

Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
Mon	9.00am Service of Word & Communion	
Tues	7.30pm Mass	
	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	
Wed	11.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass	9.15am Mass
Thurs	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Service of Word & Communion
Fri	12.05pm Service of Word & Communion	10.00am Mass
Sat	12.05pm Mass 6.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass	
Sun	11.00 am Mass	9.30 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Sat 11.30am -12.00 Noon 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 Thursday – St Perpetua & Felicity, Friday – St John of God.
Saturday – St Frances of Rome.

NEXT SUNDAY First Sunday of Lent Year C.

We read Deuteronomy 26: 4-10. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13.

Mass Intentions received:

Sick: Brigid Quirke, Pat Munroe, Kathleen Jones. **Recently Deceased:** Kevin Kenny, Robert Frost, Jozefa Schydlichtsch, Tom Doyle, Sister Mary Patrick Corrigan, Johnny Sharpe, Angela Bonner, Mike Durcan.

Anniversary: Joan Myers, Florence Geelan, John Strange, Sam Strange, Leslie Sheader, Sarah Carr, Margaret Carr

Other: Joseph Upton (birthday remembrance) Special Intention, 80th birthday, Rita Clarke, Teresa Fitzgerald.



**Response to
the Psalm:
It is good to
give you
thanks, O
Lord.**

Stay with us Lord on our Journey

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



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2nd/3rd March 2019

A whole series of images flow through this last section of the Sermon on the Plain as Jesus continues to instruct his disciples in the ways of the Kingdom. It is a sad fact of life that we are often very quick to judge others, or to offer advice, forgetting that we may not always see situations as they really are, or that we may have problems on our own doorstep which should be dealt with first. Jesus warns us to be on our guard about doing this but seems also to recognise that there are times when we do need to turn to others or to be people to whom others can turn. Those who speak from goodness may not always have the easiest answers, more often than not they will challenge as much as console. We may be tempted to turn to people who will tell us what we want to hear, which may be in their interest and not in ours.

Listening to people on the radio or television can also test this skill. We may find their words convincing but should also stand back and consider in whose interest are they speaking. Are they massaging egos, or administering an anaesthetic which dulls our senses to the truth? Are they speaking of uncomfortable truths and challenging things that undermine or oppress human dignity? Who is behind what they are saying? Discriminating between good and evil is an important part of being a mature Christian. It involves reflection and may put us at odds with prevailing "wisdom". Our listening needs to involve more than our ears, our seeing more than our eyes. We need also to engage our brains and reason and our hearts and love. In that way, we will be able to discern what will produce sound fruit and what will all too quickly prove rotten.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION £1357.02 thank you.

MONTHLY CHARITY COLLECTION this will be replaced this month by the CAFOD Lenten Fast Day on Friday 15th March. CAFOD envelopes will be available next weekend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING The next meeting for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme will take place after the 9.30am Mass at St Michael's and the 11.00am Mass at St Bernadette's this weekend, Sunday 3rd March.

PREPARATION FOR EASTER As the celebration of Easter approaches, the Church enters this time of Lent in preparation, with reflection upon our spiritual and day to day life, especially needed in these turbulent times of uncertainty and challenge. St Michael's Church will therefore be open for veneration of the Blessed Sacrament in Exposition on the following dates - Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March and 3rd and 10th April.

Times are 3.15pm – 4.15pm and 5.00 – 6.00pm

Throughout the year there is Exposition at St Bernadette's, in the Lourdes Room every Saturday 11.00 – 12.00 noon.

A PROMISE FOR LENT Would you like to do something extra for Lent? We would like to invite you to experience a taste of some of our ministries during Lent in preparation for Easter. There are many ministries to choose from, perhaps you would like to join the choir, try being an altar server or become a Catechist, amongst others. There is a list of all the ministries plus a sign-up sheet at the back of both churches. Remember, your promise is only, "A Promise for Lent", however, if you enjoy the experience and would like to do more, you will be most welcome, but there is no pressure.

LENTEN *WALK WITH ME* BOOKLETS are available free of charge at the back of church. Please do take one as a Lenten resource for prayer and reflection.

THE READING GROUP will meet again on Sunday 3rd March 2019 at 7.00pm in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's. We will be starting a new book: *Altogether Gift - A Trinitarian Spirituality* by Michael Downey and this will be our reading during Lent. If you would like to join the group just come along, books will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018 There is an analysis of the parish income and expenditure for 2018 available on the noticeboard at the back of both churches. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2019 Thursday 30th May leaving St Michael's at 9.45am. Returning Sunday 2nd June 9.30pm. Standard room £233.30, En-suite £ 272.45 Please contact Kath Gill 0161 766 5273.

SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 will be held from 25th – 31st July. Information available at the back of each church, or via www.joewalshstours.co.uk Parishioners are invited to nominate members of the parish to benefit from the Lourdes legacy with assistance for pilgrimage costs. Please submit any nominations to Fr Steven in a sealed envelope.

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.

TABLE TOP SALE Sunday 24th March, 9.45am - 12.45pm at St Michael's - a few tables still available Contact Angela 07759 678753 for more information.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR Sunday 7th April 10am - 2pm at St Michael's Hall. It's just 2 weeks before Easter, so ideal date for Easter Gifts etc. We have a few tables still available for Crafters. For more information contact Sue - 07763 380117 Please pass this on to any crafters you know.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE TRAINING SESSION A training day for parish teams on developing links between school and parish. This will take place on Saturday 9th March 2019 10.00am - 3.00pm at Thornleigh Salesian College Bolton BL1 6PQ Register here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/developing-supporting-school-parish-links-training-day-tickets-54863019769>

FOOD BANK The Food Bank have sent renewed thanks for all the support this parish has given over the last months. The good news is that they now have much more suitable premises in Heywood. They ran a Christmas Project which supplied 130 hampers full of everything for the Christmas festivities including toys for the children. This was very successful and they look forward to continued success during the new year.

NEW ZUMBA GOLD CLASS AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL Wednesday's 10.15am - 11am from 27th February. Low impact class to start your journey to a fitter healthier lifestyle, a feel happy workout. First Class free. Information from Rebecca 07969 551721

AN INTRODUCTION TO ALPINE PLANTS Tuesday 26th March at 10am in St Michael's Hall. Organised by the Garden Club, a member of the National Alpine Society will be there to talk about growing Alpine Plants. Entrance £1.00