

## 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>	12.00Noon Requiem Mass Joan McGinn RIP 7.30pm Mass	
<b>Wed</b>		10.00am Mass
<b>Thurs</b>	12.05am Mass	
<b>Fri</b>	12.05pm Service of Word & Communion	10.00am Mass
<b>Sat</b>	12.05pm Mass 1.30pm Wedding Service Gemma Burton & Johnathan Walker  6.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass	
<b>Sun</b>	11.00 am Mass	9.30 am Mass

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

Not on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> **Sun** 9.00am

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

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

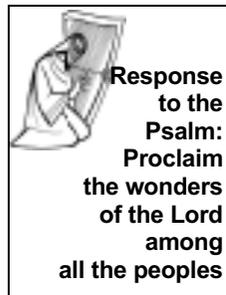
**The Prayer Group** meets each Tuesday at St Bernadette's  
in the Lourdes Room after Mass.

**THIS WEEK** Monday – St Agnes. Tuesday – St Vincent. Thursday – St Frances de Sales. Friday – Conversion of St Paul. Saturday- Sts Timothy & Titus.

### **NEXT SUNDAY Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C.**

We read Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10. 1Cor 12:12-30. Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

**Mass Intentions received: Sick:** Tony Ingham.  
**Recently Deceased:** Leah McMahon, Terence Foster, Father Eugene Lee, Desmond McGahan, Joan McGinn, Liz Smith, John Bampford.  
**Anniversary:** John & Jack Cottam, Kathleen Kennedy, Kathleen Lynn, John Mycock, Leopoldo Scala, Barbara Harding, Sheliagh Moira Garside, Siobahn Kane, Michael Guerin, Ken Partington.  
**Other:** Rita Clarke, Mary Hamill(birthday), Teresa Fitzgerald, Val Geelan(birthday remembrance).



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



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ( C )

**19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Although we are in Year C, the Year of Luke, our first Gospel in this period of Ordinary Time is taken from John's Gospel. It is the first of the Sign stories which John uses to reveal Jesus as the Messiah. The story is of the marriage feast at Cana is well known, with its account of a wedding feast threatening to end in a humiliating lack of wine and Jesus' miraculous intervention by turning water meant for washing into wine. It is a Gospel with many threads, the insight into the relationship between Mary and Jesus, the miracle itself, the fact that the miraculous wine is better than the original, the fact of Jesus honouring the young couple in this way and so on. Images of marriage feasts and bridegrooms, wine and water appear in the Old and New Testament with great regularity. The Covenantal relationship between God and God's people, was often seen as a marriage, God's people the bride, God the bridegroom.

The coming of the Messiah was described in terms of a wedding feast. Jesus spoke of himself as the vine and of longing to celebrate Passover, blessing wine into the cup of his blood. It is into these layers of symbol that we can set today's Gospel. Jesus was not doing a party trick, nor was he just being kind: as St John says, "He let his glory be seen". Jesus uses a human event to point to something much greater. The steward, we are told, calls the human bridegroom over and compliments him on saving the best wine until last. We know, however, who was the provider of that wine. Jesus is a guest at the wedding but John is offering a hint of his deeper role as another kind of bridegroom, the promised one who will wed God's people, who will invite them to the marriage feast in heaven and give his guests the finest of wine.

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** £1355.64 Thank you.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME PRESENTATION MASS** we welcome to Mass at 9.30am and 11.00am those families with their children who are preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year. As we mark this stage on their journey of faith, we hold them in our prayers.

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY IS CARITAS SUNDAY:** This year Caritas is asking all parishioners to use their gifts and talents to *Be The Change* and to help: House the Homeless; Build Stronger Families and Communities and Welcome Refugees. Our support will allow Caritas, Diocese of Salford to respond where the need is greatest in the year ahead.

Crib offerings will be sent to Caritas Red Door. (Red Door works out of the former presbytery at St Joseph's Bury, supporting the homeless and vulnerable. The total amount collected and sent to Caritas Red Door to be shown in next week's newsletter.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE MEETING** A meeting will be held today (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January) at 4.00pm in the Lourdes Room for those booked on the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage will take place from 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**RCIA – JOURNEY IN FAITH** meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Lourdes room at St Bernadette's. An information leaflet about RCIA is available at the back of the churches.

**ST MICHAEL'S AND ST BERNADETTE'S CREDIT UNION - MR THRIFTY**  
If you or a member of your family have a Mr Thrifty account and you have reached the age of 18 and not yet transferred to an adult account please see Martin in St Bernadette's Social Centre after the 11.00 am Mass. The Credit Union is also open after the 9.30am Mass in the Archangel room at St Michael's.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** The next series of evenings for parents asking for baptism for their children will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 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.

**PARISH ROOMS** To hire or book the hall or other rooms in St Bernadette's parish centre, please ring 0161 766 2116. For St Michael's hall or the Archangel Room please ring 07759 678753 or 0161 796 2128. For the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's, please ring 0161 766 2356 or consult the calendar in the room.

**CEILIDH - ST MICHAEL'S HALL** there will be a Ceilidh in St Michael's Parish Hall 7.30pm - Midnight on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. A great mix of Irish and folk

music with DJ JIB ( well known throughout Manchester ) Tickets £5.00 including light refreshments. To book a place call Angela on 0161 796 2128 / 0796 40591454 or Mary 0161 796 3312. All Profit will go to upkeep of the hall.

**FLAME 2019** the biggest Catholic Youth Event in England and Wales. The CYMFed Flame Congress takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at Wembley Arena. To book your place with the diocesan youth team contact Lorraine Leonard on 0161 817 2205 or [lorriane.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:lorriane.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) More details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/>

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** Calling all healthcare workers. Please join us at St Mary's Levenshulme every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (October – June ) for Mass, mutual support and speaker-led discussion about medical and ethical issues. For further information contact Dr Mark Coley on [cmamanchester@gmail.com](mailto:cmamanchester@gmail.com) or Fr. Laurence Gambella on 0161 276 4247

**FOOD BANK** We are very grateful for all the donations for the SVP Heywood Food Bank each week from the parish. We do need to keep up the effort though, because the problem is not going away, people are still hungry. As well as dried/tinned foodstuffs, they are also requesting toiletries of all types as well as disposable nappies (all sizes), baby cereal and baby creams and lotions. Keep up the good work!

**TEA AND COFFEE** is served 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.

**ST JOHN VIANNEY OPEN AFTERNOON** St John Vianney is the Diocesan School for children and young people (ages 5-19) with Special Educational needs. If you would like to visit our unique School please contact Kirsten Nesbitt [email: k.nesbitt@stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk](mailto:k.nesbitt@stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk)  
Their open day takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 1.30pm

**PARKING IN THE LOCALITY AROUND OUR BUILDINGS** Once the limited parking spaces in our car-parks are full, please be mindful of our neighbours when parking in the local vicinity, keeping their access to drive ways and pavements open. Many thanks for your cooperation and consideration.