

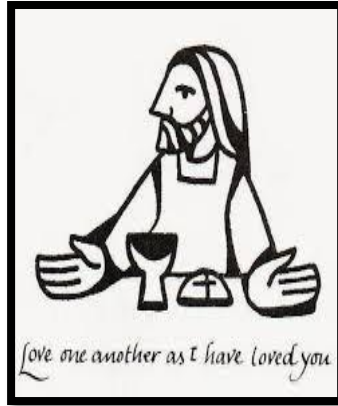


Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)
SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024**

Today's reading from St John's Gospel has Jesus teaching about the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. Jesus reminds his disciples that their knowledge of God is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well and Jesus says that his disciples do know him, will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. St John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world.



To be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve; the disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus does.

Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 5 th May	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday	11.00am Requiem Mass Gabrielle Jones RIP 7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday	10.30am Requiem Mass Coby Tristam RIP 7.30pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	9.30am Mass
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord	9.30am Mass	11.15am Mass
Friday (St John Avila)		9.30am Mass
Saturday	First Holy Communion Mass 11.00am 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 12 th May	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday—Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 1:15-17, 20-26. 1 John 4:11-16. John: 17:11-19.

Response to today's psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Gabrielle Jones, Coby Tristam, Lisa Green, Bernard Dunn, Jack Kay, John Lindsay, Anne Dillon, Mary King.

Anniversary: John W. Monk, Mary Evans, Bernard Murphy, Ross Barton, Edmund Richard Bagwell, Dee Ready, Jim & Ida Ready

Other: Rita Clarke (Remembrance), Joan & Bernard Howell (Remembrance), Bernadette Hudson (Birthday Remembrance), Catherine Walker (Special Intention)

Sick: Sylvia Greer, Carl Allen.

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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(Monday – Friday 9.00am-2.00pm)

Weekly offerings for week ending 4th May 2024 £1268.66 of which £673.90 can be Gift Aided.

Foodbank donations: £105.00 **Red Door:** £20.00 **SVP:** After Mass Tea & Coffee at St Bernadette's donated £162.30

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 to attend two meetings. These will take place in St Michael's Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th May and Thursday 23rd 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 9th May in the Archangel Room at St Michael.

ST MICHAEL & ST BERNADETTE'S WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP will meet Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 2pm in The Lourdes Room at St Bernadette. All welcome.

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 FINANCE AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES An analysis of parish income and expenditure for 2023 is available on the noticeboard at the back of each church. For those of you who contribute via the Offertory envelopes, the ones that commence from early April are available at the back of each church. **Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the parish.**

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/>