



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



PENTECOST SUNDAY SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

In these days since Easter we have read in the Gospels how the disciples misunderstood what had taken place. They mistook the risen Lord for a gardener, an imagined ghost or a traveller on the road. Perhaps we can sense our own restlessness or anxieties in the disciples who didn't want things to change, who wanted their old earthly Jesus back and looked for distractions or huddled together behind locked doors. After the Ascension and at Pentecost they find new life and new heart as they received the gift of the Spirit that Jesus had promised.



These first Christians go forth, alive with the Spirit, enabling them to witness to the Lord and live the life of faith that they were called to live in the circumstances they found themselves in. So it is with us. Pentecost opens us up to the truth that God never abandons us. This is not an abstract mystery, nor even simply a historical event. It is an invitation to renew our trust in God who sends the Spirit to enable us to share the gifts given to us and to live our faith in the ups and downs of life. Happy Feast Day!

Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 19 th May	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday (St Christopher Magallanes & companions)	7.30pm Mass	10.00am Requiem Mass Bernard Dunn RIP
Wednesday (St Rita of Cascia)		10.30am Requiem Mass John Joseph McStravick RIP
Thursday (Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest)	9.30am Mass	
Friday		9.30am Mass
Saturday (St Bede))	12 Noon Nuptial Mass Stephanie Ling & Jack Looman 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
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Next Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity (Year B): Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40. Romans 8:14-17. Matthew 28:16-20.

Response to today's psalm: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Bernard Dunn, Julie Walmsley, Gabrielle Jones, Philip Hughes, Gertrude Barry.

Anniversary: Michael Joseph Corbett, Harry Shonick, Joe Neary, Alfio Di Mauro, George Connor, Margaret Burton, Barbara Winifred James.

Other: Rita Clarke (Remembrance), Joan & Bernard Howell (Remembrance), David Hawkins (Special Intention) Tommy Bogan (Birthday Remembrance) Rosario and Philip (Wedding), Helen Keane (Birthday Remembrance).

Sick: Carl Allen.

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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(Monday – Friday 9.00am-2.00pm)

Weekly offerings for week ending 18th May 2024 £1204.90 of which £636.40 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.

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 6th June at 7.00pm in St Bernadette's Church. In preparation, candidates (with an accompanying adult) are required to attend two meetings. The second of these will take place in St Michael's Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 23rd May.

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 hold a social event on Sunday 23rd June at 12 Noon – more detail to follow. Their next meeting will be on Thursday 4th July at 6.00pm in the Lourdes room.

DBS CHECKS If you have recently attended for a DBS check can you email Christine. Joyce10@virginmedia.com to confirm you have now received your certificate of satisfaction and the date received, if not already done so. There will be one more final DBS check before the summer break - anyone in a regulatory role working with adults or children must attend for a DBS check or you may not be able to continue. Any queries email Christine as above. Thank you.

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL Sunday 19th May - 9.45-12.45. Lots to look at - Cafe open with coffee, cakes, bacon butties etc.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD The Diocese of Salford's Vocations team invites you to join our next Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood. The Mass will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd May, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Moss Side. All are very welcome to attend as we pray together for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

QUARANT' ORE - FORTY HOURS DEVOTION with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Our Lady of Grace Church, Prestwich, from Friday 31st May concluding with the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 2nd June.

INTERNATIONAL MASS on Sunday 14th July at the 11.00am Mass in St Bernadette's. We hope to celebrate this as an international Mass, appreciating the diversity of languages and cultures in our community. Next week at the back of each church there will be a clipboard where people are invited to sign up to read, or pray a bidding prayer in the language of their heritage. If you know someone who would appreciate the chance to do this, please let them know. This was much appreciated in the previous couple of years, with the Mass being held last year at the 9.30am Mass in St Michael's.

CATHOLIC MARITIME CHARITY STELLA MARIS (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

WHIT WALK The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Monday 27th May, the walk will begin at 10.00am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship. Individuals, families and groups are all welcome to attend.

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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th 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 19th 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 Mon-Fri, 9.00am – 2.00pm.

70 YEARS OF ST GABRIEL'S RC HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR St Gabriel's RC High School is celebrating its 70th Anniversary on Saturday 29th 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

ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY MOSTON MASS An outdoor Mass will be celebrated at Moston Cemetery on Monday 27th May at 11.00am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26th 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/>