



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR A) 11TH JANUARY 2026

This Sunday and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission. The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism marks the beginning of his ministry and his mission. In a similar way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians. The baptism of a ritual washing for repentance that John performs, prefigures Christian Baptism in accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless; the Word made flesh and dwelling among us.



Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 11 th January	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 13 th January (St Hilary)	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 14 th January		9.30am Mass
Thursday 15 th January	9.30am Mass	
Friday 16 th January		9.30am Mass
Saturday 17 th January	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 18 th January	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-34.

Response to today's psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Mary Walker, Elizabeth Royle, Frank McGurk, Mary Walker, Patrick O'Grady, Brendan Davies, Anne Rabbitt, Susan Collins, Robert Duff, Patrick Devlin, Ann Rabbitt, Philip Hardman, Vinny O'Brien, Tony Bannister, Doreen Ruane, Joyce & Fred Heywood

Sick: Paddy & Eileen Collins, Christina Duncton.

Anniversary: Chrissie & Gerard Garvey, Catherine McGinty, Patrick Thorpe, Maureen Finn, Gaynor Johnson

Other intentions: Special Intention, Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Deceased members of the Mannion Family, Parish friends of Agnes Czernek, Margaret O'Brien (Special Intention)

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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(Monday – Friday 9.00am-2.00pm)

Offerings Christmas Day 25th December 2025 £2074.19 of which £452.00 can be Gift Aided
Weekly offerings for week ending 3rd January 2026 £1458.62 of which £963.25 can be Gift Aided.
Weekly offerings for week ending 10rd January 2026 £1278.64 of which £891.45 can be Gift Aided
Donation to the Parish from St Michael & St Bernadette's Women's Social Group £100 Thank you.

December's Advent Appeal for Red Door. Total collected £831.70

Crib offerings will be used to support Friends of the Holy Land who support Christian communities, enabling them to remain and thrive in the Holy Land so they may build just and lasting pathways to peace in the land where Jesus walked, striving to serve the common good of the entire region so far, we have collected **£283.00**

Total of other donations this week: FOODBANK £20 SVP £25 Thank you

Please continue to donate any foreign and obsolete UK currency to Mary's Meals. For further information about Mary's Meals visit: marysmeals.org.uk

DONA machines to enable donations by card payment are installed at the back of each church, thank you for using them.

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. The group will reconvene on Wednesday 7th January.

PARISH SVP CONTACT NUMBER IS 07749678562. Need help or advice, phone, or leave a message and someone will call back.

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 27th January 2026 6:00pm in the Lourdes Room.

BAPTISM Parents seeking Baptism for children, please collect the leaflet which can be found at the back of each of our churches, 'Celebrating the Baptism of your child'. Please return the slip from the leaflet indicating the date of the Baptism preparation 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.

THANK YOU! RED DOOR and YCW would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the Parish of St Bernadette's and St Michael's for the generous donations received towards the Christmas Day meal. This year the group prepared just over 1000 meals, discreetly delivered presents to 250 children on Christmas Eve. Provided vouchers to 71 Teenagers, had 65 guests to sit down for a hot meal. Without the generosity of people like yourselves the event could not take place. Thank you

ST MICHAEL & ST BERNADETTE'S WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP will meet Wednesday 14th January at 2pm in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadettes. All Welcome

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2026 It's never too early to start the planning and we are very appreciative of your support for our Christmas fair in 2025. Looking forward, we would like to ask, at this early stage, if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, gift sets or gift bags (new and recycled not just Christmas ones) for our new goods stall that you would like to pass on and we will store in readiness for our 2026 Fair. Please note we are only collecting new gifts currently and will let you know, later in the year, when we are seeking further donations. We will have a box at the back of both Churches for the next 2 weekends. If you cannot get to Church and would like someone to collect, please ring 0161 766 8448, leave a message and a member of the team will be in touch. Thanking you for your generosity.

JANUARY OFFER FROM CARITAS If you are looking for a challenge in 2026, why not take on the AJ Bell Great Manchester Half Marathon to raise money to help children, families and adults in Greater Manchester and Lancashire experiencing poverty and homelessness? For this month there is a special registration price of £10 when you pledge to raise £200 in sponsorship. The race is on 31st May and normally £52 to enter. To find out more about the range of Every Step challenges on offer for 2026 or to sign up to take part in one of the running events **visit** www.caritassalford.org.uk/everystep, **email:** fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk **or call:** 0161 817 2285 or you can contact Bernie Boardman on Tel.: 07974 940638 Email: bernieboardman19@gmail.com Thanks, as ever, for your support.