

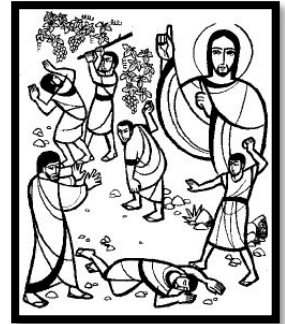


Parish of St. Michael & St. Bernadette Whitefield



TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY (YEAR A) 4TH OCTOBER 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again teaches a parable; a landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah chapter five which is today's first reading; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented the people of Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Jesus teaches clearly that the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful.



Times of Services this Week		
	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Sunday 4 th October	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 6 th October (St Bruno)	7.30pm Mass	
Wednesday 7 th October (Our Lady of the Rosary)		9.30am School Mass
Thursday 8 th October	9.30am Mass 12Noon Requiem Mass Edward (Ted) Brown RIP	
Friday 9 th October (St John Henry Newman)		9.30am Mass
Saturday 10 th October (St Denis & Companions St John Leonardi. St Paulinus)	10-11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction. 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 11 th October	11.00am Mass	9.30am Mass
Next Sunday: Twenty Eighth Sunday (Year A) Isaiah 25: 6-10. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. Matthew 22:1-14.		
Response to today's psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.		
Mass Intentions: Recently deceased: Albert Whalley, Kath Gill, Aileen Ferguson, Edward Brown, Gerard Doran, Joan Johnston. Anniversary: Tony Leigh Snr., John McMahon, Marian Breen.		Sick: Mary Sweeney, Martin Carney, Sylvia Greer, Becky Smith. Other: Rita Clarke (Remembrance), Joan & Bernard Howell (Remembrance), Robert Duff (Remembrance), Dorothy Shatliff (80 th Birthday), Special Intention

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 3rd October 2026 £1480.85 of which £805.00 can be Gift Aided
Individual Donation of £100.00

Thank you!

MARY'S MEALS: Final total £270.66

FOODBANK: £20.00

Many thanks.

DONA machines to enable donations by card payment are installed at the back of each church. The month end payment for **September 2026 is £717.30** for offertory collections, that is in addition to the amounts listed above each week.

CHARITY APPEAL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. 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.

Parish Christmas Fair – Sunday 29 November 2026 – 10.15-2.00pm St Michael's Hall

CHRISTMAS FAIR Thank you for your very generous donations which are appreciated. We have left the boxes open for anything you wish to donate for the next week.

DRINKS HAMPER Over the next 3 weeks we launch our 'Big Drinks Hamper Raffle'. We have a bumper hamper prize of a minimum of 22 assorted alcoholic bottles of drink ranging from wines, spirits and liqueurs. These have been generously donated for the benefit of the parish.

Tickets are now on sale before and after Mass for the next few weeks and cost £10.00 per strip. Tickets will only be sold to adults over 18 years. The prize will keep a family well stocked over the festive period! If you cannot get to Mass and would like a ticket, please call 0161 766 8448. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2026 This weekend Bishop John will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon twenty-two of our young people and eleven joining us from St Mary's Radcliffe. We offer them our congratulations and we assure them of our prayers.

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.