopes can be found at the back of Church. Thank-you.

DONA machines to enable donations by card payment are installed at the back of each church.

Thank you for using them. The month's end payment for March, in addition to the weekly totals that are listed above, was £874.73 towards the Offertory collections.

APRIL MONTHLY CHARITY COLLECTION – This month we will support Friends of The Holy Land, who assist Christian communities in Israel and Palestine which is much needed at this time.

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 will reconvene on Wednesday 23rd April in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's at 7.00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Children's Liturgy takes place at the 11.00am Sunday Mass. Activity packs and Sunday activity sheets for children continue to be available at the back of each church.

CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm St Bernadette's (watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm). **Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross 10.30am St Michael's. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm St Bernadette's. **Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm St Bernadette's. At the back of Church there are sign-up sheets for readers to volunteer for the Liturgy of the Word for the Triduum and for those to take part in the symbolic washing of feet on Maundy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS 12Noon on Good Friday, meeting to join our friends at Whitefield Methodist Church on Elms St., at 12 Noon to walk in silent witness with the Cross to St Bernadette's, concluding with a short prayer service.

EASTER FLOWERS There is a box at the back of each of our churches for any donations for Easter flowers. Thank you.

YCW IMPACT GROUP 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 24th April 6:30pm in the Lourdes Room.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE 2025 PARISH PILGRIMAGE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR. In October, from Thursday 2nd – Saturday 4th **Pilgrimage to the Northern Saints.** On Thursday 2nd we will visit the historic site of St Bede monastery at Jarrow, spending Friday 3rd on Lindisfarne (Holy Island) with the story of St Cuthbert and St Aidan. Accommodation is at the Holiday Inn, Gosforth Park, Newcastle. Coach travel and two nights dinner bed and breakfast, is £245 per person; a limited number of single rooms are available at £290. Booking forms are available from Fr Steven or Helen in the parish office.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY will be celebrated on Sunday 27th April 2.30pm at St Clare's Church, Victoria Avenue, M9 0RR. Rosary at 2.30pm, Exposition 3.00 till 4.30pm, Readings and Prayers from St Faustina's Diary, concluding with Benediction at 4.00pm.

SVP CONTACT NUMBER IS 07749678562. If you need help or advice, please ring, leave a message and we will call you back.

BAPTISMS Parents seeking Baptism for children and who are resident in the parish, please collect the leaflet at the back of each of our churches, 'Celebrating the Baptism of your child' which includes information and the dates of the Baptism preparation meetings. Please return the slip from the leaflet indicating the date of the meeting you wish to attend. Families not resident in the parish and who do not make St Michael's and St Bernadette's their parish by attendance, will be directed to their parish of residence.

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.

THE HISTORY OF SALFORD DIOCESE and **PILGRIMS OF HOPE** (about Places of Pilgrimage locally) by Mgr Allen; copies are available at the back of Church.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES starting 6th April 2025 are ready for collection. Please check at the back of Church for your new box. If you wish to sign up for Envelopes and you are a UK Tax payer please contact Helen at the Parish Office, Weekdays 9.00am to 2.00pm, Telephone: 0161 766 5961. Thank you to all who make a regular offertory. Always appreciated.