

## Times of Services this Week

	<b>ST. BERNADETTE'S</b>	<b>ST. MICHAEL'S</b>
<b>Mon</b>	9.00am Service of Word & Communion	
<b>Tues</b>	7.30pm Mass	10.00am Service of Word & Communion
<b>Wed</b>		11.00am Requiem Mass Anne Hannon RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Service of Word & Communion
<b>Fri</b>	10.00am Requiem Mass Andrew Cameron RIP	10.00am Mass
<b>Sat</b>	12.00 Noon Mass 6.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass	
<b>Sun</b>	11.00 am Mass	9.30 am Mass

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**Sat** 11.30 - 12Noon

**Sun** 9.00am

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 11.00am - 12.00 noon in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's

**Prayer Group** meets each Tuesday at St Bernadette's  
in the Lourdes Room after Mass

**THIS WEEK: Wednesday** –St Anthony of Egypt. Friday – St Wulstan

**NEXT SUNDAY – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

Jonah 3:1-5,10 1Cor 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

**Masses: Sick:** Orla Guobiene, Carol Hall, Rose Doolan, Suzanne Walker.

**Recently Deceased:** John Little, Jim Euston, Nancy Carty, Andrew Cameron, Mary Doyle, Ruth Walker, Maureen Cairns, Kathleen Rudd, Duncan Bonner, Catherine Murray

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Kennedy, John & Graham Teasdale, Margaret Cosgrove, Patrick Morgan, Ken Partington

**Other:** Cath Munro, Teresa Fitzgerald, Rita Clarke, Shatliff Family, Val Geelan (Birthday remembrance)

### **Response to the**

### **Psalm:**

Here I am,  
Lord! I come  
to do your  
will.



# Together

## at St. Michael's and St. Bernadette's Whitefield



### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God, we hear it during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £1519.28. Many thanks

**CHARITY COLLECTIONS 2018** we will continue collecting for charities on the first Sunday of the month, particularly to assist organisations and projects involved in International Development, this will take the form of a retiring collection after each Mass. Many thanks for last weekend's collection which raised £465.40 to support the work of Fr Joseph Githinji in the diocese of Tombura Yambio, South Sudan, in parish and school projects still ravaged by the effects of civil war.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** RCIA will Wednesdays in the Lourdes room at St Bernadette's at 7.30pm.

**A READING OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK** during Sunday Mass in 2018 we will read from St Mark's Gospel. Today, Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the Lourdes room at St Bernadette's at 6.30pm there will be a reading of the Gospel from chapter 1-16, a chance to learn about the Lord through a complete reading of Mark's Gospel.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING** today after the 9.30am Mass at St Michael's and the 11.00am Mass at St Bernadette's, for those young people preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

**AFTERNOON TEA** to celebrate the grant from Viridor Credits which has enabled us to install a new Heating System in St Michael's Hall is on Thursday 18th January 2.00pm – 4.00pm. If you would like to join us and our user groups and helpers please ring Sue 0161 766 5102

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** The next series of evenings for parents asking for baptism for their children will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in the Archangel room at St Michael's. Leaflets with information about infant baptism and a booking form for the preparation evenings are available at the back of church.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** will be sent to CARITAS (diocese of Salford) to assist with their work with homeless mothers and babies. Thank you for £187.05 received this week.

Copies of Pope Francis' two recent publications **AMORIS LAETITIA** and **LAUTATO SI'** both are good reads and give an insight into the concerns of Francis for the world. Available for £5 each at the back of church near the piety stall.

**FOOD BANK** please continue to remember the Food Bank! Your weekly donations are much appreciated. Thanks again to everyone for the continued generosity.

**COMPANIONS IN LOSS** A support group for people coping with any kind of loss in their lives is held at Bury Caritas Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Presbytery, Peter Street, Bury BL9 6AB Tel: 0161 272 0771/0161 624 6841. For further information contact Sister Joan O'Gorman on the above number.

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS** being that time of the year when many of us look to new challenges and resolutions, why not join one of the church ministries? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, welcomers, Readers of the Word and choir members but you can join any of the ministries. You will be warmly welcomed and given any training needed. If you are interested please speak to Fr Steven or email [info@whitefieldrc.org](mailto:info@whitefieldrc.org) or you can put your contact details into the postbox at the back of church.

**TABLE TOP SALE AT ST MICHAEL'S** Sunday 21st Jan - 9.45 - 12.45. lots of sellers to browse around. Cafe open - stay for Coffee and Bacon Butties. Next table Top is Sunday 25th Feb. Check with Mary 0161 766 3312 if any tables are available for either, they get booked up well in advance.

**ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS** - please join us in a mass to celebrate St Bernadette's School 50th Anniversary on Friday 26th January at 7.00pm in St Bernadette's Church. All welcome.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 9.30AM MASS** it has been suggested that we should try once more to establish a Children's liturgy at the 9.30am Mass. If anyone feels that they would like to help facilitate this, please sign up with their name and contact details on the sheet at the back of either church, so that we can see if this might be possible. Volunteers would have some preparation and will need to complete the safeguarding DBS application as well.

**INFORMATION EVENING LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** will be held on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm in St Bernadette's Parish Centre. All welcome

**INSANITY FITNESS CLASS** We are back and ready in time for you to get fit in 2018! Sessions will be held every Tuesday at 6pm at St. Michael's Church Hall. The only equipment needed: You and exercise mattress. Insanity is suitable for all fitness levels, for more details contact:- Judith on 07510 111915.

**TEA AND COFFEE** is served free after 9.30am Mass in the meeting room at St. Michael's and after 11.00am Mass at St. Bernadette's Social Centre. All are welcome. Donations received are used toward the cost of providing the Children's Mass Packs.