



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



ELEVENTH SUNDAY (YEAR A) 14TH JUNE 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue the work that Jesus has begun and this is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated, as the Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples.



Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel, with a continuity between the mission of the chosen people and the Church. St Matthew also uses the word "apostle" when referring to the Twelve, the word apostle means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given and that they are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to continue and contribute to this mission.

Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 14 th June	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 16 th June (St Richard of Chichester)	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 17 th June		9.30am Mass
Thursday 18 th June	9.30am Mass	
Friday 19 th June (St Romuald)		9.30am Mass
Saturday 20 th June (St Alban)	11.00am First Holy Communion Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 21 st June	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Jeremiah 20:10-33. Romans 5:12-15. Matthew 10:26-33.

Response to today's psalm: We are his people the sheep of his flock.

<p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>Recently deceased: Maggie Ricketts, Kevin Michael Quigley, Teddy Cooke, Sheila Makin, Stephen Donnelly, Patricia (Pat) Berwick.</p> <p>Anniversary: Philip Hardman, Bernard Mallon, Eileen Jasper, Fintan Callaghan, Eddie Harkin, Neil Reid, Sam Shatliff, Chris Finn.</p>	<p>Sick: Fr. Christopher Lough, Ann Hourican.</p> <p>Other: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Robert Duff (RIP), Fr John Rowan (Diamond Jubilee), Ivy Bowler (Birthday) Mary & Tony Nuttall (Thanksgiving), Kathleen & Christine Holdgate (Special Intention), June Doherty (Birthday Remembrance), Ellen Knowles (Birthday).</p>
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Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson	
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Weekly offerings for week ending 13th June 2026 £1253.10 of which £765.00 can be Gift Aided.

FOOD BANK: £20 **SVP:** £25.00 **Caritas Red Door:** £10.00 **Out There:** total so far £56.94 Thank you

£355.00 gifted to Mary & Tony Nuttall celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary has been donated to the parish. Many Thanks

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 May 2026 is £1095.19 for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

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

THIS MONTH'S CHARITY APPEAL WILL BE FOR OUT THERE: A registered charity founded by the Daughters 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.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK will be celebrated in St Michael's Church on Saturday June 27th at 2.00pm. Light refreshments will be served after Mass in the Archangel Room

PARISH SVP CONTACT If you need support, advice or a visit, please speak to Helen in the Parish Office, or to Fr Steven, and they will pass your contact details on to us. Please note, we no longer have a mobile number.

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.

WORK IN PROGRESS During the summer months we are looking at replacing the lighting on the sanctuary at St Michael's as we did on the Sanctuary at St Bernadette's last year. We are also looking at the issue of dampness and damage on the interior of the south wall of St Bernadette's Church around the fire door, near the Lady Chapel, which will require external scaffolding whilst investigations take place.

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.

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.

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.

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.