



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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14th February 2021- Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

For Online Masses, go to www.rcwlvwest.com

Saturday Vigil Mass 14th February Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.00 St Bernadette <i>Peggy Mantle RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Hubert Kelly RIP</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>pro populo</i> 2.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.
Monday 15 th February	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Chrissie McQuade</i> 8.00 pm Online Holy Hour "Monica's Prayers"
Tuesday 16 th February Feria	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Phyllis Cooper</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour "Blessed Carlo Acutis" finishing with Night Prayer
Ash Wednesday 17th February	10.00 am St Bernadette <i>Mary Abbiss RIP</i> 12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul and Online <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 pm St Michael <i>David Blee</i>
Thursday 18 th February	12.00 Midday St Michael Mass <i>Margaret Mee</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour "Year of St Joseph devotions with Benediction"
Friday 19 th February	9.30am St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Anne Middleton RIP</i> 3.00pm Online Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday 20 th February	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Paula Box RIP & family</i> 11.00 am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 21st February	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Caroline Froggatt</i> 9.00 St Bernadette <i>pro populo</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Donal O'Sullivan RIP</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>Olive & Charles Burt</i> 2.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.

For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Convent but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

The infection rate is extremely high around Wolverhampton now.

Remember that there is no obligation to attend Mass and, depending on your health, it may be prudent not to.

If you choose to come to Mass, it would be wise to go on a weekday instead of a Sunday so that we do not have too large gatherings while the risk of infection is high.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday

It will be necessary to book if you wish to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Ashes will be not be administered in the usual way. They will be administered in silence and the priest will **sprinkle the blessed ashes on to the top of your head**. The priest will come round the church and bring the ashes to you.

Walk with me Booklets and Calendars are available in the porch of each church.

Stations of the Cross There will be three ways you can participate in Stations of the Cross during lent.

1. There will Stations of the Cross by zoom every **Wednesday at 6.30 pm** You can access this by the following link: tinyurl.com/prx8kfd3 or go to the parish diary on our website and click directly on the calendar entry.
2. Stations of the Cross will be at **St Michael's Church every week at 6.30pm** starting this Friday 19th February.
3. There are also pre-recorded Stations of the Cross from SS Peter & Paul Church. You can pray these any time of the week by going to youtu.be/EA7DVU9innw

Lent Ecumenical Talks Clergy from the Anglican, Methodist and Catholic churches from the City Centre and Penn are providing an Ecumenical opportunity during lent.

Starting on **February 22nd each Monday** there will be a talk available on the Facebook page of St Peter's Collegiate Church from **9.00am** which can be watched any time during the day and then at **4.00pm** there will be a half hour zoom meeting where there will be questions and discussion on the talk.

The theme this year is the relationship between Faith and Science. More details will be available next week.

Parish News and Activities

Our New New Email Address! When the diocese allocated us our new email address, they accidentally did not follow their own protocol because they want every parish email address to include geographical information. So our official email address from now on is blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk We can, however use a shorter form bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk so this is what we will publish on all our parish paperwork.

Booking places for Sunday Masses:

FOR ST MICHAEL, please email or ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341343 on Thursday and Friday.

FOR SS PETER & PAUL, please ring or text Val on 07934905283 .

FOR ST BERNADETTE, please ring Judith on 01902 620 764 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm or email judithpitt64@gmail.com

While the infection rate is high ***please do make use of the online services provided by the parish,***

Online Holy Hours

Monica's Prayer - Prayer for the conversion of family members and loved ones.

Blesses Carlo Acutis – Contemporary Holy Hour in honour of our patron, Blessed Carlo, ending with night prayer.

St Joseph – Devotions to St Jospheh for the Year of St Joseph, followed by a short period of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. This Week's theme: St Jospheh, Patron of Fathers. Prayer for Fathers.

Divine Mercy - Divine Mercy devotions at the Hour of Great Mercy, 3pm on Friday.

Would you like to experience praying the psalms in community online? It might be something to explore in lent. The Lay Community of St Benedict is praying on Zoom at 6.45, 9.00, 18.00 and 21.30 Monday's to Fridays. 9.00 and 18.00 is Lauds and Vespers based on Universalis. 21.30 is the Anglican order of compline. 6.45 in the morning is a short 15 minute time of prayer led each day by a different person which is a short reflection and a time for intercessions. If you are interested, please contact Alain on alain.anderton@gmail.com

Little Fishes Online A parents, baby and toddler group now to meet online via Zoom Tuesday mornings fortnightly from 10.30am to 11.30am

Chat A chance to chat and share a virtual coffee with other parents

Create Small group creative activities will be offered within the meeting for those interested.

Share Finishing with a story time for all!

If you are interested in joining Little Fishes online please contact Judith at wolvesdy@gmail.com



Carlos' Coffee Club A new opportunity for anyone over 60 to be part of an online group.

When Tuesday mornings fortnightly. **Where** online via Zoom **Time** from 10.30am to 11.30am

Each fortnight along with the chance to catch up with others whilst sharing a coffee, there will be a guest speaker. If you would like to join, but are uncertain of the technicalities of using Zoom, practical help is available to guide you through the process. All you need is either a mobile phone, tablet, computer or laptop and we can help sort the rest.

Interested? Email Judith at wolvesdy@gmail.com for more details on how to participate.

*****Next session this Tuesday 16.2.21*****

Covid Vaccinations Has anyone been offered a vaccination but does not know how to get to where it is being administered? We have heard some stories of people being asked to go great distances. If this is the case, please contact Fr Mark and we will look for a way of getting you to receive it.

Mission and Outreach

CAFOD Lent Appeal: Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February. The Theme this year is Fresh Water:

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*.

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

The Food Collection: The Food Collection: We shall be collecting at our usual times of Tuesday 1-2, Thursday and Saturday 10-11, at weekend Masses at St Michael's AND at the 10.15 Mass at SS Peter & Paul. This week's donations have been delivered to local Penn families. In addition to cereal, UHT milk, tins of meat/fish/vegetables/fruit/rice pudding/custard etc any donations of FRESH FRUIT would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

ADDRESSING LOCAL NEED: Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

Life Charity Shop and Life Outreach for Needy Mums and babies: A big 'thank you' to those who are kindly storing their donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac for the Life Charity Shop. We'll be glad to accept them when the lock-down is over and the shop is able to open again. Life continues to support local families and at present there is a high need for cots and cot bedding, as well as Moses baskets, pushchairs, baby clothes and other items for young babies. If you can help, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 /email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk. If you know of any family needing this kind of support, please suggest they use this email, or ring the free Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. As well as giving us messages from those in our locality who need practical support, this Helpline offers a confidential listening ear to anyone who is troubled by a pregnancy related matter.

A new Parliamentary Motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

SPUC Statement: Consultation on Home Abortions The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. The consultation ends on 26 February 2021. Please go to: spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation

Finances

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for January 2021 was St Michael's £1684.75, St Bernadette's £795.18, SS Peter & Paul £266.00

SS Peter & Paul Church 200 Club: Winner for January 2021: No. 295- Patrick Guiton

Offertory Collection for Sunday 7th February 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	95.00	181.10	18.50	
Gift Aid	60.00	169.00	10.00	

Update on Safety Measures at St Michael

A meeting was recently held by Fr Mark to review the safety measures at St Michaels. The following is a summary of the actions agreed.

Ventilation In order to ensure adequate ventilation the porch doors, glass doors and fire exit doors need to be opened 30 mins before mass. The use of the extractor fans has been reviewed and when Mass starts the fire exit doors and one each of the porch and glass doors can be closed and the fan turned on.

Pews All pews need to be distanced to 1 metre plus, per the bishop's guidelines. Section D where the majority of the movement is, will be re measured. The current tape is going to be removed and replaced with Do Not Enter signs to ensure the pews look more orderly.

When the distribution of communion during Mass recommences, the front pews will not be used, as an additional precaution, and as the space allows this in St Michaels.

Movement Additional signage in the hall area and on the railings is going to be put up to encourage social distancing in the hall and remind of the need to maintain this in the body of the church.

When communion distribution resumes during Mass, the celebrant will announce the need to maintain social distancing and this will also be noted on the bulletin. In addition, the use of an appropriate place to consume the host is being investigated.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Paul Green, R. J., Keith Tomlins, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Cath Chamberlain, Jim Deacey, Paula Box, John Owen, Dr Biswanath Dey, Patricia Bamford, Marion Driver (Bunty), Rose Catch, Patricia Byrne, Rose Tully, Anne Middleton. **May they rest in peace.**

Safeguarding Representatives:

Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse (St Bernadette) 01902 326334

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