



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR A) 31ST MAY 2026

Today's Gospel for Trinity Sunday is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it in love. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 31 st May	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 2 nd June (Sts Marcellinus & Peter)	7.30pm Mass	11.00am Requiem Mass Susan Quinn RIP
Wednesday 3 rd June (St Charles Lwanga & Companions)		9.30am Mass
Thursday 4 th June	9.30am Mass	
Friday 5 th June (St Boniface)		9.30am Mass
Saturday 6 th June (St Norbert)	10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 7 th June	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17. John 6: 51-58.

Response to today's psalm: To you glory and praise for ever more.

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Austin Donnellon, Sue Quinn, Kevin Quigley, Brian Le Plage, Agnes Mwewa.

Anniversary: Arthur McBryan, Joseph Heathcote.

Sick: Fr. Christopher Lough, Geraldine Cooke.

Other intentions: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Robert Duff (RIP), Special Intention (Prayers for successful operation), Mary & Tony Nuttall (60th Wedding Anniversary), Catherine Lee (90th Birthday), Rosalyn D Garcia (Prayers for a successful operation), Pauline & Edward Rothwell (Wedding Anniversary).

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson

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Weekly offerings for week ending 30th May 2026 £1003.98 of which £604.00 can be Gift Aided.

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 April 2026 is £963.36 for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

Red Door: £20.00

CAFOD Sudan Appeal total so far £289.30 Food Bank £100 Thank you.

Annual Financial Statement 2025 is on display at the back of both Churches.

NEXT MONTH'S CHARITY APPEAL WILL BE FOR OUT THERE: A registered charity founded by the Daughter's of Charity (Vincentian Sisters) - supporting families of prisoners offering free, confidential emotional and practical support to children and families impacted by the imprisonment of a loved one across Greater Manchester.

NURSERY AND RECEPTION PLACES St Michael's RC Primary currently has spaces available for September 2026 for children who are of Nursery and Reception age (3 and 4). We warmly welcome enquiries from families of all faiths who are looking for a caring, supportive and nurturing Early Years environment where children can grow in confidence and faith. If you would like to find out more or arrange a visit, please get in touch with the School Office on 0161 766 6628 for further information.

THURSDAY MONTHLY GROUP AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL will meet Thursday 4th June at 10 -12 noon. It's a get together with a view to looking after St Michael's Hall and the Christmas Fair preparations. Everyone is welcome to join - all ages! We do big and small jobs to keep things going and finish with coffee and biscuits.

INTERNATIONAL MASS On Sunday 14th June at the 9.30am Mass in St Michael's and the 11.00am Mass in St Bernadette's, we hope to celebrate this as an International Mass, appreciating the diversity of languages and cultures in our community. At the back of each church there is a clipboard where people are invited to sign up to read or pray a bidding prayer in the language of their heritage. If you know someone who would appreciate the chance to do this, please let them know. This has been much appreciated in the previous few years.

CONFIRMATION 2026 Bishop John will be here in October to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates who are currently in Year 8 of high school. (They will have just begun Year 9 when they will be Confirmed). Parish meetings will take place on Thursday 3rd September and Thursday 10th September at St Michael's at 6.30pm. Candidates for Confirmation are required to attend both meetings, accompanied by an adult. Confirmations with Bishop John will be celebrated in St Bernadette's on Sunday 4th October at 2.00pm.

CARITAS MANCHESTER HALF MARATHON Bernie Boardman and Paula Crosland (Nee Naisbitt) are running the Manchester Half Marathon on 31st May for Caritas Diocese of Salford. Any donations are greatly appreciated to help and support individuals and families in their times of need. Donation sheets can be found at the back of church or you can donate online

https://www.justgiving.com/page/bernie-boardman-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you.

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

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 Wednesday at 7.30pm.

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.

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.