

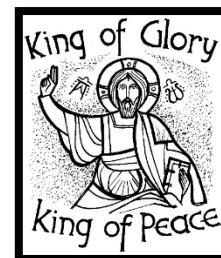


# Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (YEAR C) 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we hear speaks of the great mystery of our faith: that in the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation and the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by Jesus' side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King and finds salvation.



Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see, today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgement. With eyes of faith, we too recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour.

| Times of Services this Week                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                 | ST. BERNADETTE'S                                                                                                                                     | ST. MICHAEL'S                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                                                                                                                                | 11.00am Mass                                                                                                                                         | 9.30am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November<br>(St Catherine of Alexandria)                                                                                               | 7.30pm Mass                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                      | 9.30am Mass<br>2.00pm Requiem Mass Sheila Dunn RIP                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                                                                                                                              | 9.30am Mass                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                      | 9.30am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November                                                                                                                              | 10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction<br>6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November<br>(First Sunday of Advent)                                                                                                    | 11.00am Mass                                                                                                                                         | 9.30am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent (Year A)<br>Isaiah 2:1-5. Romans 13:11-14. Matthew 24:37-44.                                                                |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Response to today's psalm:<br>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Mass Intentions:</b><br><b>Recently deceased:</b> Robert Duff, Stephen Bowker, Frank Askin, Margaret Goldsmith, Sheila Dunn.<br><br><b>Sick:</b> Tony Wyatt. |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Other:</b> Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Special Intention (Sick).<br><br><b>Anniversary:</b> Geraldine Gallagher, Alan Greene, Catherine Marran, Stephen Breheny Snr. and Stephen Breheny Jnr. |

### Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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 (Monday – Friday 9.00am-2.00pm)

Total weekly offerings for week ending 22nd November 2025 £1423.11 of which £869.25 can be Gift Aided.

**FOODBANK:** £20.00     **Red Door** £100.00

**SVP** from Tea and Coffee after 11.00 am Mass was £115     **Thank you.**

**Monthly Appeal – November's appeal is for Mary's Meals.** **MARY'S MEALS** currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, providing for over 3 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are also asking for donations of any leftover foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have around. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your continuous support & prayers.

**Collected so far £159.78 Thank you.**

**Please leave any foreign currency or obsolete UK currency, notes or coin in the basket provided. 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 end payment for October is **£303.00** for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

**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. The group meets in the Lourdes Room in St Bernadette's on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

**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.

**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 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm 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.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR- Sunday 30th November** from 10am – 2.00pm in St Michael's Hall. Only one week away! Thank you very much for all the very generous donations. We are now asking for cakes for the cake stall, which can be delivered on Saturday after 10am or Sunday after 9am. Please all come and join us. Fr. Christmas will be there and there will be plenty of choice for presents and Christmas decorations. Lots of toys, games & soft toys and of course, Big Tombola and Chocolate and Sweets Tombola. Last chance to get raffle tickets. Cafe open with festive sandwiches/cakes etc.

**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](http://www.whitefieldrc.co.uk). All enquiries about events or fundraisers can be directed to email: [bernadettespta@gmail.com](mailto:bernadettespta@gmail.com)

**ST BERNADETTE'S SOCIAL CENTRE CRAFT FAYRE** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 2.00pm back by popular request! Come and witness the talents of your local arts and crafts people and pick up beautiful gifts from more than 20 stalls. Enjoy tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake or even an Irish coffee at our seasonal café. Proceeds from stall bookings, café and raffle tickets all go towards the Social Centre Renovation Fund

**Please note:** not all stallholders have card readers so please bring cash too to take advantage of these fabulous purchases!

**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.

**ST MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** new dates for upcoming Open Afternoons, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1:30PM - 3PM and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1:30pm – 3.00pm. Do you have a child that is due to start Nursery or Reception in January or September 2026? Come along to our open afternoon to tour the school, speak to our children and dedicated staff. For more information, please visit <https://www.stmichaels.stoccat.org.uk> or call 0161 766 6628.

**CRAFTY CHRISTINGLE:** This event will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in St Bernadette's Social Centre. This is a lovely event for children to come along with their parents or carers to make some Christmas crafts. If your child would like to attend, please can you put their name down on the sheet at the back of church. The craft session will be followed at 4.00pm in St Bernadette's Church with a Service. All parishioners are welcome to attend this service and bring your cribs to be blessed.