



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 12TH JULY 2026

Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire thirteenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse. Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil. Jesus then explains his use of parables.

The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit. To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.



Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 12 th July	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 14 th July (St Camillus of Lellis)	9.30am School Mass 7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 15 th July (St Bonaventure)		9.30am Mass
Thursday 16 th July (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)	9.30am Mass	
Friday 17 th July		9.30am School Mass
Saturday 18 th July	10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 19 th July	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Next Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) Wisdom 12:13, 16-19. Romans 8: 26-27. Matthew 13:24-43		
Response to today's psalm: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.		
Mass Intentions: Recently deceased: Mary O'Neill, Peter McGahan, Anne Hourican, Tommy Callaghan. Anniversary: Carol Doyle, Sheila Mycock, Patsy McDaid, Thomas Meeley, Marina Rose Nixon, Thomas Gill.		Other: Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Samson Attu (Birthday Thanksgiving), Ivy Bowler (Birthday Remembrance), Janice Neary (Birthday Remembrance), Robert Duff (Remembrance), Mr & Mrs Daly, Ethel Connor (Special Intention), Fr. Daniel Ameh (Anniversary Ordination) Rita Clarke (Birthday Remembrance).

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Weekly offerings for week ending 11th July 2026 £1469.92 of which £915.25 can be Gift Aided

SVP: £25.00

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

We are no longer collecting foreign and obsolete currency or used stamps. Thank you to all who supported.

DONA machines to enable donations by card payment are installed at the back of each church. The month end payment for June 2026 is £799.95 for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

THIS MONTH'S CHARITY APPEAL: CAFOD VENEZUELAN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Many have been killed or injured, and buildings, including churches, seminaries and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged. Despite this, our trusted CAFOD partners in Venezuela are already helping the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter and vital search and rescue work that is happening right now. Your donation today will reach families affected by the earthquakes.

Total so far £148.40 Thank-you.

MARY'S MEALS LEFT OVER CURRENCY COLLECTION Mary's Meals are delighted to share with us that our donations of foreign and obsolete currency have generated an incredible **£484.42** This will ensure 25 children in the poorest parts of the world are fed nutritious school meals for the next year - that equates to 4,844 meals! A huge thank you to you and everyone for collecting such an amount. Prayers and best wishes from Anna Houghton at Mary's Meals.

ST MICHAEL'S HALL THURSDAY GROUP 1st Thursday of every month. Everyone welcome. Help to keep the hall well organised and prepare for the Christmas Fair. Always includes coffee and a chat. Come and join us.

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.

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.

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST Grand Christmas Craft Fayre. Sunday 6th December, 10.00am to 2.00pm at St Bernadette Social Centre **CALL FOR ENTRIES.** Are you an artist or crafter who would like to take part in our Grand Christmas Craft Fayre? Please apply to join us with information and photos of your handmade goods. Stalls cost £12 for a 4 ft table and £15 for a 5 or 6 ft table and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The application process is to ensure a diverse choice of goods on offer for both buyers and sellers. Please contact Rose Holt on Email: Rosieholt@gmail.com or Tel: 07789108000. Proceeds from bookings and the day to St Bernadette's Social Centre Renovation Fund.

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.

THE AFRICAN PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS of the Diocese of Salford are hosting a celebration of African Liturgical and folk music. This is to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Failsworth, M35 0NN on 31 July 2026 at 7.00pm. This promises to be a night of good music and enjoyment. All welcome.