



# Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks about his relationship with his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures, with the people of God as the vineyard and God himself tends the vineyard. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.



Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name and be so closely connected with him and with each other.

Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday (St Joseph the worker)		9.30am Mass
Thursday (St Athanasius)	9.30am Mass	
Friday (Sts Philip & James)		9.30am Mass
Saturday (The English Martyrs)	10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer 10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday–Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 10:25-26, 34-5,44-48. 1 John 4:7-10. John: 15:9-17.

Response to today's psalm: You, Lord are my praise in the great assembly.

### Mass Intentions:

**Recently deceased:** Gabrielle Jones, Coby Tristam, Bernard Dunn, Gabrielle Jones, John Sheader, Michael Cosgrove.

**Anniversary:** Joseph & Iris Burns, Rita Clarke, James & Sarah Johnson, Moira Peacock, Rose Heron, John Harkin, Pauline Rothwell, Trudy Hull, Elaine & Karen Teasdale.

**Other:** Baby Oliver Gregory, Joan & Bernard Howell (Remembrance), Bernard Morley (Remembrance), Jim & Lucy Coupe (Birthday Remembrance), John & Sheila Mycock (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance), Special Intention (In Thanksgiving)

**Sick:** Carl ALLAN

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**Weekly offerings for week ending 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024** £1389.77 of which £833.52 can be Gift Aided.

**Foodbank donations:** £40.00

**Thank you.**

**THE PRAYER GROUP** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm. If you need further information, please contact Tel: 0161 766 5141. All are welcome.

**THE WARM AND FRIENDLY SPACE** in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's has now closed and will open again in the autumn. Thank you to Fr Steven, volunteers and all those who came along to enjoy tea, coffee, toast and friendship. We look forward to seeing everyone again later in the year.

**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 evening at 7.00pm in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Many thanks to all who support the Children's Liturgy at the 11.00am Sunday Mass. Activity packs and Sunday activity sheets for children are available at the back of each church.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** Bishop John will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in St Bernadette's Church. In preparation, candidates (with an accompanying adult) are to attend two meetings. These will take place in St Michael's Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Families of any young people of Year 8 age range who have not been invited through one of our Catholic High Schools and who would like to request the Sacrament of Confirmation, should speak to Fr Steven after Mass.

**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 will meet next at 6.00pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in the Archangel Room at St Michael.

**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.

**TABLETOP SALE AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.45am-12.45pm.  
To book a table 07759 678753

**HOLY CROSS COLLEGE MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm in the chapel at Holy Cross College, Bury. The College would be delighted to welcome local parishioners for Mass on the Feast Day. There will be tea/coffee and cake afterwards. All visitors must sign in at the main reception on arrival. If parishioners would like to attend, please contact Mrs Kelly Needham, Lay Chaplain via email [kpa@holycross.ac.uk](mailto:kpa@holycross.ac.uk) or by phone 0161 762 4500

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June to North Yorkshire, staying at Burn Hall Hotel York (where our group stayed in 2022) visiting Ripon on Monday and Whitby on the Tuesday to reflect on the story of St Wilfrid and St Hilda, returning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> via Thirsk. All places have now been filled, thank you. If there is a balance to be paid by those travelling, cash and cheques (made payable to St Michael & St Bernadette Parish) or bank transfers are acceptable. For transfer details please contact Helen Carey at the Parish Office on Tel 0161 766 5961 Monday-Friday 9.00am – 2.00pm.

**70 YEARS OF ST GABRIEL'S RC HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR** St Gabriel's RC High School is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June with a Mass at the school at 11.00am celebrated by Bishop John. There will be a gathering at the Village Hotel in the evening time to enable past and present staff, pupils, parents and friends to get together. This is a ticketed event and tickets are available from the school office. **Tel:** 0161 764 3186 or **Email:** [stgabriels@bury.gov.uk](mailto:stgabriels@bury.gov.uk)

**THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM**, will take place this year on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John Arnold. A coach will leave from outside St Bernadette's, Whitefield, at 6.45am. It will return at around 10pm. Further details can be found by telephoning the diocese on 0161 817 2214 or emailing: [Walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofSalford.org.uk](mailto:Walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofSalford.org.uk) or contacting Fiona Robinson on 07939 262204.

**ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY MOSTON MASS** An outdoor Mass will be celebrated at Moston Cemetery on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St. Dunstan's church.

**TALKS ON THE CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II** A series of weekly talks on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council continue into April and May. The talks have been organised as part of our preparation for the 2025 Year of Jubilee, in response to Pope Francis' invitation to learn more about these important documents. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/>