



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY (YEAR A) 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

In today's Gospel we have a reflection upon the life of the Christian community and the kind of issues faced by the early Christian community, for which St Matthew uses the word "Church".

Jesus addresses what can be a common occurrence within communities, a dispute between members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. Jesus acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's guidance.



Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 6 th September	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 8 th September (The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 9 th September (St Peter Claver)		9.30am Mass
Thursday 10 th September (St Ambrose Barlow)	9.30am Mass in St Bernadette's School	
Friday 11 th September		9.30am Mass
Saturday 12 th September	10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 13 th September	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Next Sunday: Twenty Fourth (Year A) Sirach 27:30 – 28:7. Romans 14:7-9. Matthew 18:21-35.		
Response to today's psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'		
Mass Intentions: Recently deceased: James Houton, Margaret McMullen, Andrew Lester Anniversary: Maureen Garner, Daniel Mallon, Ann O'Connor, Owen Clerkin, Liam McDaid, John Hopkins, Carys Jones		Other: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Robert Duff (RIP), Bernard Mallon (RIP), Anaya (Birthday), Mary Walker (Birthday Remembrance)

Parish Priest - Canon Steven Parkinson	
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E-mail: info@whitefieldrc.co.uk Website: www.whitefieldrc.co.uk Parish Office: 0161 766 5961 (Monday – Friday 9.00am-2.00pm)	

Weekly offerings for week ending 5th September 2026 £1196.33 which £742.75 can be Gift Aided
AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Final total £294.92 SVP: £25.00 Thank you.

DONA machines to enable donations by card payment are installed at the back of each church. The month end payment for August 2026 is £1140.50 for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

CHARITY APPEAL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS MARY'S MEALS who provide around three million children every school day, across 16 countries in the world's poorest communities with a nutritious meal at school. It costs just 10p a day to feed a hungry child with Mary's Meals in school. Even the smallest donation will have a big impact.

CHANGES TO REGULATED ACTIVITY AND DBS CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS The Crime and Policing Act 2026 has changed the definition of regulated activity by removing the supervision exemption. This means that many volunteers who are supervised whilst undertaking parish activities involving children may now be classified as undertaking regulatory activity. In simple terms, this means that from 1st September 2026 any volunteer undertaking parish activities that brings you into contact with children, it is now a requirement that you undergo an Enhanced DBS check that includes a children's barred list check. You must also complete the check and be registered in the parish even if you have a DBS certificate issued by another organisation. Please note the requirement for holding a DBS if you work with adults in the parish remains. If you have a parish, check currently, please check your certificate is in date and still valid. Any questions please email our Parish Safeguarding lead - christine.joyce10@virginmedia.com

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL SUNDAY 13TH September Booking opens Tuesday 25th August. Text or ring 07759 678753. Tables 6ft - £12 & 8ft - £15. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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.

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 will reconvene 9th September at 7.30pm. in the Lourdes Room St Bernadettes.

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 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.

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.

SVP SEPTEMBER AWARENESS MONTH, WEEK 1 Through the month of September, we would like to update parishioners about the activities of our SVP Conference members over the past twelve months. Here is the first of four updates, which we hope you will find interesting:

Pastoral and Community Support: Befriending through visiting and spending time with people is at the heart of our work. SVP members spent more than **150 hours** visiting people in their own homes, care homes and hospital, as well as keeping in touch by telephone. We have transported donations of food items and toiletries from the children of St Bernadette's School to the SVP Food Bank in Heywood.

Supporting Our Schools: In July, we sponsored five children from our parish schools to attend a five-day residential Vinnie Camp in Snowdonia. During the year we:

- provided £350 in school uniform vouchers, helping seven families
- spent £175 on Christmas gifts and 10 Easter chocolate hampers for children in families needing extra support

If you need support, advice or a visit from the SVP, please speak to Helen in the Parish Office, or to Fr Steven, and they will pass your contact details on to us.

ST MICHAEL AND ST BERNADETTE'S WOMENS SOCIAL GROUP will meet Wednesday 9th September at 2.00pm in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's. All Welcome

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026 - ST MICHAEL'S HALL As we start to prepare for our biggest parish fundraiser event, we will be asking over a period of the next few weeks, for donations that will help with the fair. For the next 2 weeks we are inviting you, if you are able to do so, to donate towards our bottle tombola. All bottles glass or plastic wanted and welcome.

Suggested ideas include shampoo /conditioner, bodywash, hand soap, sauce (brown or red) any alcohol including wine, other drinks, cordial, etc - basically anything on the supermarket shelves that comes in a bottle! The team will be appreciative if you can add an extra item to your weekly shop and place in the Christmas fair boxes. These are located in the foyer in both churches. Thank you very much.