

## Times of Services this Week

	ST. BERNADETTE'S	ST. MICHAEL'S
<b>Mon</b>	9.15am School Mass	11.30am Requiem Mass Martha Daly RIP
<b>Tues</b>	Requiem Masses 9.00am Michael Diamond RIP 12Noon Alice Scholes RIP	
<b>Wed</b>		8.15am Mass 3.15-4.15pm & 5.00-6.00pm Exposition
	<b>THE EASTER</b>	<b>TRIDUUM 2018</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight</b>	9.15am End of Term School Service
<b>Good Friday</b>	12Noon Ecumenical Walk of Witness to St Bernadette's  <b>3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b>	<b>11.00am Stations of the Cross</b> from Whitefield Methodist Church, Elm St
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>9.00pm Easter Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b>

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

**Masses: Sick:** Suzanne Walker, Niamh Ackroyd.  
**Recently deceased:** William Wright, Alice Scholes, Kevin Madden, Tony Coogan, Leo Hickey, Don Garvey, Norah Walsh, Martin Hall, Michael Diamond, John Kernaghan.  
**Anniversary:** Paul McGann, Helen Taylor, James Clifford, Ronald Massey, Kate McTernan, Arthur Light, Fr Joe Feeley.  
**Other:** Rita Clarke, James Geelan (Birthday RIP), Imelda Mihell (Birthday), Frances Frost, Madeleine Harold, Joseph Higham, Teresa Dunn, Colette Thomas, Teresa Fitzgerald, Special Intention.



**Response to the Psalm:**  
 My God,  
 my God,  
 why have you forsaken me?

# Together

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



**Palm Sunday**  
**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

We are reading from Mark's gospel and his very simple telling of the story of the entry into Jerusalem is in contrast with the stark horror of the story of the Jesus' Passion. The reading from Isaiah invites us to learn from the example of the Saviour, the confidence we should have in our Father in heaven, whatever the trials we may face. But it is something else which makes the reading so appropriate on the threshold of Holy Week, we must have minds and hearts open to a new meeting with our God in what lies ahead. In the second reading, from the letter to the Philippians echoing a hymn used in the liturgy of the first generation of the Church. Paul summarises the drama of what God has done in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery: how he 'emptied himself', shared our human condition, even to 'accepting death on a cross', and how he is now 'raised high', one with the Father in the glory of the divine name.

The principal reading is the telling of the story of the Lord's Passion and death, confronting us in Mark's factual and forthright style, with the cruelty and horror of a horrendous miscarriage of justice. In the darkness which descends upon 'the whole land', the rending of the temple veil 'from top to bottom', and the confession of the centurion 'In truth this man was a son of God!' we have the dawning light of the new order of things which will be inaugurated with the Saviour's resurrection. Actions speak louder than words. The age-old custom of preserving the palms from this day's liturgy is a wonderful reminder of how real was the drama which opened the way to eternal life for the whole world, a drama in which we are all involved. The liturgies of the Church's coming celebration of the Paschal Mystery will teach us by recounting the great events in which the divine Truth found expression in our human history. Let this recognition set the tone for our participation in this greatest week of the Church's year.

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £ 1103.00 many thanks.

**EASTER 2018** as Fr Joseph is celebrating Easter for the Syro-Malabar community, we will celebrate the Triduum in one place. Anyone who would like assistance with transport from St Michael's to St Bernadette's for any of the services is invited to sign up with their contact details on the sheet at the back of church. Could those who would be able to offer transport please sign up also with their contact details.

**EASTER FLOWERS** There is a box available at the back of each church for donations towards the cost of Easter Flowers.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** RCIA meets Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Lourdes room at St Bernadette's at 7.30pm.

**SPRING JUMBLE SALE TODAY SUNDAY 25TH MARCH** at St Michael's, 9.45am- 12.45pm. Cafe open as usual. The next Table Top Sales are on 8th April and 17th June. The Craft Fair on Sunday 13th May has now been cancelled. Table Top Sales at St Michael's - Extra date - Sunday 27th May - to book a table - 6ft at £12 or 8ft at £15 please ring Angela 0161 796 2128 / 0796 4059145

**TICKET FOR THE MASS OF THE CHRISM** tickets are available for the Mass of the Sacred Chrism on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 28<sup>th</sup> March at St John's Cathedral, Salford at 11.00am. The deanery coach will collect at St Bernadette's. If you would like to attend please see Fr Steven.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS** Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm in St Marie's Church, Bury.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 5TH MAY 2018** The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, led by Bishop John, will take place on Saturday 5th May. A coach will leave outside St Bernadette's church at 7.15am and return at 10.00pm. The cost for the day's pilgrimage is £20. For further details of the day contact 07939 262204

**WELCOMERS FOR 11.00am Mass** – We are looking for volunteers to greet parishioners at church before mass and hand out newsletters arriving 20 minutes early, once a month. Please call Tony Nuttall on 0161 766 9774 or 07954 146040 if you are interested.

**THE READING GROUP** will meet on Sunday 25 March at 7.00pm in the Lourdes Room. We will continue our reading of the Old Testament with the book of Job. Everyone welcome.

**ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS LIVERPOOL 2018** will take place in the Echo Arena and ACC Convention centre, Liverpool on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Details of the programme of events and the various guest speakers and presentations are available on the notice board at the back of each of our churches. Booking forms for each day are available from Fr Steven.

**CARITAS NEWS** new editions of the Caritas Beacon are at the back of both churches. Friday 27th April 2018 Youth Big Sleep Out and Big Sleep Out in support of the homelessness services of Caritas, information at the back of church and contact [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk) or Meriel [m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk)

**COMMUNITY REFUGE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME** After nine months of hard work the great news is that the application has been accepted by the Home Office and a suitable home has been found for the family. Now we are looking for volunteers. Amongst other things could you: Help the family familiarise themselves with the local area? Do small DIY jobs to prepare the house? Teach English or know Arabic? Any help big or small would be appreciated, if you want to help there will be a role that you can do. For further information email [pmbrowne63@gmail.com](mailto:pmbrowne63@gmail.com)

**NEW ROTA FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT ST. MICHAEL'S** is available at the back of church and names are on the top of each rota

**GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** For those registered for Gift Aid, new envelopes are available at the back of Church for collection this weekend. If you are a tax payer, and not registered for Gift Aid, please consider joining the scheme which refunds the tax you have already paid on what you give to the Church – 25p for every £1 given.

**ST MICHAEL'S AND ST BERNADETTE'S CREDIT UNION** - Mr Thrifty and over 18s. If you have an existing Mr Thrifty account and you have reached the age of 18 you will need to update your account to prevent it becoming dormant. To update your account please bring your account book to one of the collection points at St Michael's Church, Sunday after 9.30am Mass or St Bernadette's Social Centre after 11.00am Mass.

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE** Thank you to the many who supported the Easter Egg raffle. The draw will take place in St Michaels Hall during the sale this Sunday. Winners will be contacted by telephone and eggs will be available to pick up from Church. A full list of winners will be made available soon.

**LADIES NIGHT AT ST MICHAEL'S FRIDAY 20TH APRIL** - 7.00pm till late. For info please ring 796 2128 or 766 8327.