



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



**ST MICHAEL,  
SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE**

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## Timetable of Online Masses and Services 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022

For Online Masses, go to [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk)

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael *Pro populo*  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *John Crake RIP*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Trudy Gallagher RIP*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Harry Bayley RIP*  
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy

### Holy Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

12.00 noon St. Michael Requiem Mass *Teresa Taylor RIP*  
 5.45 pm St Michael Adoration in the Lady Chapel  
 6.30 pm St Michael Lizzie Purcell

### Holy Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul online *Paddy Stewart RIP*  
 10.00am SS Peter & Paul Confessions  
 6.30pm – 8.00pm St. Michael Adoration and Confessions

### Spy Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

11.30 am Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham (and online on the Cathedral Website)  
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-chads-cathedral-birmingham>

### Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm St Bernadette Mass of the Lord's Supper *Mary Kirby*  
*Watching with the Blessed Sacrament until 9.00pm.*  
 8.30pm SS Peter & Paul Mass of the Lord's Supper *Private Intention*  
*Watching with the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (compline at 11.45pm)*

### Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am SS Peter & Paul Matins  
 11.00 St Bernadette's Stations of the Cross  
 12.00 noon St Michael Children's Stations of the Cross  
 1.00 pm City Centre Walk of Witness (meet outside Marks and Spencer in Dudley Street)  
 3.00 pm St Michael Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
 3.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
 6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am SS Peter & Paul Matins

**Saturday Vigil** 8.30 pm St Michael EASTER VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION *For the Sick*

### EASTER SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *Mary Kirby*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Rosalia Finazzo*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Pro populo*

# HOLY WEEK

*We now begin the most solemn week of the church's year.*

**ON TUESDAY** the following churches will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **6.30pm to 8.00pm** and priests will be available for confession. You have the choice of going anywhere in the deanery: St. Anthony, Fordhouses; St. Chad and All Saints, Sedgley; St. Joseph, Wolverhampton; St. Mary and St. John, Wolverhampton; St. Michael, Penn; Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge; Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford; St Patrick, Wolverhampton; The Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Tipton. ***This is the last chance to go to confession before Easter as the sacrament is not usually supposed to be celebrated between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.***

**ON SPY WEDNESDAY** there is no Mass in the parish as all the priests concelebrate Mass with the Archbishop at 11.30 am in the Cathedral in Birmingham. At this Mass all the sacred oils are blessed for the sacraments in all the parishes for the next year. If you want to watch this, go to <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-chads-cathedral-birmingham>

## The Triduum

*Really, the three great services of the Triduum should only be celebrated in one church, but so that all three communities within our parish have an opportunity for some of the services, we celebrate Maundy Thursday in St Bernadette & SS Peter & Paul and then on Good Friday in St Michael's and SS Peter & Paul and then the Easter Vigil in St Michael's. As we are one parish, please realise that all three churches belong to you.*

**ON MAUNDY THURSDAY** we remember the last Supper that Jesus celebrated with his apostles. On this night he gave us the commandment to love one another, (Mandatum in Latin, which eventually in old English became Maundy) and the sacraments of the Holy Mass and the Holy Priesthood. At this Mass we recommission all the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the parish. (If you are not around this week, please let Fr Mark know so that you can be recommissioned at a later Sunday in Eastertide) At the end of this Mass the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the main tabernacle to a side chapel to commemorate Jesus's agony in the garden of Gethsemane. It is a wonderful tradition to remain in silent prayer after this Mass or to return later for a period of time for the "watching of the Blessed Sacrament" watching and praying with Jesus in the garden. At this Mass we have a collection for the poor. This year the proceeds will go to food vouchers to be given out in our local food banks.

**ON GOOD FRIDAY** we remember the moment when Jesus offered his life for the salvation of the world on the cross on Calvary. **The most important service is the Solemn liturgy at 3.00pm** but as well as this, we traditionally mark this day with moments of prayer, such as at Matins, the stations of the Cross and Walks of Witness. This year the young people of the parish will lead us in a walk of witness in the city centre at 1.00pm.

**ON HOLY SATURDAY** we remember that Jesus truly died and laid in the tomb. It is a sombre day and the celebration of Matins is a moving liturgy commemorating the emptiness of this day. *No sacraments are to be celebrated usually on this day (apart from in danger of death).* For this reason, there are no confessions at St Michael's on Saturday morning.

**ON HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT** after the sun has set, we gather at St Michael's at 8.30pm to celebrate the **Solemn Easter Vigil**. At this service listen to how God prepared the people of Israel through the Old Testament for the coming of the saviour. We then celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and we renew our baptismal promises. Those adults who have been preparing for baptism are then baptised and confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. At the end of Mass, the Paschal Candles for each of our churches are lit and we process outside where there will be Fireworks to celebrate the Resurrection.

## Parish News and Activities

**ST BERNADETTE CHURCH:** We are having coffee after Mass again in the church hall this Sunday 10th April.

**SVP AFTERNOON TEA /COFFEE** - everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments this coming Wednesday April 13th in St Michael's Church Hall at 2.00pm. Please come along and bring relatives and friends.

**EASTER TREE:** Come & help create a meditation on Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. If you're in year 6 or above please join us for crafts & pizza at St Michael's Church Hall, 6.30 on Saturday April 9th (after the Vigil mass for Palm Sunday). Permission slips needed - find on the board at St Michael's, contact [mibeyg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mibeyg@hotmail.co.uk) or complete on the night!

**SERVERS PRACTICE FOR EASTER VIGIL** Servers from all three churches are invited to serve at the Easter Vigil as this is the most important Mass of the year in the parish. If you are able to serve, please attend the rehearsal which is at **12.00 noon on Holy Saturday 16th April**. This is the same day as the Easter Vigil which is at 8.30pm that night.

**GOOD FRIDAY SOUP LUNCH** in St Michael's Hall after Stations of the cross, 15th April. Join us for homemade soup and crusty bread in aid of CAFOD (cash donations on the day). The Catholic Women's League are thrilled to serve you once more and hope to see lots of you. All welcome! Information: Margaret 07531 227761

**GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS at 1.00 pm** On Good Friday there will be an ecumenical walk of witness in the city centre, beginning outside M&S, using a crucifix made by the young people of the parish during Lent. Please make every effort to support our young people and to take this opportunity to witness in gratitude to Jesus on the day he died for us. *Clearly it will not be possible to attend the children's Stations of the Cross and the Walk of Witness, but we are a big enough parish to be able to support both initiatives for Good Friday.*

**CARMELITE EASTER CARDS** will be available at £2.50 for a pack of 5 of the same design. At St Michael's they will be in the Church Hall across Sunday Masses. Please have plenty of change with you! Thank you for supporting the work of the Carmelites.

**ROADWORKS OUTSIDE SS PETER & PAUL** Paternoster Row will be closed this weekend, Palm Sunday 10th April. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT ENTRY INTO THE BOTTOM CAR PARK. It will not be possible, however, to enter the top car park. Please leave parking places at the top end of the bottom car park for people who have difficulty walking long distances.

**SYNODAL PATH AND THE PARISH** There will be an OPEN MEETING FOR ALL THREE CHURCHES in St Michael's Hall on **Saturday May 7th** from 3.00pm. till 4.30pm. We will be looking at how to move forward with ideas for the parish that emerged in the synodal process in February.

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF STONE MAY 7th** St Dominic's Convent, 21 Station Road, Stone Staffs. 10.00am arrivals and coffee. 11.00am "Our Lady as Preacher" a talk by Fr Gregory Pearson OP. Bring a picnic lunch – tea and coffee provided. 2.00pm Rosary Procession followed by 3.15pm Vigil Mass for Sunday. For further information contact Sr Julie 078881505425 or email [alvesjulia@hotmail.com](mailto:alvesjulia@hotmail.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM MAY 14th** This is a wonderful opportunity to go on pilgrimage and pray with parishes across the diocese. If you are interested in going or taking a group, please contact Fr Philip Griffin on 01384 395308 or email [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk)

**TRANSPORT TO WEEKEND MASSES** - your local SVP is there to help if there are any Parishioners who require transport in order to attend one of the weekend Masses. Please contact David Spinks at 07544 960402.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.**

We will be starting preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in Year 3 or older on Saturday 23rd April at 10.00am at St Michael's. The programme will last until end of June, and children who are ready will be able to make their First Holy Communion at the beginning of July. If you would like your child to be part of the programme, please email [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or speak to one of the priests. **We will be starting a programme of preparation for Confirmation** in October, so please keep an eye on the Bulletin for more information later in the year.

**GREAT FIGURES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** The last talk will be tomorrow Monday Lunchtime in St Peter's Collegiate Church for Soup and rolls at 12.00 noon with the talk at 12.30pm followed by Q&A and it's all finished by 1.00pm. For more details see the poster in the porch or look online <http://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews/prayer-05032022>

## ***Mission and Outreach***

**Walk Against Hunger: CAFOD 2022** Petula is challenging herself to walk 200Km during Lent - 5Km a day, in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. She would like to appeal for sponsorship to raise funds to help stamp out hunger one step at a time and help transform someone else's life this Lent. If you would like to sponsor Petula, you can place your donation in an envelope for 'Petula: Walk against Hunger' and leave at church or via the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petulas-lent-walk-against-hunger>

**THANK YOU PUMP BAG MAKERS** 200+ pump bags (to store items in, supplied by the charity Periods Matter for local year 6 girls) have been made. The basket containing kits is in the porch at St Michael's. Please take one for you to complete and another for a friend!

**School Uniform Swap Shop** at St Columba's URC (Castlecroft Rd, Finchfield, Wolverhampton WV3 8BZ) is open between 12-2 pm on Sunday 10th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Sunday 16th APRIL. Come along and choose free, preloved uniform: summer dresses; shorts; short sleeved shirts and branded uniform. You don't have to bring items to swap but all donations of uniform are gratefully received!

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** continues after Masses at the three churches and outside St Michael's on Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. We would welcome any donations of the following: FOOD eg UHT milk/cereal/ tins of meat, vegetables, fish, fruit, soup, custard, rice pudding/ pasta and sauce/ rice/ tea/biscuits; ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS eg washing up liquid/ washing powder/ toilet and kitchen rolls/spray cleaners; TOILETRIES eg soap/ toothpaste and brushes/ shampoo/shower gel/deodorants and EASTER EGGS! This week's donations have been distributed to local Penn families. Thank you very much.

**LIFE CHARITY SHOP** 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (tel 01902 420656) **Life Mothering Sunday Cake Sale** Many thanks to all who in any way supported our recent sale of cakes and gifts. It raised £203, which will be used to support mums and babies in one of the Life Houses in our region. Looking ahead, please make a note that the Life group plans to hold a Barbecue, **on Sunday 3rd July**. More details later!

**LIFE CARING OUTREACH** If you can help by giving a cot, any kind of pushchair including especially a travel system, or other baby items including stairgates, please ring Rosalie. We are often asked to support needy families with babies and toddlers, and your generosity makes a big difference. Anyone who needs such help can contact us via Life's free National Helpline, 0800 802 5433. The Helpline also offers a listening ear to anyone who is worried about any pregnancy related issue, or who is troubled after experiencing loss of a pregnancy.

## *Finance*

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 3rd April 2022**

	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>St Bernadette</b>	<b>Card Readers</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	243.21	286.23	49.42	48.00		626.86
<b>Gift Aid</b>	40.00	25.00	5.00	55.00		125.00
<b>Second Collection</b>						
Standing Order Blessed Carlo Acutis parish for the month of March 2022: £ 4128.25						

**The next Special Collections will be on Maundy Thursday for the Poor, Good Friday for the Holy Places and on Easter Sunday for the priests of the parish.**

**200 Club Draw winner:** March: **St Michael's - No 35 Paul Richards**  
**SS Peter & Paul - No. 287 Beatrice Lamba**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Mary Denney Sr Liamie (Mercy Sisters) Terry Carey, Joseph McCamphill, Richard Rogers, Shirley Deffis Whitaker, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, , Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, Christine McHale, Fr John Lungley, Maura Andrews, Teresa Rickards, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Pat Clarke, Pat Eades, Teresa Taylor, Mary Kirby, Celia Norton, Thomas Mackin, Patrick McIlvenna. Fr Gabriel Maguire, Mgr John Heslin, Fr David Lloyd, Maria Allport. May they rest in peace.

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