



Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



THIRTIETH SUNDAY (YEAR A) 25TH OCTOBER 2026

In the Gospel today Jesus is asked which is the greatest of the commandments. The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary: he uses the words of the Shema, a prayer known by all the faithful, saying that all of the Law can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus would have learned from his upbringing. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

LOVE the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind.
Matthew 22:37

Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 25 th October	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 27 th October	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 28 th October (Sts Simon & Jude)		9.30am Mass
Thursday 29 th October	9.30am Mass	
Friday 30 th October		9.30am Mass
Saturday 31 st October	10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction. 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 1 st November	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Next Sunday: All Saints (Year A) Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14. 1 John 3:1-3. Matthew 5:1-12.		
Response to today's psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.		
Mass Intentions: Recently deceased: Kath Gill, Aileen Ferguson, John Mullen, Michael Whitty Anniversary: Denis Keane, James McKelvey, Dominick Mannion, Fr. Brendan Curley, Mary Meeley, Pat & Frank Nuttall, Rosaleen Ebbs, Albert Gilbert		Sick: Eileen, Mary Sweeney Other: Rita Clarke (RIP), Joan & Bernard Howell (RIP), Robert Duff (RIP), Dudley Martin (Birthday), Thanksgiving, Bernard Morley (Birthday Remembrance), Special Intention, Bridie & Patsy Martyn (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)

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Weekly offerings for week ending 24th October 2026 £1301.75 which £797.50 can be Gift Aided

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Appeal: £505.00 Thank you

CHARITY APPEAL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL

Your gift can support children to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. Thank you.

After 11.00am Tea & Coffee will be in the Lourdes Room this week

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026/7 Parents of any children of Year 3 age who do not attend either of our parish primary schools and who would like them to join this year's Sacramental Programme (in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for First Holy Communion) please speak to Fr Steven after Mass.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Thank you for all your help and support so far. Only 5 weeks to go, the team are making great progress. Thank you to our new volunteers who have come forward to help. Please note the following: Drinks Raffle - this has been a great success and 1st and 2nd prize winners will be drawn this weekend at the 6.00pm Mass by Fr. Steven. Donation Boxes - will remain open now until the fair. We are in need of chocolate donations for the tombola, 2 litre bottles of fizzy drinks, Bucks fizz and wine, children's bottle of drinks, toys, games and adult jigsaws. Shop bought cakes or biscuits for the cake stall but must have an expiry date in late December please. Home bakes can be dropped off at the hall the day before the fair but must be covered with cling film or wrapped and include a sticker detailing ingredients. If you can please add one item to your weekly shopping basket over the course of the next few weeks to help the parish it would be appreciated. Thank you. **Annual Hamper Raffle** We will be selling our usual bumper hamper raffle tickets before and after each mass, commencing on **Sat/Sun 7/8 November** - tickets will be available for £1.00 a strip and we have 3 prizes up for grabs. Ticket sales will be open for 3 weeks and at the fair.

DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR Thank you for the generous donations so far. We would appreciate our donation boxes to be filled with items for a family hamper, in particular: festive treats, Christmas biscuits, savoury nibbles, Christmas puddings/cake, chocolate mints, jam, nuts and dates and any sweet treat goodies that a family may enjoy over the festive period. Any small donations welcome and appreciated. Tickets for this hamper will be on sale in November. Thank you.

COMMUNITY BULB PLANTING: ALL WELCOME Sunday 1st November at 2pm. The meeting point is Spring Water Park, Radcliffe New Road, Sailor's Brow Entrance (What3words Location is data, sands, kick.) Please try to bring your own gardening gloves and trowel. We will provide a limited amount of equipment and all the bulbs. Event organised by local community groups 'Love Springwater Park' and 'Art in Whitefield' Any queries call Felicity – 07707038885

AFRICAN DJEMBE DRUMMING WORKSHOP Friday 30th October at 10am - 12 noon at St Bernadette's Social Centre. Come and experience the power and joy of African Djembe Drumming in this fun, welcoming session, which is perfect for absolute beginners. Expertly led by Jamie Riley from **DRUMROOTS** this one-off workshop is guaranteed to put a smile on your face as you discover the pure joy of creating fabulous traditional rhythms in a friendly community group. It's just £10 and there will be cake too! There are just 10 places left. Please contact Cath Fleming Tel:07790538844 to book. Thank you.

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 For anyone who would like to know more about or reflect upon the Catholic faith. The group meets in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's Wednesday at 7.30pm.

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.

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.

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.