



# Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel and he refers to Isaiah who says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, to do so. When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen, Peter and Andrew, James and John dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus.



The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

| Times of Services this Week                               |   |               |
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|   | ST. BERNADETTE'S  | ST. MICHAEL'S |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January                           | 11.00am Mass  | 9.30am Mass   |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January<br>(St Angela Merici)    | 7.30pm Mass   |               |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January<br>(St Thomas Aquinas) | 12 Noon Funeral Service<br>Mary Seymour RIP   | 9.30am Mass   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January                         | 9.30am Mass   |               |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January                           | 11.00am Requiem Mass<br>Doreen Ruane RIP  | 9.30am Mass   |
| Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January<br>(St John Bosco)      | 10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed<br>Sacrament concluding with Benediction<br><br>6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday |               |
| Sunday 1st February                                       | 11.00am Mass  | 9.30am Mass   |

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13. 1 Corinthians 1:29-31. Matthew 5:1-12.

Response to today's psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Mass Intentions:**

**Recently deceased:** June Donoghue, Marie Coyne, Stella O'Connor, Robert Duff, Philip Hardman, Frank, Brendan Treacy, John Sheridan, Tommy Banks, Doreen Ruane.

**Anniversary:** Bernard Hobson, Jeff Easton, Gerard Woolf, Gertrude Barry, Lilian Durkin, Frances McManus, Danny Sullivan, Francis McLaughlin

**Other intentions:** Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Deceased Members of Deakin, Linihan and Farry Family, Special Intention, Special Intention (Adele)

**Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson**

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(Monday – Friday 9.00am-2.00pm)

Weekly offerings for week ending 24th January 2026 £1280.15 of which £805.25 can be Gift Aided

Other donations this week: Red Door £10.00 Food Bank £40.00 Thank you.

Crib offerings will be used to support Friends of the Holy Land so far, we have collected £433.88

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](http://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 month end payment for December 2025 is £914.14 for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

Barclay's Bank, with whom, via the Diocese, the parish banks, have added to our Christmas Raffle takings from the Christmas Fair in an initiative through a Barclays in the Community Charities Trust Match Funding scheme for their employees. We have received a donation of £1000. Thank you!

**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

**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.

**PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE** Did you know our Parish has a new Facebook Page? We share homily highlights and updates about events and activities in our parish community. Just search for "Parish of St Michael and St Bernadette Whitefield" on Facebook to find us. Remember to Like and Follow the Page to stay connected.

**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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/everystep), email: [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk) or call: 0161 817 2285 or you can contact Bernie Boardman on Tel: 07974 940638 Email: [bernieboardman19@gmail.com](mailto:bernieboardman19@gmail.com) Thanks, as ever, for your support.