

# Together

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



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
8th/9th July 2017

There are times in everyone's life when the invitation "Come to Me all you who labour" sounds like music to our souls. There are times when we are overburdened and weary - when we are confused - when life seems to overwhelm us. Other people seem to be so much better at coping than we do - and we wonder, sometimes, what their secret is. The promise of rest in Jesus seems very sweet.

A slight complication is His addition: "take My yoke upon you..." How is this giving rest for people's souls?

But He promises that His yoke is easy - and the burden light. Jesus does not weigh His disciples down with teaching that they cannot follow. Yes, it is tough sometimes, but it is always founded on love. Jesus invites His disciples to shoulder His yoke and learn from Him - gentle and humble in heart.

Here, He may be referring to the practice of yoking a young and inexperienced animal alongside one who is well-trained. So with us too, perhaps - Jesus invites us to take His yoke so that He can teach us - not by laying burdens upon us - but walking alongside us and helping us to learn to do things His way... and promising too that He will never leave us overburdened.

When it all gets too much - or we lose our way - He will be there alongside us again - a gentle, humble but infinitely strong and wise Leader.

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## Times of Services this Week

### ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mon 9.00 am Service of Word & Communion  
Tue 7.30 pm Service of Word & Communion  
Wed  
Thur 12.05 pm Service of Word & Communion  
Fri 12.05 pm Service of Word & Communion  
Sat 12.05 pm Mass  
**6.00pm SUNDAY VIGIL MASS**  
Sun **11.00 am Mass**

### ST. MICHAEL'S

10.00 am Service of Word & Communion  
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**9.30 am Mass**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Sat 11.30 am - 12.00 noon Sun 9.00 am

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

The **Prayer Group** meets each Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's.

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** - St Benedict, Abbot

**Thursday** - St Henry

**Friday** - St Camillus of Lellis, Priest

**Saturday** - St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor

## NEXT SUNDAY - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; **Matthew 13:1-23**

*With a Bible or Sunday Missal prepare to hear, and respond to, the Word of God next weekend.*

### Mass Intentions Received

**Lately Dead:** Brian Daly; Jackie Roberts; Philip Kehoe (2); Betty Culliney; John Euston.

**Anniversaries:** Diane Gill; Herbert Bamford; Sheila Mycock; Mary McBryan; Mary Sheader.

**Sick:** Joanne Harding.

**Other:** Teresa Fitzgerald; Rita Clarke; Patrick Emerson - Birthday; Sacred Heart for Prayers Answered.

### Response to the

Psalm:

**I will bless  
your name  
for ever, O  
God my  
King.**



## Stay with us Lord on our Journey

Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Re. Charity No: 250037

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £1,293.31

**THIRD WORLD COLLECTION:** £256.48

Thank you.

**FAREWELL AND THANKS.** "I want to thank all parishioners for the amazing show of generosity and love at my leaving party last Sunday afternoon and all those who couldn't be there who have sent cards, good wishes and gifts. Thanks also to the staff and children of our two parish schools for their send offs to me. But the greatest gift has been the privilege of sharing your lives for the past twenty years and journeying with so many families and individuals through joys and sorrows and the everyday things of life. There are lots of happy memories to take with me and a great sense of pride in the wonderful parish family that has sustained me for all these years. I take particular joy in the way the two communities of St Michael and St Bernadette have come together and complement each other.

I do indeed leave you with a heavy heart. But I know you will welcome Fr Steven Parkinson with the same love you have shown to me and give him the support he needs as he begins his new ministry. He is really looking forward to being with you and getting to know you all.

Whitefield will always have a special place in my heart and my prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I too start out on a new ministry."

*Fr Chris Lough*

**NEW ADDRESS.** St Anne's, 1537 Ashton Old Road, Higher Openshaw, Manchester M11 1GR. 0161 370 1615. loughchris@gmail.com

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** RCIA – Do you know someone who would like to know more about life as a Catholic Christian? Come with them to the Lourdes Room on any Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. You and they will be made very welcome.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** The next series of evenings for parents asking for baptism for their children will be on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July at S Michaels. Leaflets with information about infant baptism and a booking form for the preparation evenings are available at the back of church.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Social Centre. Strawberries and cream plus bring and buy. All welcome.

**SUMMER SALE AND FUN DAY** Sunday 30th July at St Michael's 11am - 3pm. We are hoping this will be a good day out for both parishioners and the local area, but our ideas are bigger than our small group can staff. Please can anyone help us on the day, both the selling tables in the hall, the games outside, early set up and put away? Donations for our tombola and cakes for the cake stall will be very welcome. For info please ring Angela 0161 796 2128 or Maureen 0161 766 8327.

**FR TONY LAWTON RIP** Fr Lawton's body will be received into St Marie's Church, Bury for concelebrated Mass at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00 noon followed by burial at St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston.

**SEA SUNDAY** this week, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Envelopes at the back of Church today, if you wish to donate to this appeal. They can be returned next weekend.

**REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATOR** Fixed Point SCP24 £21,962 per annum, 37 hours per week, 12 month Fixed Term Contract (extension dependant on funding). Plus essential car allowance, location flexible, across the Diocese of Salford.

**ENCOUNTER** is an event for Catholic students in Years 9 and above. It is a great opportunity for young people in our family of schools to get together and share their faith in Jesus Christ in an atmosphere of friendship. St Bede's College, Whalley Range, Manchester, 9.30am-2.30pm. See poster at the back Church.

**VACANCY** The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an experienced individual to the post of Site Manager for the Cathedral Church of the John the Evangelist and the Cathedral House. See poster at the back of church.

**NEW COUNTERS ROTA** The new rota for counters at 11.00 am Mass at St Bernadette's is now available. Could all counters for this Mass please collect a copy of the rota from the file in the sacristy. Thank you.