



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



TWELFTH SUNDAY (YEAR A) 21ST JUNE 2026

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.



In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who do harm do not have ultimate power; God does. Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children. Sometimes we let the opinions of others affect us adversely in terms of our faith. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 21 st June	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 23 rd June (St Etheldreda)	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 24 th June (The Nativity of St John the Baptist)		9.30am Mass 12 Noon Requiem Mass Austin Donnellon RIP
Thursday 25 th June	9.30am Mass 12 Noon Requiem Mass Italia Iannaccone RIP	
Friday 26 th June (St John Southworth)		9.30am Mass
Saturday 27 th June	10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	2.00pm Mass with the conferral of the Sacrament of the Sick
Sunday 28 th June	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass

Next Sunday: Sts Peter & Paul (Year A)
Acts 12:1-11. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 217-18. Matthew 16:13-19.

Response to today's psalm:

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Patrick Burns, Maggie Ricketts, Bernard Harding, Sue Quinn, Peter McCoy, Bill Byrne, Joseph Rabbitt, Pat Berwick.

Anniversary: Eileen Allen, Peter Denning, James Geelan, Irene Joynson, James Gill, Colin Sellers, Winifred Deakin.

Sick: Fr. Christopher Lough.

Other: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Bernard Morley (Father's Day), John Hamill (Father's Day) Joe Neary (Father's Day), Harry Shonick (Father's Day), Edward Rothwell (Father's Day) Robert Duff (RIP), Rory Ramsden- Smith (Special Intention) Luca Smith (Confirmation), Baby Oisín Patrick Murphy (Thanks Giving for safe delivery), John McMahon (Birthday), In Thanks Giving, Thank you (Exams), Rosalyn D Garcia (Gift of Life).

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Weekly offerings for week ending 20th June 2026 £1234.29 of which £839.00 can be Gift Aided.

FOOD BANK: £20 **Out There:** total so far £118.93 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 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.

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION – Sunday 5th July

All parishioners are invited to join the annual Madonna del Rosario procession on Sunday 5th July, departing at 1.15pm from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, M4 5DG. For enquiries, please telephone 0161 766 2218, mobile 07815 658621 or email secretary@mia1888.org

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.