

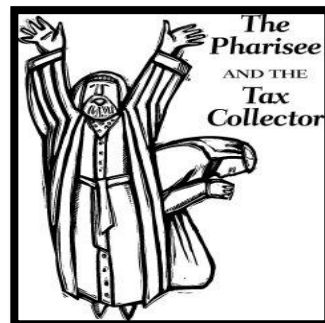


Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Today's Gospel gives us the second parable that Jesus tells in chapter eighteen of St Luke's Gospel and addresses our attitude to prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee, a member of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time who taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector, who knows his need of God, as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives; if we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.



Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 26 th October	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 28 th October (Sts Simon & Jude)	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 29th October		9.30am Mass
Thursday 30 th October	9.30am Mass	
Friday 31 st October		9.30am Mass
Saturday 1 st November	10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction 2.00pm Nuptial Mass: Ellen Green & Warren Ramsden-Smith 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 2 nd November	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday: All Saints Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14. 1 John 3:1-3. Matthew 5:1-12.

Response to today's psalm: The lowly one called and the Lord heard him.

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Teresa Thompson, Ron Crawshaw, Sr. Catherine Higgins, Robert O'Rourke, Robert Duff, Christopher Tracey

Sick: Margaret Tracey, Tony Wyatt.

Anniversary: Peter McLoughlin, Denis Keane, James McKelvey, Fr. Brendan Curley, Albert Gilbert, Brian Higgins, Rosaleen Ebbs, James Redmond, Margaret Mary Yates, Brenda Walker, Jennifer Walker, Ada Tremayne, Carol Wayt

Other: Bernard Morley (Birthday Remembrance), Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Sean Morgan (Birthday Remembrance)

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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(Monday - Friday 9.00am-2.00pm)

Total weekly offerings for week ending 18th October 2025 £1313.88 of which £776.85 can be Gift Aided.

FOODBANK Total £110.00 (£50 donation from St Michael & St Bernadette's Women's Group).

MONTHLY APPEAL October – **CAFOD** Family Fast Total so far £620.45.

SVP £10.00 **Red Door** ££20.00 **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 September was £716.91 for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

Monthly Appeal October: CAFOD. Total so far £465.45.

THE PRAYER GROUP will 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. There will not be a meeting on Wednesday 29th October and the group will meet in the Lourdes Room in St Bernadette's on Wednesday 5th November at 7.30pm.

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

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. The next meeting is on Thursday 13th November at 6:30pm in the Lourdes Room.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025/6 Parents of any children of Year 3 age who do not attend either of our parish primary schools and who would like them to join this year's Sacramental Programme (in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for First Holy Communion) please speak to Fr Steven after Mass.

THE MELLOR FUND is a charity helping local families in financial hardship residing in Radcliffe, Whitefield & Unsworth. It is such a worthwhile local charity and we feel it can make such a difference to the families that receive our help. We are in need of some new trustees. Is there anyone that would like to be trustee? There is no particular skills needed, just be able to commit to the quarterly meetings. If you are interested, please contact me. Equally if you know of any families who would be eligible to apply for funds, please contact Jacinta Yates [Tel:07932335517](tel:07932335517) Email: jmyates100@gmail.com

ST MICHAEL'S HALL has provided a great contribution to parish income through events and user groups and is a very popular community facility. Our regular helpers are now not as young as they were and are struggling with some jobs. We are looking for help! It is not an onerous commitment. For Table Top Sales & the Christmas Fair we need help to move tables (about an hour about 5 times a year -10.30 on a Saturday morning). We are also looking for help with putting up our posters for the sales and more people to help run stalls, sort donations for the Christmas fair and help in the kitchen. Any new ideas are always welcome. If you think you can help us, please ring Angela on 07759 678753.

ST BERNADETTE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 28th November from 4.00pm at the school, where there will be food and drink available and raffle prizes on offer. We would also like to tell you about The Parents Lottery; you can support our school and have a chance to win up to £25,000. Details can be found on www.whitefieldrc.co.uk. All enquiries about events or fundraisers can be directed to email: bernadettespta@gmail.com

BAPTISM 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 30TH NOVEMBER. Raffle Tickets will be on sale from next weekend 1st & 2nd November before & after each Mass (cash only please). Thank-you for all the donations already received. Up to the Fair please can we ask specially for donations of Chocolate and Wine in addition to Unwanted Christmas Decor, Gifts & Toiletries. The money raised will help to pay for heating the Churches during the winter.